

LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2023

Big Sir Roger Craig called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

Secretary Paul Ramacciotti confirmed a quorum was present.

The following members in attendance were:

**Executive Committee**:

Big SIR – Roger Craig

Little SIR – Alan Pope

Treasurer – Jeff Johnson

Assistant Treasurer – Charlie Guthrie

Assistant Treasurer – Al Satake

Secretary - Paul Ramacciotti

**Directors:**

Gary Bonfiglio

Dave Williams

Darrell McClaughry

**Committee Chairmen**: Neil Schmidt, Harry Sherinian, Don Schroeder, Mike Schneider, Mike Ward, Paul Russell, Michael Barrington and Ron Armijo.

**Area Representative:** Jay Gordon

**Secretary’s Report:**

Big Sir Roger Craig asked if there were any changes or corrections to the September 18, 2023 Minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Al Satake. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Jeff Johnson Reported:**

* Branch 116 cash balance as of 10-15-23 is $5,105.00: Opening balance of $10,535.00 less $3,780.00 (Xmas party advance) and $1,650.00 (TF from Golf account),
* Reserve: The beginning balance in 2023 was $10,996.00. The balance at the end of September is $9,883.00.
* September Unexcused Lunches: Six no-shows were invoiced, three paid, one cancelled and two were ignored.

**Charlie Guthrie reported:**

* **2024 Budget:** A copy of the proposed 2024 Branch 116 Budget was made available to each BEC Officer/Director by 2024 Treasurer-Elect Charlie Guthrie. The biggest contributor to the 2024 Budget is the state assessment which will increase in 2024 from $8.00 to $10.00 per member, based on the headcount as of September 2023. This number will remain constant throughout the year. There are three components which make up revenue: dues, 50/50 raffle and unexcused absences. The proposed budget reduces annual dues from $25.00 per member in 2023 to $15.00 per member in 2024. The proposed 2024 budget also raises lunch costs to $37.00 per attendee. The $37.00 amount will remain the same whether paid by cash, check or credit card. The Recruiting Budget is shown as a separate line item in 2024 ($1,000.00).
* **Motion:** After much discussion concerning the proposed 2024 Budget, Dave Williams made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented, seconded by Al Satake. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Luncheon Report:**

**Mike Schneider reported:**

* 113 attendees submitted for the October luncheon.

**Membership:**

**Roger Craig reported for Phil Goff:**

* Current active membership stands at 188.
* One member passed away (Dave Carlson) and one member transferred to a different branch.

**Standing Reports**

**Recruitment:**

**Don Schroder reported:**

* No new members this month but there will be one guest attending lunch.

**Activities:**

**Mike Ward reported:**

* Mike stated that of the 25 activities listed, 13 are operating in October. Six of the activities can be piggy-backed with other branches (Apple User ID, astronomy, bowling, photography, pocket pool and tennis). Two activities are still in need of a chairperson: Parties and Sunshine.
* Mike has arranged for five activity chairpersons to present their activities to the luncheon attendees this month.

**Member Relations:**

**Michael Barrington reported:**

* Michael stated that each new member fills out a form showing what activities he is interested in. Only the activities selected are than relayed to that particular activity chair for follow up.

**Publicity:**

**Paul Russell reported:**

* Paul put an article in Next Door and Patch. Paul is also trying to get information into the Diablo Gazette.

**Little SIR Report**

**Alan Pope reported:**

* Guest Speaker**:** Today’s speaker will be John Geoghegan. His presentation will center on the true but little-known U. S. Navy program to build a fleet of giant Zeppelins based in the Bay Area, designed to prevent a surprise attack by Japan in the days before radar during WWII.
* October Birthday Boys: 19 members will be honored today. Dan Renke will be awarded the 90 Year Presential Award.

**Miscellaneous Updates and New Business**

* **Home Visit:** Rob Lemmo is exploring the possibility of making home visits to Branch members who are ill.
* **Farmers Market:** Roger spearheaded a recruitment day at the Walnut Creek Farmers Market last Saturday morning. The day proved to be both interesting and worthwhile.
* **Holiday Party:** Party flyers will be placed at each seating at today’s luncheon.
* **October Luncheon Honors Past Big Sirs:** Past Big Sirs who attend today’s luncheon will get their lunch for free.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM. The next meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2023.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary**