



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

MINUTES OF MARCH 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, Bob Dinger, 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 February 24, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the February 24, 2025 balance was \$5695.85, and the March 24, 2025 balance is \$5789.49.

Big Sir Report: No report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* No report.

- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there are no new applications for membership this month. There are currently 134 members.

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported that today's program is a presentation by Felipe Restrepo, the men's soccer coach at Chico State. The program for June 2025 is a presentation about the OLLI program at Chico State University, and for July, a presentation by Greg Sanger about the passenger service at Chico Airport (past, present, and future) will be featured. Randy Benson asked if any presentation of the history of Bidwell Mansion had been made in recent times. No one could recall any such talk. Randy then proposed that a recent speaker at the Chico History Museum, who gave a very interesting talk about Bidwell, will be approached to give a program in the future.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster:* No report.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the April 2025 issue is April 10. He has been asked about the mailed copies, and reported that currently 14 copies are being mailed: 3 to widows of former members, 4 to members without email service,

and 8 to members with email service but who prefer to receive a mailed copy. Total cost of the mailing is \$14 per month. After a brief discussion, there was no sentiment to charge the recipients of a mailed copy for the printing and postage costs.

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the committee is working on the 2026 officers and director positions. Randy Benson will be termed out as a director and a replacement is being looked for. Treasurer Charles Staser will not continue, and Rich Utter has volunteered to be treasurer. A Little SIR has not yet been identified for 2026.

- *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: Jim Braziel reported that on May 1, 2025 there will be a wine tasting at Jim Braziel's house at 2 PM.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that weekly bowling on Tuesday evenings at the Chico Bowlerama continues.

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

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that a tournament was held at Rolling Hills golf course on March 10. There were 46 players. A tournament scheduled for Peach Tree golf course in Yuba City on March 17 was cancelled because of weather. A tournament is scheduled for March 31 at Canyon Oaks golf course and so far, 40 players have signed up for it.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that six hikers took part in the hike on March 18 in upper Bidwell Park. A hike is planned for Table Mountain on April 23.

History Group: Don Alger reported that work continues on a planned series of books (perhaps ultimately seven to ten volumes) about notable historic people of Chico.

Pickleball: Randy Benson reported that eight players played last Thursday. The group meets every Thursday at noon, weather permitting.

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

Piscatology: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that a three-day trip to Collins Lake is planned for March 25 -27.

Unfinished Business:

Branch Advisory Council Meetings: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that the Branch Advisory Council Meeting scheduled in February was cancelled.

Possible Merger of Branch 110 and Branch 84. The joint meeting of the two BECs, proposed in the February 2025 minutes, has not happened yet. Dave Jones reported that he talked with Chip Merriam of Branch 84 and found out that the Branch 84 BEC sent out an email to all the Branch 84 members and asked them to vote for or against a merger. The Branch 84 BEC stipulated that merger discussions could continue, *if* at least 75 % of the members voted for a merger. Chip Merriam stated that as of March 31, 45% of the Branch 84 members have responded, and 69 % of them voted yes for the merger. Further discussion of a merger will await the completion of the Branch 84 polling.

New Business:

Ladies Day Luncheon: Randy Benson reported that the Ladies Day luncheon will be held at Mom's Restaurant on May 8 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is a limit of 61 participants. A sign-up sheet will be available at today's luncheon sign-in. A motion to provide \$75 to pay for a rose for each lady was made, seconded, and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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