LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2023

Big Sir Roger Craig called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Asst. Secretary Greg Hughes confirmed a quorum was present.

The following members in attendance were:

**Executive Committee:**

Big SIR – Roger Craig

Little SIR – Alan Pope

Assistant Treasurer – Al Stake

Assistant Secretary – Greg Hughes

Membership - Phil Goff

**Directors:**

Don Benioff

Dave Williams

Darrell McClaughry

Kevin Donahue

Fred Wachowicz

Gary Bonfiglio

**Committee Chairmen:** Neil Schmidt, Harry Sherinian, Mike Ward, and Paul Russell.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Assistant Secretary Hughes omitted ratifying the Minutes for the June 19 meeting. The oversight will be addressed at the August BEC meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Assistant Treasurer Al Satake reported:**

* Nothing to report.

**Luncheon Report:**

**Mike Schneider reported**:

* The head count for today’s lunch is 106 members.

**Membership:**

**Phil Goff reported:**

* Current membership stands at 188 and the average age is 81
* Bob Colvin joined the branch today. Alan Polanger is already a member, and he will be introduced to the membership at today’s lunch.

**Standing Reports**

**Recruitment:**

* **T**here was no Recruitment report for July.

**Dave Williams reported:**

* Orientations held for Bob Colvin and Alan Polanger.

**Activities:**

**Mike Ward reported:**

* Mike stated that of the 28 activities currently listed, 23 are operating in the month of July. Six of the activities can be piggy-backed with other branches. Three activities, Community Services, Sunshine, and Travel, are in need of a chairperson.

**Member Relations:**

**Michael Barrington reported:**

* Nothing to report.

**Publicity:**

**Paul Russell reported:**

* Paul is currently trying to get in touch with the Clayton Pioneer, the Concord Transcript and a paper in pleasant hill. He also put some social media articles in Patch.com and Next door. Robin Lemmo is trying to get articles into the Danville / Alamo papers.

**Little SIR Report**

**Alan Pope reported:**

* **Guest Speaker:** The speaker will be Jamil Hassan who is author of a book titled “Promises Betrayed – An Afghan Interpreter at The Fall of Kabul”. The forward for his book was written by US General David Petraeus.
* **Birthdays:** This month the Branch is recognizing the July birthdays.
* **SIR Anniversary:** The SIRs were founded in 1958 and the organization is celebrating its 65th year.

**Miscellaneous Updates and New Business**

**Roger Craig reported:**

* **Lunch vs Breakfast:** Should the Branch consider revising the meal from a Lunch format to a Breakfast\Brunch approach? Changing the meal type would entail renegotiating our contact with Boundary. To do a breakfast the branch would need to move up the start time for the meeting. On the basis of these observation the idea was tabled
* **No shows & No Dues:** Roger read a letter he drafted to send to members who are no shows and no dues (see attached). The branch has identified nine (9) members who could receive the subject letter. The draft should be modified into two formats, i.e., one for members who have not paid their annual dues, and a second for members who have not been attending our lunches. The subject list will be culled in case there are legitimate excuses. Roger will prepare and mail the letters in his earliest opportunity.
* **Activity Chairmen:** Harry Sherinian recommends the Activity Chairmen should monitor the members who are participating in an activity, but not paying the branch dues, i.e. no dues; no play.
* **Minimum Lunches Requirement:** Kevin Donahue recommends re-instituting a minimum annual lunch requirement. Specifically, members must participate in three (3) branch lunches in every calendar year. The proposal was seconded by Phil Goff and the motion was unanimously passed.
* **Recruiting:** Roger is trying to set up a booth at the Danville Farmers Market in August.
* **Hacked Website**: Roger reported that the SIR State Website had been hacked, and the perpetrators had sent bogus emails under his name. If someone receives a questionable email they should contact Roger.
* **SIR Area Representative:** Jay Gordon, the Area Representative for our branch is resigning. If any members are interested in volunteering for this position you should advise Roger.
* **Holiday Party:** Volunteers are still needed for the Holiday Party Committee.
* **Nominating Committee:** Fred Wachowicz reports the Nominating Committee has contacted proposed candidates for the open 2024 positions. The Committee has contacted the primary candidates, and where applicable, the proposed Assistants. It hopes to have responses from everyone during the next 2 weeks. The BEC will review and approve the proposed candidates at the August BEC Meeting.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. The next meeting will be

Monday, August 21, 2023.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Greg Hughes, Assistant Secretary**