



MINUTES

SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

March 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, Lee Lamp

Call to Order: The Regular Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting held at the Redding Elks was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by President Barrie Lee. A quorum (requires 6 BEC members) was determined by Secretary Andrews. All Officers and all Directors were present. Member Jerry Sanchez Sr. was the only guest.

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 Rix Callaway and seconded by Lee Lamp to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including accepting the Minutes of February 6, 2025; the Secretary’s Correspondence Report; and the Treasurer’s Report (Form 28) and the Minutes from the Special Meeting on February 18, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President's Report (Morgan Akin):

Vice-President Akin reported the speaker for today is Scott Brown, local Stock Broker. For April we will have a Physical Therapist as our guest speaker and for May we will have a spokesperson from Upstate Hearing Aids.

President's Report (Barrie Lee):

President Lee presented a thank-you letter from the Sons and Daughters of Italy for the plaque of recognition and the appreciation check of \$250 from Branch 129. The BEC previously approved the recognition and appreciation gift as a way of thanking the Sons and Daughters of Italy for the great Christmas Dinners over the many years and for the use of their Bocce courts and equipment. Dennis Compomizzo presented the check and plaque for Branch 129.

President Lee tabled "Old Business" and moved to New Business."

New Business:

Policy 26 Termination of Membership Meeting (Barrie Lee):

President Lee outlined the process the BEC would follow pursuant to Policy 26 and the steps taken thus far concerning terminating the membership of Jerry Sanchez Sr.

Since Mr. Sanchez was present, he was asked if he wanted to speak to the BEC concerning this matter as is his right under Policy 26(b)2. President Lee advised that the BEC members could question Mr. Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez then addressed the BEC.

Mr. Sanchez apologized for his behavior. He explained his ideas about marketing and his use of emails. Questions were asked by members of the BEC and Mr. Sanchez answered. Some members expressed concerns about his demeaning emails concerning Branch leaders. After about 15 minutes of Mr. Sanchez's presentation President Lee said the BEC would consider his presentation.

President Lee informed Mr. Sanchez that he would be informed by mail of the decision of the BEC as to his ability to remain a member of Branch 129. In the event of expulsion, a check for \$50 would be sent to him as a refund of his 2025 dues.

President Lee asked for a motion to go to closed Executive Session to discuss the matter and come to a decision.

Motion made by Lee Lamp and seconded by David Yorton to adjourn to a closed Executive Session open to BEC members only to discuss the membership status of Jerry Sanchez, Sr.

and come to a decision concerning his continued membership in Branch 129. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Sanchez left the room and President Lee said that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the open meeting would resume.

President Lee re-opened the regular BEC meeting at 9:55 AM and reported that Mr. Sanchez would be notified by mail of the BEC's decision regarding his membership status.

Other New Business:

The Elks Bulletin (monthly Newsletter) currently has an advertisement for SIR using our business card at a cost of \$125 per year. It is up for renewal March 15th. President Lee asked do we want to continue with it, drop it, or design a larger ad that would cost more? Because of the urgency to keep an advertisement in the Elks Bulletin, President Lee personally paid for an ad renewal for an ad twice the size of the current ad at a cost of \$250. The consensus was that a bigger add would be more effective and that President Lee should be reimbursed the \$250.

Motion made by Sid Nobles and seconded by Morgan Akin to reimburse President Barrie Lee for renewing the ad in the Elks Bulletin that would be double the size of the current ad and authorize Treasurer Callaway to pay \$250 to President Barrie Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Callaway reimbursed President Lee, \$250 for the ad in the Elks Bulletin.

President Lee said we would return to "Old Business" and try to conclude the meeting as quickly as possible.

Old Business

Update on Recent Publicity, Advertising, & Recruitment:

President Lee said he would be working with Jim McMahon, Publicity Chairman, to find appropriate venues for making our Branch 129 known in the community.

Update on State SIR Issues (Lee Lamp):

Because of time constraints, State SIR Vice-President Lee Lamp gave an abbreviated report on issues at the state SIR level. He said State SIR is improving the SIR Manual. The goal is to make it easier to use. He also said the State SIR is beginning to work on a "five-year business plan" that may be ready by the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Report on Dues Paid to Date (Rix Callaway):

Treasurer Callaway reported that 77 members have paid their annual \$50 dues. He expects to receive more at today's luncheon. Lee Lamp is working to get the 18-Hole golfers who don't attend our luncheons to pay their dues. It was suggested that traditionally by the last week of April, delinquent members should be called by members of the BEC to see if the delinquent member wants to remain a member of Branch 129.

Other Old Business:

None.

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 February 2025 that we had 104 active members at the end of February.

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 no applications for membership to be considered.

Publicity: (Jim McMahan):

On hold until Spring.

Marketing (Open):

Facilities (Chuck Spafford):

Tri-Tip, mashed potatoes, gravy, and salad for today.

9-Hole Golf (Bob Goetz):

Schedule is in the Newsletter.

18-Hole Golf (Lee Lamp):

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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 March 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.

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! Looking for a President and Vice-President for 2026. President Barrie Lee asked BEC members to consider answering the call to volunteer for these important positions.

Special Awards (Lee Lamp):

No Report.

Sunshine (Len Napoli):

Len was not at the BEC Meeting but he continues checking 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 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted By

Cris Andrews, Branch 129 Secretary