



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

MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2025 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Don Sturt at 9:30 AM.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the March 24, 2025 balance was \$5789.49, and the April 28, 2025 balance is \$5672.99.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that a State Branch Advisory Council zoom meeting was held on April 11, 2025. The main topics of discussion were the benefits and disadvantages of converting SIR to a 501(c)(3) organization. No decision about conversion was passed.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* No report.

- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there are two new applicants for membership this month: Timothy Hill and Mark Frey. A motion to accept both applicants was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported that today's program is a presentation by Eric Miller about Butte County's Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility. After summarizing the schedule of the previously approved programs for the upcoming months, he mentioned several ideas for programs that are now being pursued.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that a photo taken on a recent SIR hike appeared in the Chico Enterprise-Record. Bill Colvin submitted the photo to the newspaper.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster:* No report.

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the committee is trying find a person (perhaps a newer, younger member) who would serve as a director in 2026 but then would be willing to continue as the Little Sir in 2027. The committee has located someone willing to be a new director in 2026, but he is not willing to continue as Little Sir. The search continues.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the May 2025 issue is May 1. Don Alger asked for a volunteer to print the 26 hard copies of the Rooster's Tale, in the event that Don would be unable to do it. Rocky Rockwell volunteered to be that person.

- *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 May 1, 2025 wine tasting planned at Jim Braziel's house has been postponed until May 22, 2025. A motion to approve this wine tasting was made, seconded, and passed.

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 Table Mountain golf course on April 7. There were 39 players. A tournament was held at Wilcox Oaks golf course on April 23, with 46 players. The next tournament is scheduled for May 5 at Plumas Lakes golf course and so far, 40 players have signed up for it.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that three hikers took part in a hike on April 23 on Table Mountain. A hike is planned for Paynes Creek Point on May 20; a motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed.

History Group: Don Alger reported that work continues on the series of books about notable historic people of Chico. Don reported that Ray Wilson wrote a history of Dr. Enloe that started out as a six-page write-up, but has now expanded to 110 pages and will be published as a book in the near future.

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

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that a game was held at April 23, and the next game is scheduled for May 28 at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Dana Davis reported that a three-day fishing trip to Lake Almanor is planned for March 29 to May 1.

Woodworking: Craig Lindquist reported that he and two other members met and completed plaque frames for the Enloe Cancer Center.

Book Exchange: Rich Utter reported that the book exchange table is working well, and many books are available for borrowing or trading. Where to store the books between meetings was discussed. Dave Jones pointed out that there is probably room to store the books in labelled boxes in the corner of the stage.

New Business:

Ladies Day Luncheon: Randy Benson reported on a few more details of the Ladies Day luncheon (Mom's Restaurant on May 8 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM). A menu of six main course items was agreed to with Mom's. When attendees register in the next few days, they will be asked to choose from the menu. There have been 20 signups so far, and there is a limit of 60.

Membership Attendance Requirement: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that a recent change made to the SIR state rules is member attendance requirements. Rather than the former requirement that members must attend at least six luncheon meetings in a year, SIR branches may now set any requirement. A long discussion of the tradeoffs involved in setting the required number of meetings took place. In the end a motion to set the required number of meetings at four per year was made, seconded, and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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