

SIR Branch 13 BEC revised meeting minutes, June 21st, Catta Verdara

Meeting called to order by Big Sir David Cesio, 10:00AM

Attendees:

Big Sir David Cesio, Secretary Leonard Kaufer, Treasurer Jack Buffington, Membership Chair Phil Sanderson, Director Jim Ripley, Attendance Chair Jay James, LINK Editor Jay Southard, Director Bruce Herold, Assistant Treasurer Chuck Dietz, Sunshine Director Neal O'Boyle, Little Sir Norb Pfeiffer, Database Administrator George Hubbard

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

The Big Sir Report: The new venue manager Kyle Hundley introduced himself to the BEC and agreed to have a meeting with the Big Sir and Treasurer to coordinate menus, pricing, and expectations.

The BEC had asked for a questionnaire to be sent to members asking why they did not attend the Ladies' Day Luncheon. 54 questionnaires were sent out and 10 responses to the question were:

- 4 - Busy that day
- 3 - Not interested in Ladies' Day Event
- 2 - COVID concerns
- 1 - Non-COVID health issue

Additional comments not directly related to Ladies' Day attendance included: Meals are OK but not as good as before; the menu options for special events should not be repeated. The BEC expressed general disappointment with the Prime Rib option this time around.

There were only about 30 members in attendance on the May Ladies' Day luncheon. There was brief discussion of adding a third or fourth ladies luncheon to the calendar, but the realization that the May luncheon was already so sparsely attended led the BEC to conclude that this was not the way to go.

Big Sir David presented Sir Leonard with an Octopus Hawaiian shirt as a thank you for providing the entertainment for the May luncheon.

The state debated changing the SIR COVID policy but in the end they did not do so.

Big Sir David invited the BEC members plus guest to his home for a thank you reception. After some back-and-forth, the reception will be:

Friday, July 1st, 2-4PM at 1570 Summerhill Ln, Lincoln. Please RSVP to David at 925-899-2193 or dccesio@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report: The balance was \$3934.61 with the state assessment of ~\$155 due shortly. Sir Jack reminded everyone that the luncheon price for members would be \$25 starting in July. He said his preference was for checks, but cash was always acceptable. There was some confusion in the pricing of the May luncheon and the branch ended up subsidizing each meal by one dollar.

Membership: There were no new membership applications. Two members were transferring in from other branches today, and there were up to two inductions planned. The official membership headcount as of the BEC meeting was 82. An earlier resolution adopted by the BEC required us to drop any member who had not paid their dues by May. There are three members who fit this category. Sir Leonard will begin the formal process for dropping them the first week of July.

Old Business: In April the BEC entertained the idea of a picnic hosted by Catta Verdara but it was deemed too soon and too expensive. Sir Leonard presented the idea of renting a public park space such as McBean Gazebo or Nathan Dubin park (his recommendation). Food could be as simple as potluck, self catered (Costco platters), or catered at \$11-\$16 per person. Any money would be collected ahead of time and the event would be run like a dining out. It would not replace a monthly luncheon. Midday end of September was suggested. Sir Bruce noted that there might be a liability concern with a potluck.

The Big Sir planned to ask for a show of hands expressing interest at the luncheon. (Ed. Note: There was a 30-50% positive response to the question of interest in a picnic). An informational flyer was handed out for the BEC to consider and come prepared to make decisions in July.

Sir David suggested that it was not too early to look into entertainment for the Christmas luncheon. He was informed that Sir Chet W. was the contact for the Lincoln High chorus in prior years. Sir Norb P. said he would reach out to William Jessup. Sir Leonard suggested someone might want to contact the new Lincoln high school to inquire about a chorus, though that might not work until school starts.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:56AM