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**LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116**

**Boundary Oak**

**WALNUT CREEK, CA**

**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 16, 2017**

**Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.**

**Secretary Fred Schafer confirmed a quorum was present. Executive Committee members in attendance were:**

**Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti**

**Little SIR Marty Katz**

**Secretary Fred Schafer**

**Assistant Secretary Dave Williams**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels**

**Assistant Treasurer Bob Shader, Al Satake**

**Membership Phil Goff**

**Directors**

**Peter Coggiola**

**John Story**

**Also attending were Committee Chairmen: Neil Schmidt, Sam Beret and Matt Arena. Jerry Hicks was a guest.**

**Agenda:**

**Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none.**

**Secretary’s Report: Secretary Fred Schafer asked if there were any changes or corrections to the September 18, 2017 BEC minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve was made by John Story and seconded by Phil Goff. The motion was approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels reported the Form 28 Branch cash balance for month ending September was $6,286.80. Jim will be making our quarterly payment to the state this month. He is also starting to write checks for the Christmas party. Our cash position will be just fine.**

**Jim will be presenting the proposed budget for 2018 at next month’s BEC meeting.**

**Attendance:**

**Sam Beret reported:**

**Current membership: 214**

**Luncheon guests/visitors: Rick Parker guest of Duane Spencer, Dan Del Bonta guest of Paul Ramacciotti and Ken Duley guest of Fred Schafer.**

**Excused members: 56**

**Inductees: 3**

**Estimated Unexcused members: 17**

**Estimated Luncheon attendees: 145**

**6 Unexcused Letters sent out for the September Lunch. 4 Paid.**

**We once again had a great deal of discussion about members that have missed large numbers of meetings this year. Little SIR Marty reported that other branches reported similar problems at the recent training meeting. He said that the problem is being addressed in ways that are determined by the various branches. For us, Dave Williams volunteered to call all members with 6 or more absences. He will discuss the individual situations. He will also inform each that “we are not an organization without everyone meeting attendance”.**

**Membership:**

**Phil Goff reported:**

1. **Our current Branch membership is 214.**
2. **3 new members will be inducted today – Henry Haugse sponsored by Lou Meylen, Curtis Trenor sponsored by Richard Madden and Steve Croshal sponsored by Phil Goff.**
3. **There are 30 inactive members.**
4. **Active member Ron Leschot died on 9/20/2017. Inactive member Dennis Perry died on 8/20/2017.**

**Big Sir Report:**

1. **Story teller today: Bob Testa**
2. **Chaplain: Matt Arena**
3. **Big SIR Paul suggested that Neil Schmidt should be rewarded for his many years of service to Branch 116 by being made an Honorary Life Member. The entire BEC was is strong agreement. John Story made a motion that we make Neil an Honorary Life Member and Phil Goff seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.**
4. **The membership will vote on the 2018 Officer Nominations at today’s meeting.**
5. **Jerry Hicks distributed a SIR Branch 116 Leadership Identification form to all BEC. Identifying potential future leaders now is all important for the future health of our Branch. All BEC members will give careful consideration to filling out the form to identify these people.**

**Little SIR Report:**

1. **Marty spoke about the SIR training session October 13, 2017. Very interesting. All branches are trying to do all that’s necessary, and fits their personality, to insure success of their branch. All are looking for growth. The portion of the SIR Mission Statement which emphasizes “Create New Friends” is certainly key. Marty and the BEC will discuss “Growth” at future meetings.**
2. **Today’s speaker is Fumble Fingers the Magnificent**
3. **Our November speaker is Jim Darby, retired CEO of Mizuno/Eaton.**

**Other Committee Reports:**

**Matt Arena stated that a big thanks goes out to Big SIR Paul for his preparation of the certificates presented to the families of our deceased members. He has, unfortunately, been very busy with these needs recently. Matt also mentioned the book written by member Bob Wolf “Honey I sold the Red Cadillac”. Bob’s wife is suffering from Dementia and although they did not own a red Cadillac, wanted Bob to sell theirs. Matt feels this book can help others that may be going through similar trying times.**

**Matt mentioned that he does not report about the medical condition of our members without that member’s permission.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18.**

**Fred Schafer, Secretary**

**Executive Committee**

**Area 16 Governor**

**Region 5 Director**

**All Support and Activity Chairmen**