



SIR BIDWELL BRANCH 110
SIR Region 1 – Area 1
Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Manzanita Place, Chico, CA 95926

MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2025 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Don Sturt at 9:35 AM.

Officers and Directors Present: Officers: Don Sturt, Bob Dinger, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Jose Lopez, Rocky Rockwell, Ken Edson. Directors: Mike Nicholas, Joe Navarro, Randy Benson, Bill Colvin, Mike Gross, Dave Jones.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the December 16, 2024 balance was \$7677.84, and the January 27 balance is \$3711.35.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Don Sturt saved his report until the New Business discussions.

Little Sir Report: Little Sir Ralph Skytte did not attend the BEC meeting, so there was no report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Dave Jones reported that at the December 16, 2024 luncheon, 80 members attended. Current membership level is 133, so 59% of members attended the luncheon.
- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there is one new membership application this month by Robert Minton. A motion to approve his membership was moved, seconded, and passed.
- *Program Committee:* Don Alger reported that the program proposed for April 2025 is a presentation by Eric Miller about Butte County's Neal Road landfill. For May 2025 a presentation is proposed about CSU's concrete industry program. A motion to approve these programs was made, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has the roster ready for Wilson Printers and will be submitting it in early February 2025.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the February 2025 issue is February 6, 2025.
- *Nominations*: Don Alger reported that the work of the committee is finished for 2025 and work will soon start for 2026 nominations.
- *Webmaster*: Ron Braziel reported on the updates to the Branch website.

Activity Committee Reports: The following committees were reported on. If a committee is not listed, either the chairman (or other representative) was not present, or there was no information to report.

ABV 110: Don Alger reported that tentatively a wine tasting is planned on February 27 at the Feather Falls brewery in Oroville. Plans for tastings in the coming months at the Raging Bull winery near Orland and Rolling Hills Casino are under discussion.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were three bridge sessions in the past month, but no SIR 110 members were winners.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that 39 golfers played in a tournament on January 6 and 48 golfers on a tournament on January 13, both held at Bidwell Park golf course. The next tournament will be held at Bidwell Park golf course on February 3.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that the hike planned at Paradise Lake on December 11, which was postponed because of rain, took place on January 14, 2025 in good weather. A hike is planned for February 18 on the abandoned Western Pacific railroad roadbed near Oroville. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed

History Group: Jim Braziel reported that copies of the two recent books produced by the History Group (*The Brewer and the Blacksmith*, by Ray Wilson, and *Post Offices of Chico, 1851-2024*, by Don Alger and Ray Rolls) are available for purchase at today's luncheon for \$10.00 each. Profits from the sale of these books will be used to produce additional copies for distribution to schools in Chico. The new book project about the history of Chico flumes and flour mills is continuing.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that a game was held on January 22, and the next game is scheduled for February 26 at Butte Creek Country Club.

New Business:

Grouper Program: Big Sir Don Sturt presented the details of a program proposed for SIR participation that is designed to encourage members to participate in physical activity and social activities. The program, known as the Grouper Program, pays up to \$130 per year to members who participate. After discussion, it was decided that an email describing the program in detail will be sent out to all SIR members, in addition to including an article in *The Rooster's Tale*.

Fall BBQ: Big Sir Don Sturt led a discussion of the possible methods by which the food at the Fall BBQ (which is held outside at a park) could be prepared under SIR state rules. Copies of pages 25 to 28 of the state SIR policy manual, which describe provision of food at SIR functions, were circulated. Craig Lindquist agreed to speak with the Elks Club about possible ways for them to support food preparation for the BBQ.

Potential Merger of SIR 110 and SIR 84 branches: The potential benefits and problems of a merger of the two Chico branches were discussed. Dave Jones has been directed to form a committee that will discuss a possible merger with SIR 84.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

Copies sent to: Branch 110 Officers, Directors and interested members via email

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