



# MINUTES

## SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

August 1, 2024 – 9:30 A.M.

### Regular Meeting Held at Redding Elks

#### **BEC MEMBERS:**

**President: Lee Lamp; Vice President: 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 9:25 A.M. by President Lee Lamp. A quorum (requires 5 BEC members) was determined by Secretary Andrews. All Officers and all Directors were present except Dennis Compomizzo who was excused.

Members Len Napoli and Dick Fyten were in attendance.

#### **Welcome Guests and Visitors:**

The President welcomed officers, directors, committee chairmen, regular members and guests.

#### **Consent Agenda Approval (Lee Lamp):**

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

**Motion made by Barrie Lee and seconded by Sid Nobles to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including approving the Minutes of June 6, 2024; the Secretary’s Correspondence Report; and the Treasurer’s Report (Form 28). The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Vice-President’s Report (Morgan Akin):**

VP Akin said Kim Hawkins from Parkinson’s Support Group will be the speaker at today’s meeting. Morgan said Dick Fyten recommended today’s speaker. Morgan has several speakers in mind to contact for future meetings. For September he hopes to have Jake Mangus from the Mercy Foundation as our speaker.

## **President's Report (Lee Lamp):**

### *Update on State SIR Issues:*

President Lamp briefly discussed some issues at the State SIR level and indicated some changes may be coming to the State SIR with the goal of strengthening the organization. He said the Annual Meeting in the Bay Area was re-scheduled to September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### *Town Hall Meeting:*

President Lamp reported that he assisted State SIR President Dale Decker who recently returned from a leave-of-absence due to health problems and with assistance is able to resume some of his duties as State SIR President. President Decker and State Vice-President Lamp hosted a Zoom Town Hall meeting for all Branch Officers, State Board and Committee Chairs on June 26<sup>th</sup> to announce some changes to SIR as an organization. Some of the changes 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 was discussed including changing the Rooster Logo. The Town Hall lasted over 2 hours and was well attended.

### *Contest to Change SIR Name & Logo (\$500 to each winner):*

President Lamp reported that the State SIR Board is conducting a contest open to all SIR members to find a new name for SIR or at least what it stands for and a new logo. The entries have to be emailed to the State SIR Director of Branch Support by August 8<sup>th</sup>. The winner in each category will receive \$500.

### *Update on Advertisements & Publicity for Branch 129:*

President Lamp said his interview with "Enjoy Magazine" is in the August edition.

### *Correct the Ad in the Elks "Bulletin":*

President Lamp said the ad that we paid for in the Elks newsletter, the "Bulletin" is still in error in that the "click here" should not be shown as the reader can't do that. The President said he would talk to the Elks office staff about correcting this.

### *Add "Welcome New Members" List in the "SIR Newsletter"*

President Lamp said it has been suggested that we have a list of new members for the year by month in the monthly newsletter. Membership Chairman Phil Perry volunteered to keep the list updated. At the beginning of the year, the list will start over. The consensus was that this idea should be implemented starting with the September "SIR Newsletter."

It was suggested that we re-institute the "hidden name" contest in future Newsletters. The name of a current member would be drawn at random and inserted somewhere in the text of the Newsletter. If the member finds his name and attends the luncheon immediately following the Newsletter, he gets a free lunch (paid for by the Branch). The consensus was that we should start this contest with the September "SIR Newsletter."

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

Big Sir Reported that Jim McMahan, one of our newest members, had volunteered to man a booth at local festivals, such as the Honeybee Festival in Palo Cedro, to advertise our Branch. The Branch acquired a pop-up tent, a table, banners, and printed handouts advertising Branch 129. To date there is nothing to report since there have not been any events where our Branch could set up a booth.

## **Old Business**

*Update on SIR Branch 129 Business Cards & Flyers:*

President Lamp reported that the Business Cards are printed as discussed at prior meetings and have been distributed at the June Luncheon. 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 is ready for use at community events to help advertise Branch 129. Some BEC Members indicated they have already used some of the cards.

*Slate of Officers and Directors for 2025 as Approved up for Vote at Luncheon*

President Lamp said he will present the Slate of Officers and Directors to the membership at today's luncheon for a vote. He will ask for nominations from the floor and if there are none, he will ask the members to vote for the entire Slate with one vote by show of hands. The Secretary will file Form 20 with the State SIR as required by the end of August.

*Update on "Branch Lunch Attendance Survey" from the State SIR (Cris Andrews):*

The purpose of the State SIR Survey was to find out why branch luncheon attendance was declining. Secretary Andrews was to ask the BEC members by email for their input. Unfortunately, the Survey could not be easily sent to the BEC Members. President Lamp suggested that the Secretary complete the Survey and send it off. Secretary Andrews reported that he completed the survey from the State SIR and returned without keeping a copy of the survey. To date the State has not reported on the results of the survey.

*Other Old Business:*

None.

## **New Business:**

*Approve 3 New Forms to be Presented to New Members: "Certificate of Membership", "New Member Welcome Letter", and "New Member Information" (Barrie Lee):*

Director of Membership, Barrie Lee, reported on orientation of new members by having them attend a quarterly BEC meeting. He and Secretary Andrews put together three items to orient new members. At the June BEC Meeting Director Lee was asked to provide the written materials to the BEC before the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The three items listed above were attached to the Agenda emailed to all BEC Members. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion made by Gerry Dodge and seconded by Morgan Akin to approve the 3 new forms to be given to new members as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

The consensus was that the “Certificate of Membership,” completed by the Membership Chairman or Co-Chairman, would be presented by the President at the General Members Luncheon when the new member is introduced to the membership.

The “New Member Welcome Letter” and “New Member Information” would be emailed to the new member after the application for membership is approved by the BEC. Both items would be emailed by the Membership Chairmen to the new member.

*Other New Business or Suggestions:*

Gerry Dodge suggested we need to secure the “Sons and Daughters of Italy” facility for the annual Christmas Party. The consensus was to try to secure December 11<sup>th</sup> or any day that week. Treasurer Callaway said we do not have a deposit (\$200) with them as it was used last year as part of the payment for the dinner and facility. President Lamp will find out who to contact from Dick Fyten or Gerry Dodge and make contact as soon as possible to secure a date for the 2024 Christmas Party and Installation of Officers for 2025. Since the Treasurer is authorized to write a check for the deposit no further action was needed at this time.

**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 that we had 90 active members at the end of July. We had 50 members and 2 guests at the June luncheon. No meeting was held in July.

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

There were two applications for membership to consider at the BEC Meeting: Greg Laam and David Laam (their sponsor is Mike Deay).

**Motion made by Sid Nobles and seconded by Chuck Spafford to approve the membership applications as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

The two new members will be asked to pay \$20 dues to cover the remainder of the year.

President Lamp noted that we reinstated Clark Moorehead by email vote of the BEC. He paid his \$20 prorated dues for 2024.

**Activity and Publicity: (Open):**

President Lamp announced that Branch 129 is the subject of an article in the August edition of “Enjoy” Magazine. The article complete with photos was written by Jon Lewis and features quotes from Lee Lamp, Gerry Dodge and Cris Andrews.

**Marketing (RAMP) (Open):**

No report.

**Facilities (Chuck Spafford):**

Facilities Director Spafford reported we will have BBQ Pork Loin & mashed potatoes 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 August 2nd at Allen's.

**18-Hole Golf (Lee Lamp):**

Schedule is in the Newsletter. Next event is at Riverview on August 8th.

**Bocce (Dennis Compomizzo):**

Dennis Compomizzo, Director of Activities, was absent. It was reported that the Bocce games this summer have been a big success. Upcoming games will be announced by email.

**Computer (Open):**

No meetings.

**Dine Out (Open):**

Dine Out cancelled until further notice.

**Lunch Bunch (Duane Nelson):**

Duane Nelson announced in the Newsletter that the next outing is, August 21, 2024, at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro.

**Directory/Newsletter /Database/ (Lee Lamp):**

Send articles for Newsletter to Lee Lamp.

**Web Site (Bob Goetz):**

Bob Goetz has been working to update the Web Site. President Lamp indicated that website has 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 speeds up the process and avoids printing copies. Bob also started posting the BEC Minutes.

### **Fishing (Morgan Akin):**

Morgan will give a report at the luncheon and offer a free lunch at the next luncheon to the first person who contacts him with the correct identification of the fish in the photo in the August "SIR Newsletter."

### **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.

### **Money Matters Group (Open):**

### **Nominating (Cris Andrews):**

The slate of Officers and Directors for 2025 will be presented today at the general membership luncheon meeting 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 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:**

President Lamp thanked everyone for attending and without objection from the members adjourned the BEC Meeting at 10:30 A.M.

**Respectfully Submitted By**

**Cris Andrews, Branch 129 Secretary**