

SIR Branch 13 Branch Executive Committee meeting minutes, October 17th, Catta Verdara

Meeting called to order by Big Sir Jay James, 10:04AM

Attendees: Big Sir Jay James, Little Sir Tom Mack, Secretary Leonard Kaufer, Treasurer George Hubbard, Membership Chair Phil Sanderson, Database Manager Chuck Deitz

Secretary's report: The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: The starting balance was \$4250 and the ending balance was \$4245. The 4th quarter assessment was \$140. In 2024 the assessment is going up \$0.50/member/quarter. The treasurer's report was approved.

During the treasury discussion the question was raised: Are no-show members paying for their lunches? Is there a problem collecting? The treasurer said that he is doing the collections. There is no issue with members paying, though it may take a month or two until their next luncheon before they pay up. Since no-show members are paying for a meal, they are entitled to it. However, the BEC was in agreement that it is the responsibility of the member to make any arrangements required to receive their meal. IE: They can contact another member to ask for a take-home luncheon and have that member deliver it to them.

The Big Sir Report: Sir Jay presented the slate of officers presented to him by the nominating committee. The recommended officers for 2024 are:

- Big Sir: Jay James (continuing)
- Little Sir: Jim Parker
- Treasurer: George Hubbarad (continuing)
- Secretary: Phil Browning
- Assistant Treasurer: Jim Mikacich
- Director: Jay Southard
- Director: Bob Hebson

A motion to approve the slate was made, seconded, and carried. (Secretary's note: After the BEC meeting the candidate slate was presented to the members in attendance at the luncheon. The slate of officers was approved on a unanimous voice vote.)

The December Ladies' luncheon will cost \$40 per person. Out of six options given by the venue the BEC selected Dry-Rubbed Santa Maria Tri-Tip, Salmon with Cranberry Tomato Relish, and Asparagus Bacon and Brie Stuffed Chicken.

Catta Verdara has committed to a price of \$29 for the regular luncheon. Therefore there will be no change to the \$30 member price for the meal.

Membership: The branch has 69 members, unchanged from the prior month.No new members for the month.

Webmaster report: No report.

Database Report: The database shows 69 members.

Old Business: Sir Phil confirmed that Branch 98 has extended an invitation to their holiday dinner to the Branch 13 membership. The dinner will be December 12th with a social hour starting at 5:00 followed by dinner and dancing.

New Business: Sir Leonard reminded the BEC that it remains our branch policy to have all guests sign a liability release waiver. This waiver was instituted by the State during the COVID era but is no longer required. The BEC previously decided to keep the waiver requirement for the branch. Leonard requested that this issue be revisited by the BEC during the November meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38AM