1.0 Call to Order at 1:24 pm.
2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Mark W., Paul Wright, Bill Rutherford, Stephen Helmer, Harry Martin, and Mike Lynn. Tony Moles on cell phone. The following members were absent: John C.,
Felix M., Phil H., and Phil S.

### 3.0 Guests: Juan Ochoa.

3.1 Director Appointment: A motion was made to nominate Paul Wright to be a Director on the BEC Board. The motion was made by Harry M. and seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously with six yea votes.

### 4.0 Approval of the Minutes for

A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W.. to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### 5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.01 Treasurer's Report: Harry reported that the beginning balance was $\$ 1807.13$. There was a net loss of $\$ 56.00$. The ending balance is $\$ 1750.83$. The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W. The motion passed unanimously.

### 6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen noted that there were 116 members in our Branch in December. We lost two members. One member resigned and one member, Horst Klee, passed away. Today, we had one transfer into our branch, Andy Neal. Stephen reported that he did not need to apply for membership as he is a transfer. We had two members affirmed/enrolled to our branch today. They are Joe Stephen and Lawrence Cross. There is one application for membership from Juan Ochoa. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W. to accept Juan's application for admission to our branch. The motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mike L. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.
6.2 Golf: Bill R. prepared an operating budget for golf, which he presented. There are 75 active renewed members in the golf group including six new members Bill noted. Expenses have increased, which include travel expenses for gas and lodging. Other expenses include office supplies, drink purchases for the tournaments and the fees to the NCGA. The expenses for this next year are budgeted at $\$ 700$. A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. to approve the proposed golf budget and the golf schedule for 2022. The motion passed unanimously. Another
motion was made to approve the Golf report. It was made by Mike L. and seconded by Bill R. This motion also passed unanimously. Mark W. volunteered to audit the golf financials.
6.3 Activities: Paul W. reported on the sign ups for new activities: There were 2 for cards, 5 for dine in/dine out, 4 for baseball, and 3 for travel. Paul noted he will work on organizing activities for the dine-in/dine-out group as well as the baseball group. Bill R. suggested hiking as an activity group. Paul mentioned that it is challenging to get members to sign up even though they say they are interested.

Paul suggested we check on the availability of the Micke Grove Picnic area for a possible May 10th Picnic date. Paul will be price shopping for chicken and ribs so we can set a ticket price for the picnic. We may need to charge $\$ 20$ or even $\$ 30$ per couple as meat prices have increased dramatically. Paul also thinks he can handle cooking at the picnic with some help. A motion to approve the report was made by Harry M. and seconded by Bill $R$. The motion passed unanimously.
6.4 Speakers: Mark reported that our next speaker will be Shannon Morris, Sales and Marketing Director for Oakmont Senior Assisted Living Complex. Paul asked if there would be interest in having the Director of the Local Blood Bank speak to our group. There was real interest. Paul will follow up with the blood bank director.

### 7.0 Old Business

7.1Confirm Dues for 2022: After a short review of our previous discussions regarding dues, a motion was made by Mike L. and seconded by Harry M. to confirm the dues for 2022 at \$25.00, and to review the dues assessment for 2023 in November 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
7.2: Dues Collection Process: Mark reported that dues was collected from 4 members on the weekend, and another twenty to thirty members paid at the meeting today. A question was raised as to how many members had paid the $\$ 10$ dues for 2021? A report will be made at the next meeting. Mark noted he will put a message in the newsletter to mail dues to him or to pay at the next meeting. We will collect dues at the February meeting. A motion was made by Harry M. and seconded by Bill R. that any members who have not paid by March 31st will be dropped from the membership rolls. The motion passed unanimously.
7.3 Membership Committee Discussion: There was no report from the committee. This discussion was tabled until the March BEC meeting.
7.4. Outline Top Decisions: Picnic: This was discussed in the Section 6.3 Activities portion of the meeting.
7.5 Holiday Luncheon Report: Mark noted that everyone was pleased with the lunch. Mark sent a thank you out to Paul Reiner for arranging for us to have our holiday
luncheon at the Woodbridge Country Club. Harry noted that we had 59 people in attendance while the cost of 62 lunches had been paid. However, we just broke even financially. Harry reported.

### 8.0 New Business

8.01 Election of Assistant Treasurer: A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Bill R. to elect Juan Ochoa to be Assistant Treasurer for 2022-2023. The motion passed unanimously.
8.1 Review and Approve Events Schedules: Mark presented the Meetings schedule and the events schedule for the Wine Appreciation group for 2022. A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the schedules for the events. The motion passed unanimously.
8.2 Annual Audits of 2021 Records: Bill R. and Mike L. will be the auditors of record. The motion to make them auditors of records passed unanimously. Mark W. volunteered to audit the golf records.
8.3 Draft Funds Projection 2022: Harry reported that in the past our picnic was one of our big fundraisers. He also noted that since we had no picnic last year the $\$ 25$ dues assessment is providing the majority of our funding at this time. On the budget report, the majority of the miscellaneous expenses are due to the newsletter and our quarterly assessment from the State SIRS. The January assessment is paid based on the October membership count on Form 27. The next assessment will be due in April, and it will be based on the January membership figures. Harry reported that we are very dependent on the dues assessment for our branch's financial survival.
9.0 Good of the Order: Bill R. reported that golf members are very active. Mike L. will be assisting Bill with golf. The golf group is in good "shape".
Mark noted that we gave a certificate to Police Chief Brucia. Mark also asked from where are we sourcing the wine for the speaker's gifts? After some discussion, Juan Ochoa volunteered to provided a case of wine for the speakers this year. Thank you, Juan!
11.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.

