



# MINUTES

## SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

May 1, 2025 – 9:30 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 (5): Sid Nobles, Dennis Compomizzo, David Yorton, Lee Lamp, (Vacant)**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting held at the Redding Elks Lodge was called to order at 9:28 A.M. by President Barrie Lee. A quorum (requires 6 BEC members) was determined by Secretary Andrews. All Officers and all Directors were present except Gerry Dodge, who was excused. Also in attendance: Joe Beck, Dick Fyten, Len Napoli, and Don Arnold.

#### **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 Sid Nobles and seconded by Lee Lamp to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including accepting the Minutes of April 3, 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 Patrick Jones, owner of Jones Fort and former City Councilman and Shasta County Supervisor. He will speak on the gun range he is trying to build 4 miles east of Hawes Ranch and Farm Supply.

Future speakers: June – Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA). Dark in July. And for August the speaker will be Scott Morris of Up-State Hearing Instruments.

VP Akin is still looking for speakers for September, October, and November.

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

*Update on Filling 5<sup>th</sup> Director for Balance of 2025:*

President Lee led a discussion on filling the 5<sup>th</sup> Director vacancy. Nominating Chairman Andrews said he is working on recommending a member to fill the vacancy that could also serve in that position for 2026. Member Don Arnold attended the meeting and is considering volunteering for the position.

*Update on Vetting Committee:*

President Lee said that he has re-considered the idea of a vetting committee to review new applications and now considers it unnecessary. Several members spoke to the issue and the consensus was that a vetting committee was not needed.

It was suggested that the Secretary include new member applications in the "Correspondence Report" prepared by the Secretary and included with the "Consent Agenda." This will give the BEC members advance knowledge on pending membership applications submitted that will be voted on by the BEC. President Lee asked the Secretary to implement this procedure starting in June.

*Announce June Meeting Date Change & July Meeting Dark:*

President Lee reminded the BEC that the June meeting originally scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> was changed to June 12<sup>th</sup> because of a conflict of scheduling concerning "Sober Grad" needing the Elks Lodge. The caterer has been notified of the schedule change and will be reminded of the change of dates. In addition, since the July meeting falls on July 3<sup>rd</sup> Branch 129 will hold no BEC meeting or Luncheon in July. These changes will be announced to the membership and will be noted in the Newsletter.

## **Old Business**

*Update on Publicity, Advertising, & Recruitment (Jim McMahon/Barrie Lee):*

President Lee emphasized that Jim McMahon would continue leading the effort to participate in community events with the President's oversight. Most events will be during the Spring and Summer. President Lee and Jim McMahon will look for venues that are appropriate for our branch, which are reasonably cost effective, and where we have enough volunteers to work a booth. In addition, President Lee said that SIR Branch 129's participation in appropriate venues would generally be limited 3 hours (the exception would be if enough volunteers were available for a longer participation).

*Update on State SIR Issues (Lee Lamp):*

Branch 129 Director and State SIR Vice-President Lee Lamp reported on State SIR issues. He said the State Board is reviewing the State Policy manual in order to revise it.

The big news he reported is that the State SIR has retained a law firm to provide legal advice on updating the SIR By-Laws regarding gender issues where some branches want to allow women as members and not be in violation of the current By-Laws.

Director Lamp said the State SIR is also looking into providing some branches with matching funds to advertise and promote SIR as a way to increase membership.

*Report on Dues Paid to Date (Rix Callaway):*

Treasurer Callaway reported that 98 members have paid their annual \$50 dues. He expects to receive more at today's luncheon.

Treasurer Callaway had provided a list of members who have not paid their dues to President Lee and Director Lamp. Treasurer Callaway and Director Lamp contacted the delinquent members to determine their intention to remain members. President Lee suggested that we don't drop any unpaid members until the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Treasurer Callaway explained a situation where member Brad Bunnell paid cash for his membership and the money was in an envelope that inadvertently was destroyed through no one's fault.

**Motion made by Morgan Akin and seconded by Dennis Compomizzo to have the Treasurer show that Brad Bunnell paid his dues.** The motion passed unanimously.

*Other Old Business:*

None.

## **New Business:**

### *Consider Policy on Tickets for Luncheons (Barrie Lee):*

President Lee took under advisement at the April 3, 2025, BEC meeting a proposal by Asst. Treasurer Ken Timmerman to issue lunch tickets instead of logging in members that paid for lunch. His suggestion also included using the tickets to draw for a free lunch. After some discussion it was the consensus to keep the current system but to try to make the process easier. It was suggested that the Membership and Attendance table be adjacent to the Treasurer's Luncheon area by simply removing the portable wall section that now separates the two stations.

It was mentioned that Phil Perry and Tom Ward need to know the number of members at the luncheon for the "Monthly Activity Report" and the BEC needs to know who attends.

There was a consensus that the Branch didn't need another "free lunch" program.

President Lee thanked Ken for his suggestion for making the process easier and more efficient.

### *Policy on New Members/ Certificate of Membership (Barrie Lee):*

President Lee discussed creating a "Certificate of Membership" for new members crafted after the example on the State SIR website. Currently Phil Perry sends new members their badge number, a history of SIR, and the most current Newsletter. President Lee wants the VP to be responsible for producing the Certificate and presenting it to the new members quarterly at our luncheon. Or the Certificate of Membership could be included with the information that Phil Perry currently sends out to the new members. President Lee will bring this issue back for more action.

### *Other New Business or Suggestions:*

None.

## **Attendance/Membership (Phil Perry/Tom Ward):**

The "Branch Membership Status Report" was sent to the State SIR and all BEC members by Phil Perry and Tom Ward, the Attendance Co-Chairmen. They reported for April 2025 that we had 102 active members at the end of April.

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

There was one new application for membership to consider: Greg Hartly sponsored by Barrie Lee.

**Motion made by Sid Nobles and seconded by Lee Lamp to approve the Membership request as presented in the above Application for Membership.** The motion passed unanimously.

**Publicity: (Jim McMahon):**

On hold until Spring.

**Marketing (Open):**

No report.

**Facilities (Sid Nobles):**

The menu for today is Tri-Tip, beans, Mac N Cheese and salad.

**9-Hole Golf (Bob Goetz):**

Schedule is in the Newsletter.

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

Schedule is in the Newsletter.

**Bocce (Dennis Compomizzo):**

The first game is on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Computer (Open):**

No meetings.

**Dine Out (Open):**

Dine Out cancelled until further notice.

**Lunch Bunch (Duane Nelson):**

It was announced that the next outing is May 21, 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):**

The 2026 Slate of Officers and Directors is complete except for the 5<sup>th</sup> Director seat which we are working on finding a candidate. The Slate will be presented to the BEC at the June meeting for approval and then, if approved, the Slate will be published in the July News Letter and presented to the membership at the August luncheon for a vote to determine the Branch 129 2026 BEC (Officers and Directors). The State SIR will be notified before the end of August as required.

### **Special Awards (Lee Lamp):**

No Report.

### **Sunshine (Len Napoli):**

Len 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 10:31AM

**Respectfully Submitted By**

**Cris Andrews, Branch 129 Secretary**