



MINUTES

SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

February 6, 2025 – 9:15 A.M.

Regular Meeting at Redding Elks Lodge

BEC MEMBERS:

President: Barrie Lee; Vice-President: Morgan Akin; Treasurer: Rix Callaway; Assistant Treasurer: Ken Timmerman; Secretary: Cris Andrews; Assistant Secretary: Gerry Dodge

Directors (4): Sid Nobles, Chuck Spafford, Dennis Compomizzo, David Yorton

Call to Order: The Regular Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting held at the Redding Elks was called to order at 9:17 A.M. by President Barrie Lee. A quorum (requires 5 BEC members) was determined by Secretary Andrews. All Officers and all Directors were present. Branch 129 Past President and Honorary Life Member Joe Beck, Publicity Chairman Jim McMahon, and Branch 129 Past President and State SIR Vice-President Lee Lamp also attended.

Welcome Guests and Visitors:

President Barrie Lee welcomed officers, directors, committee chairmen and/or guests.

Consent Agenda Approval (Barrie Lee):

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

Motion made by Chuck Spafford and seconded by Sid Nobles to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including accepting the Minutes of January 2, 2025; the Secretary’s Correspondence Report; and the Treasurer’s Report (Form 28). The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President's Report (Morgan Akin):

Vice-President Akin reported the speaker for today is Josh Haines, National Parks Service Superintendent at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Scott Brown, local Stock Broker, will be the speaker in March.

President's Report (Barrie Lee):

Restore 5th Director Position:

President Lee explained that a few years ago, during COVID and declining membership, Branch 129 reduced the number Directors from five to four out of necessity. It had also been a long-standing tradition to have the immediate past president occupy the 5th Director position. President Lee requested that the additional Director position be restored.

Motion made by Gerry Dodge and seconded by David Yorton to approve adding the 5th Director position to the BEC for 2025 effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Appoint 5th Director and Administer Oath of Office:

President Lee asked the BEC to consider the past practice of the immediate past President being seated as the 5th Director. Lee Lamp indicated he is willing to serve as a Director.

Motion made by Sid Nobles and seconded by Rix Callaway to appoint Past President Lee Lamp to the 5th Directors position effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

President Lee administered the oath of office to Lee Lamp.

Update on the 2025 Membership Directory:

President Lee said the 2025 Membership Directory has been printed and will be available for distribution at today's luncheon. He said he was particularly happy with this year's Directory because it is the first Directory with color photos of each member.

Explanation of Concerns About SIR Corporate Liability and Viability:

President Lee explained, in detail, on-going issues with a member whose activities and behavior have been causing concerns for Branch 129 by ignoring branch and State SIR policies and directives. A discussion followed concerning the inappropriate conduct of this member. President Lee asked the Secretary to read an email from this member dated January 5, 2025, addressed to President Barrie Lee that was critical of Branch Leadership. This email was copied to many members.

President Lee asked Director Lamp to present a summary of concerns and give a history of the member's inappropriate actions that were the most troubling.

President Lee asked each member of the BEC to state their opinion concerning the issues outlined by Director Lamp. The consensus was that the inappropriate behavior needed to be addressed and that an official directive should be drafted and signed by all the BEC Members and sent to the member.

President Lee said he would appoint an ad hoc committee to help him draft an official directive.

Old Business

Audit Committee Report (Sid Nobles):

The Audit Committee met with Branch 129 Treasurer, Rix Callaway, at the Elks Lodge on January 31, 2025, and completed the Annual Audit. Completed Form 29 was given to the Secretary and a copy was sent to Area Representative Lee Lamp. President Lee thanked the Audit Committee for their work.

Update on Recent Publicity, Advertising, & Recruitment:

President Lee said he had already covered this under his report. He emphasized that Jim McMahon would continue leading the effort to participate in community events with oversight from President Lee.

Update on State SIR Issues (Lee Lamp):

Because of time constraints, State SIR Vice-President Lee Lamp skipped his report on issues at the state SIR level.

Report on Possible Meeting Location Change (Chuck Spafford):

Director Spafford said he believes the Elks Lodge remains the best location for our Branch meetings and luncheons and will not pursue other venues at this time. President Lee thanked Chuck for his efforts and recommendation.

Report on Appreciation Gift & Plaque Sons & Daughters of Italy (Barrie Lee):

President Lee said Dennis Compomizzo presented the \$250 appreciation check and Plaque to the Sons & Daughters of Italy. Dennis said the appreciation check and Plaque were well received.

Report on Dues Paid to Date (Rix Callaway):

Treasurer Callaway reported that 51 members have paid their annual \$50 dues. He expects to receive more at today's luncheon.

Report on Signer Changes at Mechanics Bank (Rix Callaway):

Treasurer Callaway reported that he and Ken Timmerman, Barrie Lee, and Cris Andrews met with a bank officer at Mechanics Bank and signed the signature cards as the only signers for Branch 129 for 2025 and removed Lee Lamp and Mike Hurley as signers.

Other Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Policy on Payment for Lunch for Guests (Barrie Lee):

Recently there has been confusion over who pays for the lunch of potential new-member guests. President Lee suggested that: if a member brings a guest, the member should pay for his guest. If a guest attends as a potential new member, unaccompanied by a Branch member, as a result of our advertising, then Branch 129 should pay for the lunch.

Motion made by Lee Lamp and seconded by Dennis Compomizzo to adopt the guest lunch-eon policy outlined by President Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business (Barrie Lee):

President Lee requested the BEC approve the “March Madness” contest activity chaired by Phil Perry as an approved activity for Branch 129 for 2025.

After some discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion made by Sid Nobles and seconded by David Yorton to approve the “March Madness” contest as an activity of Branch 129 for 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

President Lee stated that any new activities started during the year must be approved by the BEC before the activity begins.

Other New Business:

President Lee stated that he wants to begin giving “Certificates of Membership” to new members. He tabled until future meetings because of time constraints.

Attendance/Membership (Phil Perry/Tom Ward):

The “Branch Membership Status Report” was sent to the State SIR by Phil Perry and Tom Ward, the Attendance Co-Chairmen. They reported for January 2025, that we had 103 active members at the end of January.

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

There were two applications for membership to consider: Steve Martinez, sponsored by John McPhee; and Earl Poytress, sponsored by Mike (an Elks Lodge Member).

Motion made by Sid Nobles and seconded by Chuck Spafford to approve the Memberships as presented in the above Applications for Membership. The motion passed unanimously.

Publicity: (Jim McMahan):

On hold until Spring.

Marketing (Open):

No report.

Facilities (Chuck Spafford):

Pork Loin and potatoes and salad for lunch.

9-Hole Golf (Bob Goetz):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. Nothing until March.

18-Hole Golf (Lee Lamp):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. February 10th at Gold Hills and February 24th at Tierra Oaks

Bocce (Dennis Compomizzo):

No games until after the rainy season.

Computer (Open):

No meetings.

Dine Out (Open):

Dine Out cancelled until further notice.

Lunch Bunch (Duane Nelson):

Lee Lamp announced that the next outing is February 19, 2025, at Good Times Pizza.

Directory/Newsletter /Database/ (Lee Lamp):

Send articles for Newsletter to Lee Lamp.

Web Site (Bob Goetz):

Bob Goetz continues to update the Web Site.

Fishing (Morgan Akin):

President Lee said that at this time there is no interest in continuing the fishing group.

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):

No report. All BEC positions filled for 2025!!

Special Awards (Lee Lamp):

No Report.

Sunshine (Len Napoli):

Len was absent but reports 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 good-cheer and representing Branch 129. Len is also the librarian for the book collection lending library.

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

President Lee thanked everyone for attending and without objection from the members adjourned the BEC Meeting at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted By

Cris Andrews, Branch 129 Secretary