



SIRS -LAKE OF THE PINES BRANCH 170  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 5, 2010

Big Sir Larry Shelley called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Present were: Larry Shelley, Steve Parks, Doug Wilson, Jim Wilkinson, Steve Michalak, Don Franze, Bill Martin, Chuck Mercer, Don Miller, Don Jenkins, Rich Hibbs, Phil Jones, Mel Pimentel, Hal Wallace, and Woody Cowles.

#### SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Bill Martin reported a beginning balance of \$1,851.92, income in April of \$830.15, expenses of \$960.48, with a closing balance of \$1,721.59. This represents a loss of \$130.33 for the month, which was caused primarily by 9 no-shows for lunch that we had to pay for. Collection efforts are underway.

#### BIG SIR REPORT

Larry Shelley reported that he had recently attended a local area meeting of other Big Sirs where it was pointed out that SIRs membership Statewide has declined significantly since 1992. Approximately 30 Branches have closed during this period. Branches are expected to use all means to increase their membership, and monthly status reporting is being implemented.

## LITTLE SIR REPORT

Mel Pimentel announced that this month's speaker is Claude Hessel, retired Commander, U. S. Coast Guard. In 1991, Commander Hessel was Aircraft Commander of an HH-3F helicopter that rescued 3 people aboard the 32 foot sloop "Satori" which became part of the book and movie "The Perfect Storm". In addition, 3 extra Coast Guard rescue personnel also had to be air-lifted in the melee by Commander Hessel.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Phil Jones mentioned that we currently have 122 members, 18 of which are inactive. Two members recently moved away, but we have one new member scheduled to induct today.

Phil also stated that he was going to bring up at the general meeting the seriousness of not showing up for lunch after telling their caller they would be attending the meeting (see Treasurer's report above).

## LUNCHEON REPORT

Don Franze stated that Mexican food was on the menu today in recognition of Cinco de Mayo. Lasagna is planned for June.

## BULLETIN

Rich Hibbs asked if Bill Timber's name (now deceased) should be removed as an Honorary Lifetime Member. The consensus was yes. A committee has been formed to nominate another HLM.

Rich also pointed out that we are still physically mailing out monthly bulletins to 38 members, half of which have computers. Since the vast majority of monthly bulletins are now being transmitted via email, Rich asked if it would be OK to start sending emails to those appx. 19 members that have computers. Larry Shelley stated that we should always be looking for opportunities to save money, and told Rich to start sending them emails, and see what happens.

Rich was complemented on the pictures of new members he included in the most recent bulletin, along with their brief bio's. Rich requested that the date

the member moved to Lake of the Pines be noted on their Membership Application - Phil Jones said he would in the future.

### GOLF REPORT

Woody Cowles remarked that our Branch had 5 winners at the SIR's Golf Tournament held at Auburn Valley County Club on April 19th. The next tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th at Alta Sierra - deadline for payment is May 11th, and the cost is \$45.00. Woody also mentioned that tournament results are now being posted on the LOP - SIRs website.

### TRAVEL REPORT

Hal Wallace stated that a Travel Orientation meeting will be held for all members and their spouses on May 27th, 9:30 am, at the Yacht Lounge to review 4 upcoming trips Hal has been talking about for the last few months. In addition, our Branch will be joining in with the Auburn Branch on a trip they've planned to the Panama Canal, and that will be part of the orientation as well.

Hal just returned from a successful SIRs Hawaiian cruise.

### SUNSHINE REPORT

Steve Parks remarked that Harry Lent's wife, Barbara recently passed away. A memorial service is planned for the end of May.

Dick Sandstedt is recovering well from chemotherapy treatment.

Neil Weaver had his gallbladder removed.

### OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Jenkins  
Assistant Secretary