



**SIRS - LAKE OF THE PINES, BRANCH 170  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2014**

**Big SIR Dick Green called the BEC monthly meeting to order at 10:30 AM. A quorum was present. Attendees were: Dick Green, Elmer Curtis, Bob Chan, Lynden Laird, Dave Rosseau, Doug Wilson, Phil Jones, Al Cash, Steve Parks, Roger Pope, Larry Shelley, Rod Corvington, Charles Mercer, Phil Frank, Rich Hibbs, Gary Resnick, Glenn Delisle, Melvin Pimentel, and Peter Kenyon. Absentees were: Don Miller, Verne Bagby, Ed O'Reilly and Dale Zinck.**

**REPORTS**

**Big SIR Dick Green made his opening remarks and introduced today's guest, Peter Kenyon, who will present the Branch Audit Report later in the meeting. Big SIR reported 64 invitations for membership were given out to our members and 6 individuals were invited at the Newcomers Social on January 4th. We expect an increase in membership from this.**

**BEC meeting minutes: Secretary Bob Chan reported he received comments to his January minutes from Phil Frank, Lynden Laird, Larry Shelley and Dick Green. Corrections and additions to the minutes were made accordingly.**

**Treasurer's Report: Dave Rosseau presented the January 2014 financial report. There were disbursements of \$87 (item 201) and \$130 for State assessments (item 205) for the month. Contributions were received from 49 members, which was excellent news. The treasurer collected \$812 for the January luncheon. The cost, however, was \$840.64, resulting in a loss of \$28.64. The ending cash balance was \$4188.99.**

**Annual Audit Report: Peter Kenyon and Peter Voskes completed the audit for year 2013 on February 03. The Branch Cash Elements for end of the audit year were verified from the checking account statement and petty cash box. Mr. Kenyon announced all transactions were found to be in order. He commended treasurer, Dave Rosseau, for keeping accurate and precise records. The audit report and form 28 have been submitted to the area governor as required. (Please note also the minutes have recorded Branch activities for 2014, having been reviewed and approved by the BEC and that transfer of records from**

outgoing officers to incoming officers have been completed including banking/financial documents).

**Little SIR, Speakers:** Elmer Curtis announced today's luncheon speaker is LOP general manager, Fred Dean-Turner (or his representative). He will update us on current activities, future plans, and problems at LOP. In March, LCdr. R. Nowatzki, USN(ret) will speak on his experiences on the USS Hornet; In April, Chuck Stucker will share his experiences growing up on Alcatraz Island; In May, Richard Green will talk on tall ship (The "Eagle")cruise to Europe. LS requested names for possible speakers for the rest of the year.

**Membership:** Phil Jones reported we currently have 104 members, with a potential addition of 2 new members next month. Horst Bendzulla, Robert Reeder, Coy Powell and Richard Keith will received their certificate of membership at today's luncheon. We also have 3 luncheon guests today: David Taylor(Lynden Laird), Cliff Fowler (PeterKenyon) and Brian Moore (Peter Kenyon). (Note: a revised Form 27 dated 02/08/2014 was sent out to the BEC by Big SIR showing 105 members. 62 active members attended the luncheon.)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bulletin:** Rich Hibbs had nothing new to report.

**LOP News:** Phil Frank had nothing to report. However, any items for publication need to be in by the deadline today.

**Ch 7/Pines Times:** Gary Resnick stated only our meeting time and date are mentioned.

**Info Tech/Website:** Website is up and running. Mr. Resnick will include our membership list and the new year golf schedule online.

**Food:** Roger Pope stated that our luncheon menu will still be a "last minute" decision by the F&B manager, Steve Lach. Today's menu will be a Mexican buffet. Dave Rosseau commented there was a charge for 30 cups of coffee (\$1.86 per cup). Mr. Pope stated that should not be the case, since coffee was to be included in the \$14 luncheon cost. He will approach Mr. Lach on this.

**Golf:** Since Rod Corvington has been recovering from his knee surgery, he deferred the golf report to Co- Chair, Chuck Mercer. Mr. Mercer reported in the past the 4 Branches have met each year to decide the golf venues and schedules. However, recently, one of the branches dropped out. So, the 3 Branch golf chairs decided to merge with all the branches in SIR Area 33. Now, instead of playing one tournament a month, golfers have the opportunity to play twice a month and at more different golf venues and courses. Ken Hanson will be in charge of Area 33 golf and he and his committee will submit the tournament schedule and format . This change will start this month. First play will be at Morgan Creek on February 24. In addition, for those golfers who only want to play 9 holes, this is also possible now: Play is at the Black Oak GC. You need only to call the

**course and request to play with the SIR golf group. Cost is \$1 for prize money plus the regular green fee. Gary Resnick will have this information on our web site.**

**Travel: New Chair, Mel Pimentel, commented he will need time to learn his duties and responsibilities. He mentioned there will be a meeting with other travel chairmen at a travel agency in Roseville and he will plan to attend. A discussion followed regarding State SIR travel functions vs. Branch travel functions; Distance travel vs. local travel. Bob Chan suggested Mr Pimentel familiarize himself with forms 50 through 60 of the State SIR manual regarding travel. This will be helpful to him.**

**Health: Big SIR reported our member Hal Garrett recently had heart surgery. The good news is that he is recovering and doing well.**

**Clothing: Glenn Delisle reported he has transferred the ball caps to LS Elmer Curtis.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Growth Coordinator. Larry Shelley states he is happy with the increase in LOP SIR membership. The status of State job description for GC has not been finalized.**

**Beale AFB tour: Just as everything seem to be falling in place, Bob Chan received a frantic call from Dennis Kocher, our contact person for the tour, just as he was leaving for today's BEC meeting. Mr. Kocher was informed by the Public Affairs Office at Camp Beale that there will be a policy change regarding the base tours. Bob was advised to continue to sign people up for the tour on March 7, but not to accept any payment. Mr. Kocher said he will e-mail him when more information is available. More to follow.**

**Fun Day: Al Cash reported that our date for Fun Day, September 20, may not be available. It is in conflict with Frank Mascari's Welcome Newcomer's Social. Dick Green was told we were scheduled for that date. Mr. Cash is in negotiation with Donna Lowenthal. September 27 is available. However, there may not be any problem if dinner after golf on Fun Day can be served at the Sports Lounge, instead of the Club House. Roger Pope and Al Cash will discuss this option with the F&B manager.**

**Christmas Dinner Dance: John Brewer was not present to discuss the status of the dance committee.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee: There has not been a meeting to select a chairperson or to make any recommendations for nominations.**

**Proposed Rule Changes for SIR Manual due March: Big SIR proposed the following changes: (1) Rule 57, add "alternatively a branch may use an alphabetical filing system for its badges", rather than assigning badge number for its member; (2) rule 70: "change to, only in extreme cases may another member object to the acceptance of an applicant (for**

membership) and shall advise the membership chairman the reason for his objection. The subject application and any objection thereto shall be reviewed by the BEC as soon as possible and prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting." and (3) Rule 120, add "membership chairman" as a Branch officer. A motion was made and seconded to submit the above proposed rule changes through the Area Governor and Regional Director to the President for consideration. The motion carried.

**Proposed self-introductions of both current and new members:** At last month luncheon meeting, each new member gave a brief talk about themselves. It was received with much positive response by our members. Big SIR proposed we continue with this program, maybe by lottery. Discussion followed. One BEC member recommended that whoever's name is drawn for the free luncheon would be a speaker. Another suggestion was to send a list for volunteers to speak. Someone else commented there are individuals who do not like to speak in public, and may diminish the numbers attending our luncheon. No decision was made as to how we should proceed. Big SIR will table this discussion until our next luncheon.

**Proposal for a Military Bull Session Group:** There was a favorable response to this proposal. It will be strictly voluntary and will be opened to all who have served in one of the branches of the military. Big SIR Dick Green suggested the group meet on the second Monday of each month at the Club House bar from 4-6 p.m.. Complementary hors d'oeuvres are served at 3 p.m..This proposal will also be presented to the membership at today's luncheon.

Gamblers will continue to draw cards for selecting the order or sequence of tables for lunch.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the Club House.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Chan