

LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 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

Secretary - Paul Ramacciotti

Alan Fitzgerald - Membership

**Directors:**

Gary Bonfiglio

Jeff Johnson

Roger Craig

Don Benioff

Sam Beret

**Committee Chairmen**: Neil Schmidt, Harry Sherinian, Don Schroeder, Dennis Snarr, Mike Ward, Rob Lemmo, Jim Tamulski and Bob Colvin.

**Secretary’s Report:**

* Secretary Ramacciotti asked if there were any changes or corrections to the April 15, 2024 Minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Don Benioff. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Charlie Guthrie reported:**

* Branch 116 cash balance as of 6-01-2024 is $12,807.87. Reserve balance is $11,155.11.
* 2024 Dues: 173 of our 190 members have paid 2024 dues as of 6/16/2024. Alan Pope sent a letter to the unpaid 16 requesting their intent to remain either active (dues paid), inactive (remains a non participatory member because dues are unpaid) or no longer wishes to be a member.
* June Unexcused Lunch Absences: There were 13 unexcused absences, nine paid, two by credit card. Seven 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:**

* 110 attendees were submitted for the June luncheon.
* Dennis is trying to recruit an Assistant Attendance Secretary to help fill the void when he is unable to attend monthly luncheons.

**Sunshine/Remembrance:**

**Alan Pope reported:**

* Long time member Ben Smith passed away recently and will be remembered during the invocation.

**Membership:**

**Alan Fitzgerald reported:**

* Current active membership stands at 190.
* Four new members will be introduced this month: Willie Brown (Sponsor: Jeff Johnson), Robert Haber (Sponsor: Don Schroeder), Michael Dimaggio (Sponsor: Rich Gerchow) and William McCann (Sponsor: Don Schroeder).

**Alan Pope reported:**

* Motion to clarify how “free lunches” are handled, as stated: “If a sponsor brings a guest to lunch, the sponsor is responsible for paying for the guest’s lunch, and if the guest subsequently becomes a member, the sponsor will be issued a free lunch ticket. If the guest does not become a member, the sponsor will not be given a free lunch ticket. Exceptions to this rule can be granted if approved by the Big SIR.” The motion was made by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Sam Beret. The motion was unanimously passed.

**RAMP Department Head Reports:**

**Recruitment:**

**Don Schroder reported:**

* One guest will be attending today’s luncheon. Don is also sponsoring two new members.

**Activities:**

**Mike Ward reported:**

* Mike stated that of the 23 activities listed, 21 are operating in June. 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. There were 17 total activity days in June. Chess is a new activity in conjunction with Branches 8 and 146.
* Annual Participation Survey: No response to date on the 11 new activities that were highlighted in the Annual Participation Survey.
* Travel Certificates: There are four left to be used.

**Member Relations:**

**Sam Beret reported:**

* Food Quality Issues: Three branches, 116, 108 and 146, have held several meetings

with Boundary Oak management. Several changes will be made, e.g., salads and desserts will already be on the table when attendees sit down to eat and, in coming months, comment cards will be placed on the tables. The idea of a “buffet” style arrangement is being explored for a future lunch.

**Jeff Johnson reported:**

* Venue Options: Other venue options are being explored. Once suitable venues are identified, then the next step will be to examine criteria and obtain quotes.

**Publicity:**

**Robin Lemmo reported:**

* Most of the advertising for the past month was primarily word-of-mouth. Ther was no newsletter or newspaper advertising.

**Alan Pope reported:**

* Athena Quinones, affiliated with Byron Park’s Spring Fling event, is publishing two Senior Guides, the Eastbay Senior Resource Guide and the Senior Business Resource Guide, and she will give SIR Branch 116 a page in each of those guides. Distribution will be in the local area.

**Little SIR Report**

**Paul Russell reported:**

* Guest Speaker**:** Today’s speakers will be FBI agents Lester Kwok and Michael Roidan who will present and overview of the current operations and mission of the FBI with a focus on internet Scams/Elder fraud.
* 25 birthdays in May and 19 in June.

**Miscellaneous Updates and New Business**

**Nominating Committee:**

**Roger Craig reported:**

* All nomination positions are filled except one. Numerous applicants are being interviewed.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM. The next meeting will be Monday, July 15, 2024.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary**