



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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2024 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:33 AM.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 23, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the September 23, 2024 balance was \$5,316.55, and the October 28, 2024 balance is \$5061.95

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones delayed his report until discussions in Old Business (below).

Little Sir Report: Little Sir Don Sturt reported that he has been appointed to a SIR State advisory committee that will address the various issues that have arisen in this past year about the future of SIR. The committee will meet monthly by Zoom. Don Sturt will provide a list of the issues to be addressed by the committee in 2025.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the September 23, 2024 luncheon, 72 members attended and 71 lunches were served. Current membership level is 135, so 53% of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are no new applicants for membership this month. He emphasized that he will not be able to continue as Membership chairman in 2025 and a new chairman needs to be appointed.

- *Program Committee:* Chairman Randy Benson reported that the November program will be a veterans recognition program. Sean Farley of Durham, a third-generation veteran, will be the speaker. In December, the choral group Sounds of the Valley will perform. As approved last month, the program for January 2025 will be a presentation by Captain Andy Poyner of the California Highway Patrol. Possible programs for February 2025 and March 2025 are tentative.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster*: Rocky Rockwell reported that letters and emails will soon be sent out to members asking for updates to info that will appear in the 2025 roster. Anyone who wants to submit a more recent photo will also be accepted.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the November 2024 issue is October 31.

- *Nominations*: Don Alger reported that the position of Little Sir in 2025 continues to go unfilled.

- *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 on November 1, a wine tasting will be held at La Rocca Tasting Road in downtown Chico at 2:15 PM. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this event.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that bowling continues each Tuesday night at 6 PM typically with 6 participants.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were three bridge sessions in the past month. Bob Dinger was winner at two of the sessions.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that 43 golfers played in a tournament on October 16 at Baileys Creek golf course. On October 23, 39 golfers played in a tournament at Bidwell golf course. A schedule for golf tournaments next year has been generated and appears as Appendix A to these minutes. A motion to approve this schedule was made, seconded, and approved.

Hiking: Randy Benson reported that a five-mile hike is planned on November 15 on the Sacramento River Trail. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed.

History Group: Don Alger reported that work continues on books about the 150-year history of grocery stores in Chico, and on biographical sketches of prominent 20th century people in Chico. A new publication about the history of the Chico Brewery entitled "The Brewer and the Blacksmith" by Ray Wilson is available on the SIR branch website. The History Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM at Don Alger's residence.

Pickleball: Randy Benson reported that pickleball playing will resume on October 31.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the game for the month of November will be played

on 20 November, and the game for the month of December will be played on December 18 at the Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: The fishing group went to Lake Almanor on October 7-9, but the fishing was “not real great.” No fishing trips are planned for November or December. The search is still on for a leader to replace Bob Weckerly, who is stepping down.

Unfinished Business:

Recruiting for Filling Positions: Big Sir Dave Jones discussed the need to find help for Don Levensaler, Bruce Heidemeyer, and Bob Weckerly.

Lunch Attendance in September: Big Sir Dave Jones stated that the number of lunches ordered and served at the September meeting matched the number of members who indicated they would attend. However, the match was a bit of a fluke since the number of members who said they would attend but did not was the same as the number of members who attended but had not indicated they would.

Planning for the 2024 Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be held on December 2 at 5:30 PM. The cost will be \$25, the menu will include turkey and roast beef, and there will be a raffle as in past years. Jim Braziel proposed that he bring his karaoke equipment to the party for entertainment and there was general agreement that he should.

New Business:

Book Exchange: Rich Utter proposed a book exchange program for the Branch. Members would bring four or five books they no longer need to the luncheon meetings and place them on a table. Any member who saw a book that interested them could take one or several of these books home to read. After discussion, it was decided to start the book exchange at the next luncheon in November.

Dinner and Stage Play Gathering Proposal: Jim Braziel proposed that there may be interest in an activity in which interested members and their wives go out to dinner and then attend a play at one of the area stage performances. No specific action was taken on the proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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

Posted on SIR 110 Website at www.branch110.sirinc2.org

ATTACHMENT A

Tentative SIR 2025 Golf Schedule

Note: Bidwell drains best of all courses around so we schedule tournaments here early in year

1/3 Bidwell 8am
1/10 Bidwell 8 am

2/3 Bidwell 8 am
2/10 Bidwell 8am

3/10 Rolling Hills 9am \$45
3/31 Canyon Oaks 8am \$60

4/7 Table Mtn. 8am \$40
4/23 (Wed) Wilcox Oaks....\$60

5/5 Plumas Lake 8:30am \$48
5/19 Bailey Creek 10am\$59.75

6/9 Table Mtn. 8am \$40
6/30 Rolling Hills 8am \$40

7/7 Bidwell 8am
7/21 Plumas Lake 8:30am \$48

8/4 Bidwell 8am
Open.....

9/8 Table Mtn8am \$40
Open.....

10/6 Rolling Hills 8am \$40
10/13 Bailey Creek 10am \$59.75

11/3 Bidwell 8am
11/10 Bidwell 8am

12/1 Bidwell 8am
12/8 Bidwell 8am