



MINUTES

SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

September 5, 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 Gerry Dodge and Sid Nobles who were excused.

Members Dave Durfee, Joe Beck, 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 Dennis Compomizzo and seconded by Barrie Lee to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including approving the Minutes of August 1, 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 Jake Mangus from the Mercy Foundation and Dr. Dave Civalier from Dignity Health will be our speakers at today’s luncheon. Working to find a speaker for October.

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 24th. He will be Vice President for 2025. He will be the only representative from Branch 129 but extended an invitation to any BEC member to accompany him.

President Lamp said The State SIR meeting will vote on the officers for 2025. He said the main topic will be the way forward for SIR. The organization has gone statewide at its peak from 33,000 members and 179 branches to 8,400 members and 82 branches currently.

Update on Advertisements & Publicity for Branch 129:

President Lamp said he was on KCNR radio station with Ronda from the "Enjoy Magazine" and was interviewed about Branch 129. He also met Sharon Brisolara from "Shasta Scout" and again was able to be interviewed about Branch 129.

The paid ad in the Elks Bulletin was corrected and now appears correctly.

President Lamp said he ordered a sandwich-board sign to use at our monthly meetings so that prospective members would know where we meet and it would just be another way to promote Branch 129.

Update on Local Festivals & Events to Advertise Branch 129:

President Lamp said member Jim McMahan volunteered to set up a Pop-up tent, table and signage to promote Branch 129. He would be there to hand out flyers and have applications. He hasn't attended any events yet, but several are coming up.

Old Business

Report on Election Results of Officers & Directors for 2025(Cris Andrews):

Nominating Chairman Andrews reported that the Slate of Officers and Directors as recommended and approved by the BEC for 2025 was presented at the August 1, 2024, Members Luncheon and the vote by the members present was unanimous in favor of the Slate. Form 20 was completed and sent to the State SIR to show who the officers for Branch 125 will be for 2025.

The Officers and Directors for 2025 will be sworn in at the Christmas Luncheon on December 11, 2024.

Report on Changes to "SIR Newsletter" (Lee Lamp):

"SIR Newsletter" editor Lee Lamp noted that a "Welcome New Members" table showing the new members and their sponsor has been added to the monthly "SIR Newsletter." This list will contain

all new members for the year. In 2025 the list will start over showing new members beginning with January 2025 new members.

Another change is the “Hidden Badge Number” contest where the editor will randomly select a member’s Badge Number each month and insert it somewhere in the text of the Newsletter. If the member finds his number he will be entitled to a free lunch. It will be the winning members’ responsibility to notify the Treasurer of this when checking in at the luncheon.

Report on Use of Approved Forms for New Members: (Barrie Lee):

Barrie Lee reported that Membership Co-Chairman Phil Perry combined the welcome letter and information sheet so that both are sent to new members by email.

The Certificate of Membership will ideally be handed out when the new members are introduced at the luncheon. This process needs some work determining who prints the certificate and when it is handed to the new member. Barrie will work with President Lamp and Membership Co-Chairman Phil Perry to make this process work.

Other Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Christmas Party Committee Report: (Dick Fyten)

Dick Fyten reported that we have secured the Sons and Daughters of Italy facility for our annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers and Directors for 2025. The date is December 11, 2024. Dinner will be the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert. The cost is the same as last year \$25 per person (includes tax and gratuities) with a minimum of 75 guests guarantee. The bar set-up fee is \$100 for a no host bar. Coffee and water will be supplied. Dick presented a detailed spreadsheet showing the projected expenses and income for the party.

Pat Karch will play for a fee of \$150.

Dick would like to print up a menu for each table at a cost of \$100.

Secretary Andrews will print the tickets at no cost and have them available for sale at the October and November meeting. President Lamp and Dick Fyten will decide how to manage the ticket sales starting at the October luncheon.

For 2023 we subsidized the cost of the Christmas party \$5 per ticket so that the price to the members was \$20 per ticket. This year the estimated cost per person is \$28.50 if we have more than the guaranteed number of guests and \$31 if we have less than the guaranteed number. The consensus was that the ticket price for the 2024 Christmas Party should be set at \$25 each.

Treasurer Callaway presented a budget for the party and explained how the cost of the Christmas Party was included in the 2024 Budget. After some discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion made by Barrie Lee and seconded by Chuck Spafford to hold the Christmas Party Luncheon at the Sons and Daughters of Italy on December 11, 2024, selecting the Turkey Dinner menu, and authorizing President Lamp to sign the contract for said luncheon at a cost of \$25 per person and a guarantee of 75 meals; and that the Branch 129 will set the ticket price at \$25 per ticket; and to pay the set-up fee of \$100 and the entertainment cost of \$150 .
The motion passed unanimously.

Signage For Meeting (Lee Lamp):

President Lamp said after talking to several members he decided it would be a good idea to have a sandwich board sign to put out on meeting days at the Elks so new members would know where we meet and it is good advertisement for Branch 129. The cost was \$108. The consensus was that this expenditure was an appropriate advertising expense and the Treasurer should reimburse President Lamp for this expense and postage and other miscellaneous expenses.

Other New Business or Suggestions:

President-Elect 2025 Barrie Lee reported that sent out a message via Constant Contact to current activity chairs requesting that they stay on in their position in 2025 unless they are unwilling or unable to do so. He wants to have leadership continuity going into next year and have time to fill vacant positions if needed.

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 Membership and Attendance Co-Chairmen. They reported that we had 93 active members at the end of August. We had 49 members and 2 guests at the August luncheon.

Motion made by Dennis Compomizzo and seconded by Ken Timmerman to accept the Branch Membership Status Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

There were three applications for membership to consider at the BEC Meeting: Robert P. Watt, Michael Dean Smith, and David Mosunich.

Motion made by Barrie Lee and seconded by Morgan Akin to approve the membership applications as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The three new members will pay no dues for 2024.

President Lamp said he got an inquiry from Allen Albaugh concerning joining. President Lamp sent a response inviting him to be his lunch guest and directing him to our website to find an application.

Activity and Publicity: (Open):

President Lamp already reported on this under the President’s Report.

Marketing (RAMP) (Open):

No report.

Facilities (Chuck Spafford):

Facilities Director Spafford reported we will have lasagna and salad 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 September 6th at Allen's.

18-Hole Golf (Lee Lamp):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. Next event is at Mount Shasta on September 9th.

Bocce (Dennis Compomizzo):

Dennis Compomizzo, Director of Activities, 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, September 18, 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 continues to maintain the Web Site. President Lamp indicated that the 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 posts the BEC Minutes.

Fishing (Morgan Akin):

Morgan will give a report at the luncheon. Bill Harris won the name that fish contest.

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 was approved unanimously by vote at the general membership luncheon meeting in August. Form 20 was sent to the State SIR as required.

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.

On a sad note, Len reported that member Jim Girt passed away suddenly. He was active in the 18-Hole Golf group.

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