

LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2024

Big Sir Alan Pope called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Secretary Paul Ramacciotti confirmed a quorum was present.

The following members in attendance were:

**Executive Committee**:

Big SIR – Alan Pope

Little SIR – Paul Russell

Treasurer – Charlie Guthrie

Asst. Treasurer - Al Satake

Secretary - Paul Ramacciotti

Asst. Secretary – Dan Lawrence

Alan Fitzgerald - Membership

**Directors:**

Gary Bonfiglio

Dave Williams

Roger Craig

Don Benioff

Sam Beret

**Committee Chairmen**: Neil Schmidt, Harry Sherinian, Don Schroeder, Dennis Snarr, Mike Ward, Rob Lemmo, Phill Goff, Paul Freitas, Fred Wachowicz, Ron Armijo and Greg Hughes.

**Secretary’s Report:**

* Secretary Ramacciotti asked if there were any changes or corrections to the June 17, 2024 Minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Al Satake, seconded by Don Benioff. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Big SIR Report:**

**Alan Pope reported: State Big SIR proposed changes:**

* State SIR zoom call. Branch attendees: Dave Williams, Alan Fitzgerald, Gary Bonfiglio, Harry Sherinian, Mike Ward, Neil Schmidt, Roger Craig, Robin Lemmo and Jeff Johnson.
* Purpose: In an effort to make SIR more attractive to today’s individuals, the State SIR is reviewing all aspects of the current organizational layout, including Name, Logo, Leadership, Chapter Names, Recruitment, Position Titles, etc., to see if positive changes can be made to facilitate this goal. Discussion centered on some of the State SIR recommendations. Alan asked for feedback.
* Alan will send an e-mail to the State Big SIR recommending the current Name and Logo remain the same.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Charlie Guthrie reported:**

* Branch 116 cash balance as of 7-01-2024 is $12,858.78. Reserve balance is $12,321.07.
* July Unexcused Lunch Absences: There were 11 unexcused absences, six paid, two by credit card. Four were invoiced and paid.
* Bank Account Consolidation: Currently the core account is at Wells Fargo and the golf account is at Bank of America. B of A has changed the minimum balance requirements, so the golf account will start accruing a monthly fee. Both accounts will be consolidated at one of the two banks.

**Luncheon Report:**

**Dennis Snarr reported:**

* 103 attendees were submitted for the July luncheon.

**Sunshine/Remembrance:**

**Alan Pope reported:**

* Nothing to report.

**Membership:**

**Alan Fitzgerald reported:**

* Current active membership stands at 191.
* Three new members will be introduced this month: Charles Collins (Sponsor: Don Schroeder), Stan Slivinski (Sponsor: Mike Corker) and Michael Dimaggio (Sponsor: Rich Gerchow).

**RAMP Department Head Reports:**

**Recruitment:**

**Don Schroder reported:**

* Don will be sponsoring one new member today (Charles Collins).

**Activities:**

**Mike Ward reported:**

* Mike stated that of the 22 activities listed, 17 are operating in June. There were 20 total activity days in July. Six additional activities can be piggy-backed with other branches (Apple User ID, Astronomy, Bowling, Cycling, Digital Photography and Mens Hearts card game). Three activities are in need of a chairperson: Travel, Poker and Sunshine. Six activity leaders will speak at today’s luncheon.
* Mike will contact Branches 8 and 146 about the possibility of sharing the Travel activity.
* Mike sent an e-mail out to members in an attempt to recruit activity leaders but has yet to get a response. No one wants to volunteer.

**Member Relations:**

**Sam Beret reported:**

* Service: Branches 116, 8 and 146 have had numerous meetings with the Boundary Oak management concerning the service and quality of the luncheons. Boundary Oak management is amenable to working at improving both areas.
* Comment sheets will be placed at each table commencing with today’s luncheon.

**Publicity:**

**Robin Lemmo reported:**

* Robin acquired lists of companies in hopes of obtaining retiree information for recruiting future members.

**Little SIR Report**

**Paul Russell reported:**

* Guest Speaker**:** The July guest speaker will be Branch 116’s Michael Barrington who will speak on the French Resistance during WWII, from 1941-1945, and his book “No Room for Heroes”.
* 16 birthdays are being celebrated in July.

**Miscellaneous Updates and New Business**

**Nominating Committee:**

**Roger Craig reported:**

* Numerous people have been contacted about the Little SIR position. So far, no volunteers.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM. The next meeting will be Monday, August 19, 2024.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary**