

SIR Branch 13 BEC meeting minutes, January 21st, 2020, Catta Verdera Country Club

Meeting called to order, 10:00AM

Attendees:

Big Sir Chet Winton, Little Sir Norb Pfeiffer, Little SIR Jim Mikacich, Secretary Leonard Kaufer, Ass't Secretary Bruce Herold, Treasurer Jack Buffington, Link Editor Gerry Burstain, Director Mike Salli, Director/Database Manager Wayne Merkle, Director/Membership Chair Phil Sanderson, Director Ralph Madsen

Secretary's report: December's meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The audit was completed. The January bank balance is \$3388.46.

Big Sir report: Sir Chet is looking forward to working with the BEC in the coming year, is very happy with the make-up of the BEC, and emphasized the need for good communication among the BEC. The branch has a new website which can be accessed at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). The Lincoln High Chorus, after their great success at the December 2019 luncheon, has already been scheduled for December 2020.

Program Chair report: Sir Bob said that the scheduled speaker, a sports radio personality, had to cancel due to the impact of the 49ers progressing in the playoffs. Sir Bob recruited Physician's Assistant Jennifer Cochran to talk about the role of the PA and the new urgent care resource now available in Lincoln.

Membership report: There were five resignations this month: Bob Gokay(20), Tim Reasonover(58), Ken Perry(59), John Henderson(134) and John St. Clair(135). All resignations were approved by the BEC. Three new members and one transfer approved at the December BEC were scheduled for induction at the January luncheon: Tony Fry(144), Jim Parker(24), Ed Thomas(30) and transfer Bill Murrell(18). A new member application from Harley Pinson was tabled. He had recently given conflicting indications of his intention to join. Ed Thomas was nominated for membership by Harry Collings. His membership was approved. Sir Chet noted the five resignations as the reason that there must always be a focus on new member acquisition. Sir Phil said that he had updated the Rules for the Road, as had been discussed at the December BEC. The Rules of the Road is a printed introduction to SIR that is presented to each new member.

Database Report: The database is up to date with 88 active members plus five on waiting list. Average age 80.1. Sir Chet said that he was planning to reach out to Jay Southard to take over as database manager. Sir Wayne is managing both the database and the website while Sir Jay is doing the Monkey Survey for lunch, which relies upon the database.

Newsletter: Sir Gerry thanked Sir Bruce for last minute support. Sir Chet expressed appreciation to both. Please send your submissions to Gerry at [Burstain1@att.net](mailto:Burstain1@att.net) in a timely manner so that he is not pressed to get the newsletter out by the first of the month. Random submissions such as jokes, puzzles, etc. are encouraged. If you are taking pictures for the Link, make sure you get the names of the people being photographed. Sir Jim Mikacich offered to get names.

Webmaster Report: The new branch website is live. Sir Chet praised the work done by the Sir Wayne and other BEC members said that it looked great.

Attendance: Sir Norb is subbing for Sir Kurt as Attendance Chair this month.

Old business: The audit committee completed its work and the branch passed the audit.

New Business: Sir Chet held a coffee for new members at his home. He noted that some of the new members may be of the active variety, and were interested in starting up some new activities, such as Poker.

We will start collecting dues this week.

With Sir Kurt unavailable for the luncheon, Sir Chet recruited members of the BEC to cover the sign-in table. Sir Chet expressed great satisfaction with this year's BEC as being the type of Board that is *willing* and able to step up to cover any need.

Sir Chet would like to get the 2020 printed roster out in February. He will check with Sir Jay Southard to see if he has the capability to get those. Advertising to cover the printing of the roster is allowed.

The SIR liability insurance is a high risk policy because of the age of the members. ½ of state money (approximately \$1.50 per member per quarter) goes to liability insurance. Activities have to be approved by BEC. The BEC formally approved the following activities for 2020: Dining out, Bocce Ball, Bridge, Golf, Adaptive Golf, Breakfast Club, Breakfast Out, Ladies' Days (May and December), Pinochle, and Cribbage.

New discussion: Can we have speakers who hold political office? We have had office holders in the past, but generally not those who run as a party affiliate. It is not precluded if they speak about specific topics, but with the current political climate, it is likely that any statewide or national office holder would have political overtones. The BEC did not adopt any limitation on speakers beyond what is in the SIR manual.

Chet does not believe it is necessary for every member who reports to the BEC to be a Director, and the SIR Manual supports this. He may reduce the number of directors, but he will still respect every voice at the table and will give everyone an informal vote, even if they are not an officer of director.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:39AM