



MINUTES

SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

June 6, 2024 – 9:30 A.M.

Regular Meeting In-Person Redding Elks

BEC MEMBERS:

Big Sir: Lee Lamp; Little Sir: Morgan Akin; Treasurer: Rix Callaway; Assistant Treasurer: Ken Timmerman; Secretary: Cris Andrews; Assistant Secretary: Gerry Dodge

Directors (4): Sid Nobles, Barrie Lee, Chuck Spafford, Dennis Compomizzo

Call to Order: The Regular Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting was held at the Redding Elks and was called to order at 9:24 A.M. by Big Sir Lee Lamp. A quorum (requires 5 BEC members) was determined by Secretary Andrews. All Officers and all Directors were present. Members Len Napoli and Dick Fyten were in attendance.

Welcome Guests and Visitors:

Big Sir welcomed officers, directors, committee chairmen, regular members and guests.

Consent Agenda Approval (Lee Lamp):

Big Sir Lamp asked for a motion to approve the “Consent Agenda.”

Motion made by Dennis Compomizzo and seconded by Rix Callaway to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including approving the Minutes of May 2, 2024; the Secretary’s Correspondence Report; and the Treasurer’s Report (Form 28). The motion passed unanimously.

Little Sir’s Report (Morgan Akin):

Little Sir Akin said Josh Barker will be the speaker at the June meeting. Morgan has several speakers in mind to contact for the August meeting.

The members suggested speakers to Little Sir Akin.

Big Sir's Report (Lee Lamp):

Update on State SIR Issues:

Big Sir Lamp reported that he is assisting President Dale Decker who is ill but able to resume some of his duties as State SIR President. He and President Decker will host a Zoom Town Hall meeting for all Branch Officers, State Board and Committee Chairs to announce some changes to SIR as an organization. He encouraged our BEC members to attend and will send out information needed for the BEC to attend the June 20th Town Hall. Some ideas will be updating the titles of Branch Officers such as Big Sir would be President and Little Sir would be titled Vice-President. Also, re-branding will be discussed including possibly changing the Rooster Logo.

Update on Advertisements & Publicity for Branch 129:

Big Sir Lamp said he still intends to contact a few radio stations about making public service announcements about our branch and had asked Dennis Compomizzo to help him set these up. To date they have not been able to do this.

Big Sir talked about SIR Branch events such as attending three of the Colt 45's baseball games. The first event on May 31st was well attended (20 people associated with Branch 129) and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. He has selected two more dates for members to attend as a group. The dates are in the Newsletter. Events such as this encourage comradery and build friendships.

Local Festivals & Events to Advertise Branch 129 by Jim McMahan:

Big Sir Reported that Jim McMahan, one of our newest members, volunteered to man a booth at local festivals, such as the Honeybee Festival in Palo Cedro, to advertise our Branch. To help with that, Big Sir Lamp and Barrie Lee acquired banners, a pop-up tent, a table, and printed handouts advertising Branch 129. Big Sir thanked Jim for volunteering and Barrie for putting all this together. Discussion followed regarding this idea, the need for more volunteers, and the expense.

Motion made by Chuck Spafford and seconded by Sid Nobles to reimburse Barrie Lee \$130 for the pop-up tent to be used for a booth at local festivals. The motion passed unanimously.

Big Sir Lamp thanked Jim McMahan for coming up with the idea and volunteering to run the booth and Barrie Lee for acquiring what was needed to make it happen.

Old Business

Update on SIR Branch 129 Business Cards & Flyers:

Big Sir Lamp reported that the Business Cards are printed as discussed at prior meetings and are ready for distribution today. He also reported that he re-designed the State SIR Flyer to make it look more like our Branch. Director Barrie Lee took it to printer and had it printed so that it will be ready for use at community events to help advertise Branch 129.

Update on Introduction of New Members Quarterly (Barrie Lee):

Director of Membership, Barrie Lee, reported on his plan to orient new members by having them attend a quarterly BEC meeting. He also wants the new members to be introduced to the general membership quarterly at the luncheon where they would be asked to give a short biography of themselves. Barrie outlined the process and suggested we give each new member 3 items: “Certificate of Membership”, “Letter of Welcome”, and a “Short Summary of SIR and Branch 129”. These three items will be sent to the BEC before the August 1st meeting so that the BEC can vote to use or modify before adopting their use.

Other Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Approve Slate of Officers & Directors for 2025 (Cris Andrews):

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Cris Andrews, presented the 2025 Slate of Officers and Directors. The BEC was requested to approve the Slate so that it can be presented to the general membership at the August 1, 2024, luncheon for a vote. The Slate was emailed to all BEC members and will be attached to the Minutes.

Motion made by Dennis Compomizzo and seconded by Ken Timmerman to accept the 2025 Slate of Officers and Directors as presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The Slate will be published in the July and August Newsletters. The Slate will be presented at the General Members Luncheon on August 1, 2024, for a vote along with any nominations from the floor.

“Branch Lunch Attendance Survey” From State SIR (Cris Andrews):

Secretary Andrews reported that the State SIR requested that each Branch fill out a Survey regarding declines in luncheon attendance. The State requested the Survey be discussed with the BEC and returned by June 10th. Either Big Sir Lamp or Secretary Andrews can complete the Survey. Secretary Andrews will send the Survey to each BEC member and record the consensus answers that will be used to complete the Survey

Motion made by Gerry Dodge and seconded by Rix Callaway to have Secretary Andrews complete the Survey. The motion passed unanimously.

“Certificate of Membership” & “New Member Letter” (Barrie Lee):

Director of Membership Barrie Lee previously led a discussion on the idea of giving new members a “Certificate of Membership” and a “New Member Letter.” The consensus was that this should be on the August 1st BEC Agenda so that members can review the handouts before voting.

Other New Business or Suggestions:

None.

Attendance/Membership (Phil Perry/Tom Ward):

The “Branch Membership Status Report” was sent to all BEC members as produced by Phil Perry and Tom Ward, the Attendance Co-Chairmen. They reported for May 2024, that we had 88 active members at the end of May. We had 44 members and 1 guest at the May luncheon.

Motion made by Gerry Dodge and seconded by Barrie Lee to accept the Branch Membership Status Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no new applications for membership to consider at the BEC Meeting. *However, there were two applications received at the General Members Luncheon: James G. Brown and Dennis A. Ward. Big Sir Lamp requested a vote on both members and the applications for membership were approved unanimously.*

Activity and Publicity: (Open):

No report.

Marketing (RAMP) (Open):

No report.

Facilities (Chuck Spafford):

Facilities Director Spafford reported we will have Pesto Tortellini and Chicken Breast today.

Chuck continues to work with Claudia to improve the Lunches.

9-Hole Golf (Bob Goetz):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. Next event is on June 26th at Allens

18-Hole Golf (Lee Lamp):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. Next event is at Wilcox Oaks on June 12th.

Bocce (Dennis Compomizzo):

Dennis Compomizzo, Director of Activities, announced that the first Bocce game was held May 3rd at 10:00AM at South City Park off Grape Street and was a big success. He said the next game is scheduled for June 7th at 10:00AM.

Computer (Open):

No meetings.

Dine Out (Open):

Dine Out cancelled until further notice.

Lunch Bunch (Duane Nelson):

Duane Nelson announced that the next outing is June 19, 2024, at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro. He encouraged members that had stories to tell to share those stories at the luncheon.

Directory/Newsletter /Database/ (Lee Lamp):

Send articles for Newsletter to Lee Lamp.

Web Site (Bob Goetz):

Bob Goetz is working to update the Web Site. Big Sir Lamp indicated that the goal is to have an on-line membership application that can be filled out on-line and sent to those who need to see it such as the Membership Chairmen, Big Sir, the Membership Orientation Director, and the Secretary. This would speed up the process and avoid printing copies. Bob will also start posting the BEC Minutes.

Fishing (Morgan Akin):

No report.

Walking and Observation (Open):

NASCAR/INDYCAR Racing (Barrie Lee):

Anyone interested call Barrie Lee for information on future meetings and racing news. NASCAR news has been in the Newsletter. Barrie will continue to give updates on current racing news. Barrie brought photos from his past racing experiences that because of time constraints, he was only briefly able to discuss.

Money Matters Group (Open):

Nominating (Cris Andrews):

A slate of Officers and Directors for 2025 was presented today at the BEC meeting for Board approval to be brought to the General Membership Meeting in August for a vote.

Special Awards (Lee Lamp):

No Report.

Sunshine (Len Napoli):

Len reported on members who are sick or otherwise need cheer. He has sent appropriate cards. Len continues reporting in the Newsletter and doing an excellent job spreading cheer and representing Branch 129. Len is also the librarian for the book collection lending library.

Len reported that past member Dennis Boyle's wife Kathy passed away recently.

Len asked if any member knows of a member in need of cheer to let him know so can send a card from Branch 129.

Closing Remarks and Other Items for the Good of the Order:

Big SIR thanked everyone for attending and without objection from the members adjourned the BEC Meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By

Cris Andrews, Branch 129 Secretary