

SIR Branch 13 BEC revised meeting minutes, March 15th, Catta Verdera Country Club

Meeting called to order, 10:00AM

Attendees:

Big Sir David Cesio, Secretary Leonard Kaufer, Little Sir Norb Pfeiffer, Treasurer Jack Buffington, Membership Chair Phil Sanderson, Director Jim Ripley, Assistant Treasurer Chuck Dietz, Attendance Chair Jay James, Director Bruce Hanson, LINK Editor Jay Southard, Sir John Woodbury, Database Manager George Hubbard, Director Jim Yates

Secretary's report: The February meeting minutes were approved.

The Big Sir Report: Sir Leonard Scott is ailing and will be sent a card by the Sunshine Chair.

The branch continues to follow state SIR guidelines regarding COVID. The branch does not intend to deviate from state guidelines.

The state has provided the branch with 8 member recognition pins which will be distributed at the Big Sir's discretion to honor members who provide valuable support to the branch in recruiting or any other area.

Lincoln Hills Sun City will have an Expo on March 29th from 10AM-1PM. SIR branch 13 will have an informational table at the event.

Big Sir David C will be out of town for the April meeting. He will take whatever steps he can to prepare for both the April meeting and the May Ladies' Day luncheon, but Little Sir Norb P will run the April meeting and luncheon.

May is our usual date for a Ladies' Day luncheon, including entertainment. The BEC approved a \$300 entertainment budget and for the Big Sir to negotiate two menu options which could be up to \$30. Sir Bruce H. and Norb P. will provide the Big Sir with contact info for potential entertainment acts. Sir Phil S. will check the availability of the Raley's event room for a BEC meeting at 10:00AM on Monday, May 16th.

Treasurer's report: The balance for February was \$3977.42. This may increase slightly with a few remaining dues to be added to the treasury. The treasurer's report was approved. The topic of how to handle non-dues paying members was raised. When dues were first instituted they were mandatory, meaning if dues were not paid membership would be terminated. However, dues were waived during the COVID shutdown. As part of this discussion it was noted that there are about five members currently on the roster who do not respond to any attempts at contacting them. An effort will be made to contact all members who have not paid their dues.

The names of non-dues-paying members will be presented at the May BEC meeting for a termination vote. This plan was put to a vote and approved by the BEC

**SECRETARY'S Note:** After the meeting, and therefore not a formal part of the meeting minutes, Sir Leonard K. reviewed the state policy on termination. If the individual cannot be personally contacted, they must be sent a return receipt letter. Obviously, it is preferable to arrange for personal contact, and perhaps even for the member to request termination. The state bylaws regarding termination are:

#### How to Terminate a Member

a. Notice of the pending termination of a member shall be delivered either personally or by first-class registered mail, return receipt requested, sent to the last known address of the member shown on the Branch records not less than 15 days prior to the termination meeting of the Branch Executive Committee.

b. Such notice shall include all of the following:

1. The reason for the action being taken against him.
2. His right to be heard by the Branch Executive Committee, either by appearance, or in writing at least five days before the termination meeting.
3. The date, time and location of the termination meeting.

c. At the conclusion of the termination meeting, the member's termination shall be accomplished by a two-thirds affirmative vote, and the member shall be informed of the decision in a timely manner.

#### **END OF SECRETARY'S Note**

Membership: There was one new application for membership from Stan Mutnik. His application was approved. (Reminder, the meeting minutes should NOT be used to determine the spelling of any applicant's name!)

Database: SIR George H. is up and running as the new database administrator

Old Business: The next Dining Out activity is set for April 13th at Via Roma Pizzeria in Lincoln. Flyers will be available at each table at the luncheon and a notice will appear in the Link.

Bocce continues under the direction of Sir Chuck K. It begins at 9:30AM and typically has 3-5 attendees.

The bridge activity is overflowing. Rather than turn players away, an auxiliary location will be used to host an overflow table of 4 players whenever required.

New Business: SIR John W. brought up an issue facing the Branch 13 bridge club. The card tables are falling apart. One has already been replaced by someone's personal table. The tables

are stored in the Raley's event room and can be used by anyone using that room. This is an acceptable cost to prevent the club from having to schlep the tables to and from each meeting. SIR John requested that the BEC authorize funds to procure new tables, estimated at \$230. The BEC was appreciative of the issue being brought forward but did not want to set a precedent of all of the branch members paying to support one of its clubs. SIR Leonard said that he would ensure that SIR John got reimbursed by the club members for a set of new card tables. The tables would then belong to the members as a group of individuals, and not to Branch.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50AM