



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

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 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, Charles Staser, Jose Lopez, Rocky Rockwell. Directors: Ken Edson, Mike Nicholas, Ron Braziel, Joe Navarro, Randy Benson, Bill Colvin.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 28, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the October 28, 2024 balance was \$5061.95, and the November 18, 2024 balance is \$5131.95.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Dave Jones reported that Sam Smith will work with and assist Don Levensaler, in anticipation of replacing Don Levensaler in 2025.

**Little Sir Report:** Little Sir Don Sturt reported that the State advisory committee meeting in December will discuss the possible change of titles of Big Sir and Little Sir to president and vice-president and asked BEC members for opinions about such a change. After discussion, a recommendation of no change in titles was agreed to.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the October 28, 2024 luncheon, 77 members attended and 74 lunches were served. Current membership level is 135, so 57% of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are no new applicants for membership this month.

- *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. In February 2025 there will be a presentation by Cal Fire.

- *Publicity:* Bill Colvin reported that a photo of Don Alger appeared in the Chico Enterprise-Record.

• *Recruitment*: Bill Colvin emphasized the importance of one-on-one invitations and personal contact for recruitment of new members.

**BEC Committees:**

• *Data Base/Roster*: Rocky Rockwell reported that the letters and emails to members asking for updates to info that will appear in the 2025 roster will be sent out in the next week.

• *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the December 2024 issue is November 28.

• *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 the wine tastings will take December and January off and will resume in February 2025.

**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 48 golfers played in a tournament on November 4 at Table Mountain golf course. The next tournament will be played on November 25.

**Hiking:** Randy Benson reported that a five-mile hike took place as planned on November 15 on the Sacramento River Trail with 6 hikers. A hike is planned at Paradise Lake on December 11. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed.

**History Group:** Don Alger reported that copies of the books published to date by the History Group have been distributed to libraries and historical groups in Chico and Oroville. Copies of these books and other documents generated by the Group also appear on the SIR 110 website. Work continues on books about the 150-year history of grocery stores in Chico, and on biographical sketches of prominent 20<sup>th</sup> century people in Chico.

**Pickleball:** Randy Benson reported that pickleball is being played on Thursdays at noon.

**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:** Bill Colvin reported that Dana Davis will take over as the coordinator of Piscatology, replacing Bob Weckerly. No fishing trips are planned for December, but the group will have a get-together on December 12 that will feature a gift exchange.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Lunch Attendance in October:** Big Sir Dave Jones stated that the number of lunches ordered and served at the October 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. Today's luncheon meeting will be the last meeting at which tickets will be sold, buy members who decide later than today that want to attend can call Craig Lindquist to reserve a ticket.

**Book Exchange:** At the October BER meeting, Rich Utter proposed a book exchange program for the Branch. The exchange started as planned at today's meeting. The book exchange activity has been designated a BEC committee for 2025.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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