



**SIRS - LAKE OF THE PINES, BRANCH 170
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2013**

Big Sir Paul Lambert called the monthly BEC meeting to order at 10:30 AM. A quorum was present.

Attendees were: Paul Lambert, Glenn Delisle, Bob Chan, Lyndon Laird, Dave Rosseau, Doug Wilson, Phil Jones, Al Cash, Don Miller, Steve Parks, Roger Pope, Larry Shelley, Verne Bagby, Rod Corvington, Chuck Mercer, Phil Frank, Richard Hibbs, Gary Resnick, John Brewer, and Steve Michalak.

Reports

Big SIR Paul Lambert welcomed everyone and stated we have a very busy agenda today. He introduced 2 important guests: 2013 Area 33 Governor and 2014 Region 9 Director Elect Donald Dill and 2014 Area Governor Elect Craig Saunders. They are scheduled to update us on SIRS State, Region and Area issues and actions. Mr. Dill will present the Senior Award to Bill Swenson (age 90) and the Super Senior Award to Bill Hagin (age 95) during today's luncheon meeting. The 2014 officers, directors, and committee chairmen will also be installed today. Big SIR Paul Lambert announced that 2014 Branch 170 Big SIR elect Dick Green has a personal matter to attend and will not be present at today's meeting and luncheon. Mr. Lambert will read a message from Mr. Green regarding the 2014 BS Training Session on October 15 and some of the action he has taken already. Mr. Dill commented he appreciated the opportunity to speak to us, but did not want to take up valuable time from our agenda today. However, he felt it important to comment on the new State requirement for the Growth Coordinator position to assist those Branches having problems with declining membership and financial difficulties. The State is committed to implement this program. The position requires a detailed-oriented, well-focused individual. Mr. Dill stated Branch 170 has outstanding individuals who could meet these standards. He specifically mentioned Glenn Delisle, Roger Pope, and Paul Lambert.

Minutes of the October 2 BEC meeting: Secretary Bob Chan commented there were 2 minor corrections to the minutes. The minutes were amended to reflect these changes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: David Rosseau reported we made only \$10 from last month's luncheon. However, there is GOOD news. He collected \$7560 for the Christmas Dinner Dance. There was an expenditure of \$100, which was paid out for the deposit on the dance band. The ending cash balance is \$9127.71.

Luncheon Speaker: Little SIR Glenn Delisle announced today's speaker is LOP resident, Larry Hardy. His presentation will be on classic boats and boats in general. There will be no speaker next month, as there is no luncheon.

Membership: Phil Jones reported Branch 170 currently has 100 members. We lost 10 members for various reasons, but we gained 10 new members also this year. At today's luncheon, Eric Jacobsen will be inducted into membership. He was sponsored by Don Carey. We also have 2 guests: Robert Reeder (Bob Chan) and Horst Bendzulla (Ron Trimble).

Committee Reports

Bulletin: Rich Hibbs, recently returned from a lengthy vacation. No report. BS Paul Lambert will contribute an article on our Christmas Dinner Dance.

LOP News: Phil Frank stated, because of the Veteran's Day holiday, there is still time to submit items for the LOP News. He will report on our Christmas Dinner Dance.

CH7/Pines Times: Gary Resnick will remind our members that the first meeting in January 2014 will NOT be on the first Wednesday (New Year's Day), but on January 8 at 10:30 AM (new time).

Info. Tech/Website: Gary Resnick reported that the website has had a healthy response for lunch attendance from our members. He received a 60% reply on his first mailing and 85-90% response on the second mailing.

Food: Roger Pope announced that the Club House has a new food & beverage manager. His name is Steve Latch. Initially, he was not agreeable to our members buying coffee/iced tea at the bar for \$2, since he was concerned the club would take a loss from any undrunk coffee and tea. It appears now he is agreeable to brewing coffee enough for 50% of the members attending the luncheons (about 20 people). There will be a basket collection (honor system). Any discrepancy from money collected will be charged to Branch 170 BEC. By January, a decision has to be made as to what we want to do regarding luncheon coffee and tea. Big SIR Paul Lambert stated we should have a \$2000 balance after our Christmas Dinner Dance, so there shouldn't be a problem.

Christmas Dinner Dance: Steve Michalak reported he has filled 21 tables, a total of 168 people. He is holding one empty table for late responders. Club management has set a maximum of 180 people. John Brewer has secured the 2-man band with a deposit of \$100. As far as food is concerned, 80 people ordered the pork entree and 88 ordered the salmon Wellington. There will be salad greens, potatoes for side dishes. Dessert is a chocolate

decadence and coffee or tea. Again, the corking fee is \$5 (this fee can be as high as \$18 on the outside). There will be 2 bartenders behind the bar and one bartender at a portable bar. No host bar starts at 6PM; Dinner is served at 7PM. The band will play music for dancing and entertainment until 11PM. Currently, the dance floor is not suitable for dancing. A new dance floor is to be installed and finished by December 1.

Golf: Rod Corvington stated there was a good turn out at the last tournament held on October 15 at the Alta Sierra GC. He will announced the winners at today's luncheon. The last tournament of the year will be played at nearby Dark Horse GC and our Branch will serve as host. Co-Chair Chuck Mercer commented that only one person from LOP has signed up. He encouraged more people here to participate. The deadline to sign up has been extended.

Bocce Ball: Co-captain Bob Chan announced the challenge match with Auburn Branch 79 finally took place on October 15. It was a friendly match. We played to a 3-3 tie. However, our opponents had a great advantage over us as their members have been playing several times a week, whereas our season ended in early August. We practiced only one afternoon before this match. Since there were no losers, our team bought the beers as we were the host team. We had a nice lunch at our new club house. And, we made some new friends.

Travel: Hal Wallace was absent. No report. Mr. Wallace is resigning from his post after this year. Thank you, Hal, for a job, "well done".

Health: Ed O'Reilly is out of town. No report.

Clothing: Glenn Delisle had nothing new to report regarding clothing.

Old Business

Report on annual contribution: Phil Jones reported there was zero contributions last month. However, 97% of membership have made their contributions this year.

Beale AFB tour: Bob Chan wanted to clarify any misunderstanding regarding the Beale AFB tour on October 24. This was a scheduled tour for another organization which was not cancelled because the partial government shut down had been suspended by that date. This tour had 13 "open" seats which were offered to us at a moment notice. Bob Chan gave first priority to those individuals who stated they did not want their money refunded, but was interested in the tour scheduled for March 2014 or anytime. There were 19 individuals on the list who chose this option. Those who did not go on this trip will have their monies refunded today after the luncheon meeting and speaker. Dennis Kocher intends to secure a date for us when the tour season begins again in March.

New Business

Little SIR Election OR 1Q 2014 Speaker Assignment: Nominating Committee Chair, Larry Shelley, reported their were several nominations for this post. Unfortunately, each one of them eventually decided not to accept. Dick Eberhardt and Skip Albee offered to assist the newly elected LS, whoever he might be. However,there is GOOD NEWS: Mr. Shelley was successsful finally to secure a nomination for LS. He is our chaplain, Elmer Curtis. Thank you, Mr. Curtis, for stepping forward. Secretary Bob Chan will complete form 20 and send copies to the State Roster Chairman, AG, and RG.

2014 BS State Training on Oct. 15: Dick Green, our 2014 BS Elect, attended this session. Since he could not make today's meeting, he sent his report and comments to each member of the BEC and the actions he has taken.

Growth Coordinator: Region Nine Director Elect Donald Dill stated the State organization has written the job description for this position. Area Governor Elect Craig Saunders commented there is a need to make this position more "user friendly". Mr. Dill added training for candidates will be necessary. Before accepting any nominations and election, it was agreed to wait to "repackage"and clarify the requirements for this position.

2014 Travel Chair Nominations: Hal Wallace has resigned his position as travel chair. This is a time consuming job, but it has its rewards in form of renumerations for travel and lodging. Nominations are now open.

January 8, 2014 Meeting Date: This is the second Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday of month is our usual meeting date, but it falls on New Year's Day. So, we will meet one week later.

SIRs Meeting Joke Policy: Lyndon Laird and others have expressed their concerns regarding the type of jokes told at our monthly luncheon, whereby female club employees and guest speakers in hearing range, may be embarassed or feel uncomfortable A motion was made and seconded to eliminate all off -color, risque, and vulgar jokes at our luncheon presentations. The motion carried.

BS 2013 Summary and Thank You: Big SIR reviewed and summarized Branch 170 major events and high lights of 2013 during his term of office. It was a challenging, but rewarding year. He expressed his appreciation to his fellow officers, directors and committee chairmen for their deligence and hard work. His job was made easier due to everyone's efforts and performance.

There being no business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The next meeting will be at 10:30 AM, January 8, 2014, at the club house meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Chan