



MINUTES

SIR Branch 129 Executive Committee Meeting

August 7, 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, Don Arnold

Call to Order: The Regular Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting held at the Redding Elks Lodge was called to order at 9:30 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 Morgan Akin, who was excused. Also in attendance: State SIR President Rich Carlston, Dick Fyten, and Charles Ross. Len Napoli and Joe Beck came in near the end of the meeting.

Welcome Guests and Visitors:

President Barrie Lee welcomed officers, directors, committee chairmen and/or guests and introduced State SIR President Rich Carlston.

Consent Agenda Approval (Barrie Lee):

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

Motion made by Gerry Dodge and seconded by Dennis Compomizzo to accept the “Consent Agenda” as presented including accepting the Minutes of June 12, 2025; the Secretary’s Correspondence Report; and the Treasurer’s Report (Form 28). The motion passed unanimously.

Note: There was no meeting in July.

Vice-President's Report (Morgan Akin):

Vice-President Akin was absent but President Lee reported the speaker for today is Scott Morris of Up-State Hearing Instruments. *(NOTE: the speaker did not show up)*

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

President's Report (Barrie Lee):

Report on State of the Branch:

President Barrie Lee said the Branch was in “good shape” but emphasized the need to recruit new members. He said that we need to increase our advertising and community event participation efforts to get our SIR Branch better known in the community.

Report on Branch Officers and Directors Election at Luncheon:

President Lee reminded the BEC that we will hold the election of Officers and Directors at the Luncheon today. The membership will be presented with the Slate for 2026 approved by the BEC and posted in the July and August “Newsletter”. The members present will have an opportunity to make nominations from the floor and if there are none the members present will be asked to vote on the BEC proposed 2026 Slate of Officers and Directors. Following the Election the Secretary will notify the State SIR of the results as required.

President Lee said that Director Sid Nobles would like to step down as a Director but would stay on until we find a replacement. Director Lee Lamp said he would ask the members at the luncheon to consider stepping forward to relieve Sid Nobles.

Old Business

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

President Lee said that he is working with Jim McMahon to find appropriate community events where it is 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 to 3 hours (the exception would be if enough volunteers were available for a longer participation). President Lee said we have gotten off to a slow start this year because he and Jim McMahon have both been dealing some medical issues.

Update on State SIR Issues (Lee Lamp):

Branch 129 Director and former State SIR Vice-President Lee Lamp reported on State SIR issues. He said the State Board is reviewing some State Policies. The State plans to focus on Branch Marketing Plans which focus on growing our membership. He said reporting to the State SIR will be easier with some of the on-line reporting procedures updates.

State President Rich Carlston was asked to add to the update on State SIR issues. He reported the State is working to revise the By-Laws to remove references to “retired” men as a requirement of membership since many men work longer and the membership needs to be more inclusive and recognize that the organization needs to change when appropriate. He also said the State was working to make reporting easier. And he mentioned the State SIR plans to implement marketing strategies to attract members. He also mentioned that they are looking to expand the number of branches by taking in all of California as there has been interest from locations in Southern California. He talked about SIR members participating in activities not directly sponsored by SIR such as a team of SIR members joining a bowling league sponsored by another organization such as the Elks.

Other Old Business:

None.

New Business:

New Member Certificate of Membership Process (Barrie Lee):

President Lee discussed the “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 said he would talk to Phil Perry concerning how best to get a “Certificate of Membership” to new members. The “Certificate of Membership” could be presented to the new member at the luncheon when the new member is introduced and asked to give a short bio or if the new member doesn’t attend the first luncheon after becoming a member, the certificate could be included with the information that Phil Perry currently sends out to the new members.

President Lee said he would discuss how best to manage this with Phil Perry and report back.

Support the “Sons and Daughters of Italy” on their Position on South City Park:

Director and Bocce Chairman, Dennis Compomizzo said that the “Sons & Daughters of Italy” who built and maintain the Bocce courts at South City Park and who allow Branch 129 of SIR to use the courts without charge, asked if Branch 129 would support their efforts to oppose certain plans

the City of Redding is considering that would adversely affect the Bocce courts. Various groups such as the “Sons and Daughters of Italy,” the Colt 45’s, and Asphalt Cowboys are also sending letters of concern with the City’s plans for South City Park.

Lee Lamp indicated he could craft a letter for President Lee’s signature if Branch 129 agreed to send a letter to the City. After much discussion, the consensus was to support the position of the “Sons and Daughters of Italy” as it pertains to the Bocce Courts at South City Park.

Motion made by Lee Lamp and seconded by Sid Nobles to prepare a letter of concern regarding proposed changes by the City of Redding for South City Park that would adversely affect the Bocce courts used by Branch 129 for President Lee’s signature. The motion passed unanimously.

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 July 2025 that we had 97 active members at the end of July.

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 new applications for membership to be considered: John A. Rowell and Charles M. Ross (who was present).

Motion made by Lee Lamp and seconded by Sid Nobles to approve the two new applicants for membership as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer said the new members should pay only half of the annual dues ($\$50 \times 50\% = \25) per Branch policy and past practice (no dues 2025 for members joining in October, November, December).

Publicity: (Jim McMahon):

No report. President Barrie Lee reported under Old Business concerning publicity.

Marketing (Open):

No report.

Facilities (Sid Nobles):

The menu for today is Tri Tip, mashed potatoes, and salad.

9-Hole Golf (Bob Watt):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. It was reported that Bob Goetz resigned as 9-Hole Golf Chairman for medical reasons. Bob Watt has agreed to be chairman and Lee Lamp said he would help him with scheduling and member communication.

18-Hole Golf (Lee Lamp):

Schedule is in the Newsletter. Lee reported they had 22 players a Riverview. The next event is at Canyon Oaks in Chico on the 18th of August.

Bocce (Dennis Compomizzo):

The next game is on August 15, 2025, and will be announced at the luncheon.

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 August 20, 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 abbreviate his racing updates and include some history of racing including demystifying the rules of racing.

Money Matters Group (Open):

Nominating (Cris Andrews):

The 2026 Slate of Officers and Directors is complete, approved by the BEC and will be put to the members present at today's luncheon for a vote. Sid Nobles asked to be replaced a Director as soon as possible but agreed to stay on until a replacement was found (*NOTE: at today's luncheon meeting, member Steven Irey, Badge #20, let President Barrie Lee know that he would be willing to take Sid Nobles Director position*).

Special Awards (Lee Lamp):

No Report. It was suggested that we review the membership roster to see if any members are eligible for various longevity certificates.

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 is doing an excellent job spreading good-cheer and representing Branch 129. Len said he sent a card to Paul and Gail Poling. Len also sent a card to the family of Roger Peters who recently passed away. 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 and especially State SIR President Carlston for attending and without objection from the members adjourned the BEC Meeting at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted By

Cris Andrews, Branch 129 Secretary