



**SIRS - LAKE OF THE PINES, BRANCH 170  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
08 January 2014**

The first order of business was the swearing in of our new Big SIR, Richard Green and Little SIR, Ellmer Curtis by the Area Governor, Craig Saunders. Afterwards, Big SIR Richard Green called the BEC monthly meeting to order shortly after 10:30 a.m.. A quorum was present.

Attendees were: Craig Saunders, Richard Green, Elmer Curtis, Bob Chan, Dave Rosseau, Phil Jones, Al Cash, Don Miller, Steve Parks, Roger Pope, Larry Shelley, Verne Bagby, Rod Corvington, Phil Frank, Gary Resnick, Glenn Delisle, Steve Michalak and John Brewer. Absentees were: Lynden Laird, Doug Wilson, Rich Hibbs, Ed O'Reilly and Dale Zinck.

## REPORTS

Big SIR Dick Green welcomed everyone aboard and made his opening remarks. He reiterated the State goals on membership: We need to replace the number lost by attrition or increase membership by 10%. Mr. Green recommended replacing members lost by attrition PLUS the 10 per cent. At today's luncheon, each member will receive an envelope containing an invitation for potential new members with information about LOP SIR Branch 170 and an application for membership. With this packet, each member has been challenged to get a new member. For his part, Big SIR plans to greet each member and guest at our first luncheon today for a warm welcoming.

BEC meeting minutes: Secretary Bob Chan reported there was only one deletion to the November BEC minutes. The amended minutes were sent to members of the BEC for review and approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Rosseau distributed copies of Form 28, the Monthly Cash Report. He reported that we paid off our debt, thanks to the successful Christmas Dinner Dance event. And, we have an ending cash balance of \$3846.56. The total expense from the Dinner Dance was \$5109.27 and the income from this event was \$7920.00, resulting in an overage of \$2810. This came about because of Steve

Michalak's herculean efforts in cutting cost and through tough negotiations with Food and Beverage management. Many kudos to Steve Michalak.

Little SIR Elmer Curtis-Speakers: Today's luncheon speakers will be our new members on "themselves". In February, general manager, Fred Dean-Turner will update us on facility assessments and current activities at LOP. LCdr. R. Nowatzke, USN(ret) will be our speaker in March. He was stationed on the USS Hornet when General Doolittle took off on his bombing missions and when the ship sank during WWII.

Membership: Phil Jones reported in January,2013 we had 100 members and in December, 2013, we had 101 members. We lost 13 members, but gain 14 new members last year. Two new members, Horst Benazulla and Robert Reeder, will be inducted at today's luncheon. They will be given an attractive plaque, which is something new and instituted by our new Big SIR. Today's luncheon guest is Daryl Chandler (Elmer Curtis). Coy Powell and Daryl Chandler will be inducted at our February luncheon meeting. (note: Daryl Chandler was actually inducted at today's luncheon).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

SIR Bulletin: Rich Hibbs was absent. No report.

LOP News: Phil Frank was complimented for his articles in the LOP News. He offers humor and interesting twist to his articles. Mr. Frank suggested a general invitation for the next LOP News to increase our membership. Discussion: One of our board member talked with someone who did not join SIR because he thought he had to be a certain age. This is not true since there is no age limit, but one needs to be retired. Craig Saunders commented we want to encourage younger men to join, since the major loss in membership is due to attrition.

Info Tech/ Website: Gary Resnick reported the new Branch 170 calendar and new membership roster are onsite. Big SIR Dick Green recommended the golf information from last year be deleted.

Food: Roger Pope reminded the BEC that LOP has a new Food and Beverage manager, Steve Lach. He is doing "everything" possible to bring more people into the Clubhouse for meals, events and functions, e.g. hosting wine tasting events with local wineries, Karaoke and Taco Tuesday night,etc.. This will eventually help correct the "financial performance" of the F&B services and hopefully provide us with a reasonable cost for luncheons. Today's menu is beef stroganoff, vegetables and salad for \$14. It will be a buffet, not a plated luncheon. There is also a vegetarian entree if one desires.

Golf: Rod Corvington stated he will announce the winners of the last tournament played at the Darkhorse GC in November. He was reminded that the awards for the winners have already been given out by co-chair, Chuck Mercer. Mr. Corvington stated there is a meeting scheduled this month to determine the schedule and locations for the 2014

tournaments. AG Craig Saunders announced the State Golf Committee met to clarify fees, dues and handicap recordings for State tournaments. In addition, each branch will be asked to participate and host one of these events (bowling will do the same). More information regarding this will be forthcoming.

Bocce Ball: Bob Chan stated there is nothing to report. The summer league does not start at LOP until May.

Travel: AG Craig Saunders reported that the Area Travel chairmain is resigning. Mr. Saunders will be the point of contact. Branch 170 still needs a travel chairman since Hal Wallace has resigned. (Note: It was announced after the BEC meeting and luncheon that Mel Pimentel has stepped forward to accept the travel position).

Health: Ed O'Reilly was absent. No report.

Clothing: Glenn Delisle had nothing new to report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Growth Coordinator: Big Sir Dick Green appointed Larry Shelley point of contact for this State requirement position. However, the regional director and 2 area governors prefer a committee, not an individual to fill this position, This committee will consist of the LS and 2 other BEC members. This team will work with teams from the other branches.

Christmas Dinner Dance Summary: Steve Michalak announced his retirement from this position. His biggest disappointment was in regard to cleaning up after the event. Those individuals who volunteered to do so never showed up. He and his wife cleaned up by themselves. Mr. Michalak reported that the band cost \$600 which was a good price. He received 2 negative comments about the food. The pork was too tough. The charge for beverages was \$1.50 per person. We paid only \$100 for tea and coffee. Mr. Michalak sent letters of appreciation to Steve Lach and LOP president, Jim Goetsch for their support and assistance.

Beale AFB Tour: Bob Chan reported he has contacted Dennis Kocher, Beale point of contact. The tour season will probably start in mid-March. He will inform us what dates will be available. Bob Chan has the sign up sheet from last year. At today's luncheon, he will send this list around to get a count of the people who are still interested in the tour and a separate sign up sheet for those who are not on the original list or for new members who would like to participate.

Branch Regulations; Big SIR Dick Green asked if there are any Branch regulations. Secretary Bob Chan will review minutes of the past 6 years. This may include:

1. Guest Speakers may be paid up to \$100 for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.
2. Membership chairman is an officer and thereby, is a voting member of BEC.
3. Assigning badge numbers have been eliminated
4. There is no July luncheons due to conflict with LOP 4 of July preparations.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Fun Day:** Fun Day is scheduled for September 20. Question: Do we still want to have it? Discussion: "Does it cost us money?" No, each member and spouse pay out of their pockets for golf, dinner, and drinks. There is no cost for bocce ball. Dick Green suggested having a picnic. The majority of the BEC voted to continue Fun Day this year. (Al Cash has agreed to chair Fun Day).

**Activity Calendar:** The Branch events and activities for the calendar year were approved.

**Audit Committee:** Peter Kenyon and Peter Voskes have accepted to be on AC.

**Nominating Committee:** Big SIR wanted new members. Those volunteered to serve: Phil Jones, Al Cash, Bob Chan, Lyndon Laird, and Gary Resnick. A motion was made and seconded to approve these individuals to serve on the nominating committee.

**2014 Senior Members:** In May, Al Jose and Dick Dement are scheduled to receive their Senior (age 90) certificates; Tom Haslett is scheduled to receive his award in August; In November, Lief Sundblom will receive his award.

**Christmas Dinner Dance Chair:** A volunteer is needed to replace Steve Michalak for this challenging position.

**Luncheon Singing:** The BEC members voted to continue luncheon singing. Verne Bagby will need help collecting the songbooks during the luncheon.

**Additional Goals:** There are no recommendations for new goals for 2014.

**New State Rule:** This is to support any women social group. Big SIR did not feel there is any advantage to discuss this topic at this time.

**Branch SIR plaques display:** Roger Pope has (1) a plaque showing all the past Big SIR names and dates served and (2) a plaque of the original Branch Charter. Steve Lach will find an appropriate place to display them in the clubhouse.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 11:30 am. Our next meeting will be on February 5 at 10:30 am, LOP clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Chan, Sect'y

