



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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 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, Ralph Skytte, Bob Dinger, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Jose Lopez, Rocky Rockwell, Ken Edson. Directors: Mike Nicholas, Joe Navarro, Randy Benson, Mike Gross, Dave Jones.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the January 27, 2025 balance was \$3711.35, and the February 24, 2025 balance is \$5695.85.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that Craig Lindquist and Dana Davis will be organizing and coordinating a Fall BBQ.

Little Sir Report: No report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* No report.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there is one new membership application this month from Warren Locke. A motion to approve his membership was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported that today's program is a presentation by CAL FIRE. The program proposed for June 2025 is a presentation about the OLLI program at Chico State University. For July, a presentation by Greg Sanger about the passenger service at Chico Airport (past, present, and future) will be featured. A motion to approve these programs was made, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that the rosters have been printed and are being distributed at today's luncheon.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the March 2025 issue is March 6, 2025. He raised a question about the SIR logo used on the Rooster's Tale and on other documents of the SIR 110 Branch. The current statewide SIR organization uses a somewhat different and newer logo. A discussion ensued about the two logos. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to continue to use the older logo.

- *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 the tasting event planned for February 25 had to be cancelled. Plans for tastings in the coming months are under discussion.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that weekly bowling on Tuesday evenings at the Chico Bowlerama continues, with four to six bowlers attending.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there was one bridge sessions in the past month and Bob Dinger was the winner.

Golf: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that a tournament was held at Bidwell Park golf course on February 3. A tournament is planned at the Peach Tree Golf course in Marysville on March 17.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that five members hiked on February 18 along the abandoned Western Pacific railroad roadbed near Oroville. A hike is planned for March 18 in upper Bidwell Park, starting at Horseshoe Lake at 8:30 AM. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed

History Group: Don Alger reported that work continues on the new book project about the history of Chico flumes and flour mills. Research has also started on a planned series of books (perhaps ultimately seven to ten volumes) about notable historic people of Chico.

Pickleball: Randy Benson reported that six to eight players have been coming out to play on Wednesdays at noon, weather permitting.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for February 26 at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Dana Davis reported that a one-day trip to Oroville Lake is planned for February 26. He presented a list of the fishing trips planned for 2025 that is available for view on the branch website. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the schedule.

Woodworking: Craig Lindquist reported that nine picture frames for the cancer center at Enloe Hospital were made and presented to them in the past month. Mike Nicholas donated the money for the frame materials.

Unfinished Business:

Branch Advisory Council Meetings: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that minutes of the January 10 meeting of the BAC are available and a few copies were passed out. He will attach copies for all BEC members to the next Rooster Tale.

Possible Merger of Branch 110 and Branch 84. Dave Jones was directed last month to lead discussions with Branch 84 about a possible merger. Dave Jones and Chip Merriam, Big Sir of Branch 84, propose that a joint meeting be held of interested members of the BECs of the two branches to discuss a merger. Big Sir Don Sturt will work with Dave Jones and Chip Merriam to schedule a joint meeting. A merger, if agreed to, would probably not occur before sometime in the Fall of 2025.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Schedule: Don Alger reported that the work of the nominating committee for 2026 should begin in the next several months. He asked how a possible merger of 110 and 84 later this year should affect the operation of the Branch 110 nominating committee. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the committee should proceed as normal and identify candidates from Branch 110 for the officers and directors.

New Brochure: Don Alger reported that he designed a new brochure describing Branch 110 that will be inserted into each of the books that the History group sells. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this new brochure.

Ladies Day Luncheon: Randy Benson proposed a Ladies Day luncheon for Mom's Restaurant on May 9 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A motion to approve this luncheon was made, seconded, and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 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