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LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

Boundary Oak

 WALNUT CREEK, CA

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2017

Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti called the meeting to order at 9:32 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

          Al Hutchko

Harry Sherinian

Norm Alberts

Jim Barstow

Also attending were Committee Chairmen:  Matt Arena, Neal Schmidt, Jerry Christopherson and Ron Armijo.  Guest – Jerry Hicks.

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 August 21, 2017 BEC minutes as distributed.  There were none.  A motion to approve was made by Harry Sherinian and seconded by John Story.  The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Jim Nickels reported the Form 28 Branch cash balance for month ending August was $7, 690.22.

Attendance:

Jim Nachtweih reported for Sam Beret:

Current membership:  215                                        (This figure is based the our

                                                                                Luncheon name tag count.)

          Luncheon guests/visitors:  2 – Jim Emerson guest of Phil Goff and Tony Suh guest of John Maerzke.

Speakers:  1

Excused members:  64

Estimated Unexcused members:  4

          Estimated Luncheon attendees:  148

3 Unexcused Letters sent out for the August Lunch.  2 Paid.

Dave Williams will contact members who habitually miss Monday Meetings but participate in other activities such as fishing and golf.  He will remind them that as members of Branch 116 they have an obligation to attend at least 5 Mondaymeetings per year.

Kevin Donahue will become Attendance Chairman next year.

Membership:

Phil Goff reported:

1.     Our current Branch membership is 212.

2.      We had an on-line application for membership filled out by Jim Emerson.  He will attend today as a guest.

3.     There are 31 inactive members

4.     3 members have resigned – Dudley Hattaway, Brent Chaney and Lee Dulac.  All resigned due to health issues.

5.     Phil reported that Boundary Oak ran out of beef meals for the August meeting.  They may have been providing 50/50% beef and fish meals for each meeting.  When we moved to Boundary Oak, they said they knew what normal meal ratios were typical.  We need to insure they use their knowledge in the future to be sure this does not happen again. Paul and Marty will speak to Charlene about this. Neal will flash the menu for the next month on the screen before the meetings in the future.  Paul will ask for a show of hands on meal choices for the coming meetings.

Big Sir Report:

A.     Story teller today:  Fred Schafer

B.    Chaplain:  Doug Alders

C.    Annual SIR Corporate Meeting August 8, 2017:  Big SIR Paul and Little SIR Marty attended said meeting and found it to be very interesting.  One item was Ed Benson was a write in candidate for Vice President and was elected to the position.

D.    Paul will attempt to make two Senior SIR Awards at the meeting today.

E.    The Carson City golf outing went well.  We thank Tim Hubbard for his usual fine job.  Unfortunately, Tim has decided it is time to bow out as chairman.  Paul Ramacciotti has agreed to become the Chairman for the future.  Paul has decided that it is time for a change of venue.  Next year’s event will be moved to Reno.  He has already contacted several hotel/casino’s.  He feels that this change will encourage more wives to attend in the future.  Paul is looking for input from other members.

F.    2017/2018 State Training will be held October 13th at Roosmoor and October 18th at Charmichael.

G.   Paul asked Phil Goff to speak about his idea to establish a Speaker Committee.  Phil feels that one of the biggest drawbacks when trying to get candidates for Little SIR is their having to get monthly meeting speakers.  Phil put together a Charter for the committee.  Upcoming Little SIR Jerry Hicks has also reviewed the Charter and suggested changes, which have been made.  A motion was made by Norm Alberts and seconded by John Story to establish a Standing Speakers Committee with the Little SIR as chairman.  The motion was approved.  Jerry Hicks will select a committee.  All of the BEC is in agreement that having good monthly speakers is key to the growth of Branch 116 in the future.

Little SIR Report:

Little SIR Marty Katz reported that today’s Luncheon speaker is Branch 116 member Mark Jordan.  He will speak about the August, 2017 Eclipse as well as historical significances of these events.

Next month’s speaker is Fumble Fingers the Magician.

Other Committee Reports:

A.     Jerry Christopherson reported that this year’s Christmas Party will held on Wednesday, December 13th at Boundary Oak.

B.    Matt Arena reported that Pete Streich has passed away.  Pete has not been a member for several years.  Matt will follow up with Pete’s wife to give our condolences.  Matt does a great job keeping in contact with spouses and children of our members that have passed away. We Thank Him For This.  Jerry Hicks asked if we keep a list of past members.  Phil Goff said he has a data base back to 2001.  In the past, Phil has had a data folder for all inactive members along with their photo.  Matt feels that it is valua folder for all past members, resigned or passed away with all this information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Fred Schafer, Secretary

Executive Committee

Area 2 Governor

Region 6 Director

All Support and Activity Chairmen