

LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 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

Phil Goff - Membership

**Directors:**

Gary Bonfiglio

Roger Craig

Don Benioff

Jeff Johnson

**Committee Chairmen**: Neil Schmidt, Harry Sherinian, Dennis Snarr, Mike Ward, Rob Lemmo, Jim Tamulski, Fred Wachowicz, Brad Stribling, Bob Colvin, Bill Foulds, Dave Havlik, Tom Eller and Ron Armijo.

**Secretary’s Report**

**Paul Ramacciotti reported:**

* Secretary Ramacciotti asked if there were any changes or corrections to the August 19, 2024 Minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Gary Bonfiglio. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Charlie Guthrie reported:**

* Branch 116 cash balance as of 9-01-2024 is $10,022.39. Reserve balance is $12,383.06.
* September Unexcused Lunch Absences: There were 16 unexcused absences, eight paid, four by credit card. Four were invoiced and paid. 102 meals were paid for even though only 99 were served due to members not cancelling in time to adjust the lunch count given to Boundary.
* Bank Account Consolidation: On September 13, 2024, a new core checking account was opened at Bank of America. In addition to the core account, the golf account must meet the minimum balance requirements on its own.

**Luncheon Report**

**Dennis Snarr reported:**

* 110 attendees were submitted for the September luncheon.

**Big SIR Report**

**Alan Pope reported:**

* Branch meeting: Branches 8, 116 and 146 held a joint meeting to discuss strategy concerning luncheon negotiations with Boundary Oak. The idea of Branch leaders having quarterly meetings to talk about Branch activities, and the possibility of combining activities, was also discussed.
* Annual SIR meeting: The meeting will be held on September 24th at the Veterans Hall in Lafayette.
* Past Big SIRs Free Lunch: This annual event will take place at the October luncheon.

**Membership**

**Phil Goff reported:**

* Current active membership stands at 191.

**RAMP Department Head Reports**

**Recruitment:**

* Nothing to report.

**Activities**

**Mike Ward reported:**

* Mike stated that of the 26 activities listed, 22 are operating in September. There were 27 total activity days in September in addition to the golf clinic. Six additional activities can be piggy-backed with other branches (Apple User ID, Astronomy, Bowling, Cycling, Digital Photography and Mens Hearts card game). Four activities are in need of a chairperson: Travel, Poker and Sunshine and Computer Tech. Mike has been working with Branch 146 in efforts to increase interest in travel. The hope is to include multiple branches.
* Five activity leaders will give activity presentations at today’s luncheon.

**Member Relations**

* Nothing to report.

**Publicity**

**Robin Lemmo reported:**

* After a lengthy discussion on Recruitment and Member Retention was initiated by Publicity Chair Ron Lemmo, resulting in numerous suggestions, a five-person committee (Bob Covin, Don Schroeder, Al Satake, Brad Stribling and Jeff Johnson) was formed to come up with a plan to both facilitate recruitment and member retention.
* Alan Pope suggested that information cards be made up and handed out.

**Little SIR Report**

**Paul Russell reported:**

* Guest Speaker**:** The September speaker will be Ed Holloway who is a docent at the Blackhawk Museum. Ed has been a docent at Blackhawk since the museum opened in 1988.
* 12 birthdays are being celebrated in September.

**Miscellaneous Updates and New Business**

**Paul Russell reported:**

* Holiday Party: An organizational meeting will be held this afternoon. Holiday Party Committee members are Paul Russell, Ron Armijo, Alan Pope and Rob Lemmo. Donations for raffle prizes are welcome.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM. The next meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2024.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary**