



**SIRS LAKE OF THE PINES BRANCH 170
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2013**

Big SIR Paul Lambert called the monthly BEC meeting to order at 10:45 AM. A quorum was present.

Attendees were: Paul Lambert, Glenn Delisle, Bob Chan, Dave Rosseau, Phil Jones, Al Cash, Steve Parks, Larry Shelley, Verne Bagby, Rod Corvington, Chuck Mercer, Elmer Curtis, Phil Frank, Rich Hibbs, and Gary Resnick.

Reports

Big SIR Paul Lambert gave his opening remarks. We have a busy agenda to cover today. Most important of which is the state of our financial situation. Mr. Lambert announced he will be out of country from June 23 through July 9. During his absence, Little SIR Glenn Delisle will be in charge.

Minutes of the May meeting: Secretary Bob Chan amended the minutes of the last meeting by including a suggestion made by Don Miller to display and make available for sale SIRs merchandise (ball caps, golf shirts, etc.) at our monthly luncheons. This has potential to increase revenues for our treasury. There were additional minor corrections in the amended minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dave Rosseau reported a loss of \$67 in May. He attributed this mainly to our lunch revenues. 60 members signed up for the luncheon, but only 55 attended. However, we had 2 speakers last month that needed to be taken into consideration. The question was raised how was the number 60 lunches determined. Big SIR Paul Lambert suggested that we ask Roger Pope (Food Chair) the procedure he uses to determine the number of lunches purchased.

Further discussion followed: Contributions for the year were down compared to a year ago. 25% of our members have not made their annual contributions to date. Gary Resnick and Phil Jones will go through the membership roster, "name by name", to determine which members have not been attending the luncheons and have not paid their contributions. They will report back to the BEC at our next meeting in August (there is no meeting in July). Gary Resnick will also draft an e-

mail for BS's review and approval before mailing requesting payments from our delinquent members. It is to include a statement that any member who has missed 3 consecutive luncheons without reasonable excuse could lose his membership.

As a reminder in regards to finances, State SIR has increased membership fees 25% to \$1.25 per member per quarter effective July 1, 2013. And, each branch was requested by our State organization to keep in reserve \$15 per member which will leave us with a very small cash balance. Further discussion was tabled until Old Business: Cash Position (see below).

Little SIR, Luncheon Speakers: Glenn Delisle announced today's speaker is Robert Lobell, a para-legal, from the Legal Services of Northern California. His office provides free legal assistance to individuals and groups who meet income-eligibility requirements. His talk will include identity theft against the elderly. The speaker for the August luncheon has not been determined.

Membership: Phil Jones reported Branch 170 has 104 members with a possibility of 2 new members after today. Terry Everhardt and Peter Kenyon are the prospective new members. Hal Garrett has a guest attending today's luncheon.

Committee Reports

Bulletin: Rich Hibbs had nothing new to report. For August, he needs items by July 10. Profile on new members will continue. Roger Pope is responsible for this task.

LOP News: Phil Frank stated that the deadline for LOP News items are due within the next "25 hours". BS Paul Lambert requested that the information regarding the SIR Fun Day be included in his article.

CH7/Pines Times: John O'Halloran was absent. No report.

Info Tech/Website: Gary had nothing to report. However, he announced that LOP has a new web site. A user name and password are required.

Food: Roger Pope was absent. No report.

Golf: Rod Corvington expressed his disappointment in the small number of our golfers participating in the SIR tournaments. The winners of the last tournament played at Alta Sierra will be announced at today's luncheon. The next tournament will be at LOP on June 17th and Turkey Creek on July 22. The deadline to sign up is July 13. Phil Frank is requested to include this in his LOP News article. Mr. Corvington announced the State SIR tournament, "the 2013 Solvang Fall Classic" will be held on September 15-19. Cost will include 3 days of golf, 4 breakfasts, reception, and award banquet. Price range: \$563 (single golfer) to \$1126 (2 golfers sharing a room). Lady guests are welcomed.

Fun Day: Glenn Delisle will be fishing, rather than chairing this event. Al Cash will be in charge. He needs a co-chair.

Bocce Ball: Bob Chan reported after 5 weeks of league play, our bocce ball team is currently in next to last place. However, there is some good news. After a good practice session last Saturday afternoon, we won both matches last night. The teams we beat are tied for first place. There is some hope, as the team improves.

Travel: Hal Wallace was absent. No report.

Health: Ed O'Reilly was absent. No report.

Clothing: Glenn Delisle had nothing new to report.

Old Business

Cash Position: Paul Lambert reported financially Branch 170 is in bad shape. Cash flow is predicted to be below \$1,000 in 4th Qtr. As mentioned above, State organization has increased 3rd quarter assessment 25%. State SIR requested a reserve of \$15 per member. Big SIR Paul Lambert raised the question, “do we take further action (e.g., eliminate free lunches) or stay the course now? Gary Resnick recommended that we “hang in there” until after our Christmas Dinner Dance to see where we stand. And, the price for this event will need to be increased due to the cost of the dinner. The BEC concurred.

Branch 170 Record Keeping Compliance: Bob Chan reported since the last meeting he has received travel records from Hal Wallace on the Nashville trip (January). However, he needs additional documents regarding more recent completed trip to Death Valley.

Nominating Committee: Larry Shelley reported some good news. Dick Green, a SIR transferee from Petaluma, has agreed to accept the nomination for BS in 2014. Skip Albee previously accepted the nomination for LS. With no further changes in the remaining positions, Branch 170 has a complete slate of candidates.

State SIR Branch 170 Attendance Data Showing 173 members in January 1997 is incorrect. Don Miller questioned this figure when Area Governor Donald Dill brought this up during last month meeting. The BEC estimated the 1997 membership was 154. BS will advise State SIRS.

SIR SF Giants Baseball Game Branch Coordinator for August 8th Event: A volunteer is still needed. BS will make one more request at today's luncheon.

New Business

There will be a SIR regional meeting for Big SIRs on June 21 in Lincoln. Paul Lambert plans to attend.

Big SIR will submit the 2nd Quarter report to the Area Governor and Regional Director by July 5th.

The State SIR/Guest golf tournament in Solvang is scheduled for September 15 through September 19. Golf chair, Rod Corvington, will be the coordinator for Branch 170.

Branch 79 Big SIR, Craig Saunders, is the 2014-16 nominee for Area 33 Governor. A motion was made and seconded to support his nomination. The motion passed. Our current area governor, Don Dill, is the nominee for 2014-16 Region 9 Director. The election will be held on July 1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. Our next meeting will be held at the new clubhouse on August 7 at 10:45 AM. There is NO meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Chan