

SIR Lincoln Branch 13 BEC Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025 at Catta Verdera

Meeting called to order by Big SIR Dave Gonzales 10:00 a.m.

Those in Attendance: Big SIR Dave Gonzales, Little Sir Jim Parker, Secretary Phil Browning, Treasurer George Hubbard, Director of Membership Phil Sanderson, Director of Activities Dave Gonzales, Director Jay James, Newsletter Editor Mike Hensley
Absent: Director Jay Southard

1. Big Sir Opening Remarks:- Dave Gonzales

A. The Challenges Continue: Dave Gonzales stated that the items we have on our Annual Schedule of Branch Operations plan will continue through the year. He hopes that through the implementation of some of the new programs our Branch will grow and improve.

B. Members recruit new members: Dave indicated that he would have a little homework for all of the BEC members and the general membership. During lunch everyone will receive a blank sheet of paper. On that sheet he requested that each person make three lists. One with Family members, the next with Friends and the last with Acquaintances. We are then requested to create an elevator type speech which we can use to encourage the people we have on our lists to join our organization. And finally, at next month's luncheon, we will be asked to break into groups of 2 to practice our speech to help us to be more comfortable at short notice to talk about our organization.

2. Secretary's Report: - Phil Browning

A. Minutes: Phil Browning reported that the January 8th, 2025 minutes were sent to all BEC members and that he received no corrections or additions. Following discussion it was M/S/C that the minutes of the January 8th, 2025 be approved.

B. Review of Annual SIR Schedule of Branch Operations: Phil Browning reported on the Schedule of Branch Operations for the month of February. According to the items listed under the 4 BEC positions, all of the critical items were completed. Big Sir Dave Gonzales stated that all items recommended to be sent to our area representative needed to be held until a new Area Representative could be appointed. Our previous Representative Jim Gragg has decided to retire and therefore has resigned his position. We all wished him Good Luck on his new journey.

3. Treasurer Report: - George Hubbard

A. January Financial Report: George Hubbard reported that the Beginning balance for January was \$2,332 & the Ending balance, accounting for income and disbursements, was \$2,865. Following discussion it was M/S/C that the Financial Report be approved.

B. Accept 2024 Branch Audit Report: George Hubbard reported he completed the Audit Report and had his Audit committee sign the document. Since our Area Representative resigned he will hold onto the report until a replacement is appointed.

C. Petty Cash Transition: George Hubbard reported that the \$200 in the petty cash account had been personally funded by him. He felt it was time to correct that situation. He will take the money that is owed to him out and replace it with money from the SIR's account.

4. Membership Report: George Hubbard reported that we dropped 2 members and 1 member passed away and we have 1 pending member. Our current active member total is 55 and that today's final lunch count is 37.

5. Website Report: Director Jay Southard's absence continues due to his operation, hence there was no report for today.

6. Old Business:

A. New Activities Start-up: Director Jay James requested that he have the floor to discuss a new activity he has been thinking about. The activity is a Kids Day Fishing Derby. His idea is that we could schedule a day where some of our members (who like to fish) could get together with a group of kids to teach them how to fish. Kids that don't have a Dad or Grandpa would love learning how to fish. It would be a catch and release type format sometime in April to June. It would require us to locate a pond locally that could accommodate the activity. Director Dave Gonzales thought this was a good idea and maybe we could get some volunteers to help bring the idea to fruition.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. New member orientations: Director of Membership Phil Sanderson reported that we have 1 new member that needs to be approved. The new member is John McClements. Director Phil Sanderson asked for his approval. It was M/S/C that John McClements membership be approved. Director Phil Sanderson also reported that member Alan Haselwood had passed away. He would have been 87 in two weeks.

8. Further Comments: Big Sir Dave Gonzales closed the meeting by reminding everyone that our next meeting would be on March 12th at 10:00 at Catta Verdera. He bid everyone Peace and Harmony and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35.