

SIR Branch 13 BEC revised meeting minutes, July 19th, 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, Attendance Chair Jay James, LINK Editor Jay Southard, Director Bruce Herold, Assistant Treasurer Chuck Dietz, Little Sir Norb Pfeiffer, Database Administrator George Hubbard, Directory Jim Yates

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

The Big Sir Report: The Big Sir and Treasurer met with the new venue manager at Catta Verdara. He has been given a directive to resolve the difference between what members pay for meals and what SIR pays for the same meals. There was much discussion by the BEC in ways that a fixed event with known number of attendees is different from a walk-in restaurant model and other differences between SIR and members, but the end result is that something will likely change. For now we believe we are good through the end of the year. However, there may be big changes at that time which could lead us to raise our member price substantially, change venues, or something more radical such as a breakfast instead of lunch. The BEC was generally against a buffet option. Many other branches do this, but of course it can be a problem for some of our members. The take-away message was: not change yet, but it's coming.

The branch nominating committee presented the following slate of officers, which was unanimously approved by the BEC:

Big Sir - Jay James
Little Sir and Program Chair - John Mack
Treasurer - Jack Buffington
Asst. Treasurer - Chuck Dietz
Secretary - Leonard Kaufer

There was a lot of discussion about the statewide rumblings regarding allowing women members to SIR. This would require changes to our name, articles of incorporation, and bylaws, all of which could take up to 4 years, if approved. Two branches already allow women on a trial basis. This topic generated robust discussion by the BEC. Sir Chet was the scheduled speaker for lunch to tell the membership at large about this and other topics covered at the most recent state board meeting. No action is being taken by the branch at this time.

There was no progress on identifying the entertainment for the December luncheon.

Treasurer's Report: The balance was \$3608. The BEC discussed no-shows and our new policy of requirement for no-shows to pay for their missed lunch. We realized that we have that policy, but no process to enforce it. Sirs Jack and Chuck to the assignment to come up with a process.

Membership: There were no new members and no drops. There is one incoming transfer. Membership is 85.

Old Business: The BEC approved a branch picnic for October with Sir Leonard in charge of organization.

New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:59AM