



SIRS - LAKE OF THE PINES, BRANCH 170
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 07, 2013

The monthly meeting of the BEC was called to order by Big SIR Paul Lambert at 10:45 a. m.. A quorum was present.

Attendees were: Paul Lambert, Glenn Delisle, Bob Chan, Doug Wilson, Phil Jones, Al Cash, Don Miller, Steve Parks, Roger Pope, Larry Shelley, Verne Bagby, Rod Corvington, Chuck Mercer, Phil Frank and Gary Resnick.

Reports

Big SIR Paul Lambert welcomed the BEC back after a nice break. After his opening remarks, he introduced our guests today: Dick Green, our incoming Big SIR for 2014 and honorary life member and former Big SIR Steve Michalak. Mr. Michalak is the chair person for the Christmas Dinner Dance and will give a initial report and comments on this event later on in the meeting. Big SIR will report on the SIRs annual meeting and elections.

June Minutes: Secretary Bob Chan amended the June minutes and sent copies to members of the BEC with the corrections and additions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Dave Rosseau, assistant treasurer Doug Wilson gave the June & July financial reports and Form 28. There was no revenues in the month of July (no meeting). The State SIR assessment was \$131.25, our only expense for the month. The total ending cash balance was \$1686. This figure came very close to the State requirement for a reserve of \$15.00 per member (105 X \$15 = \$1575). However, the Christmas Dinner Dance, scheduled to resume this year, will replenish our cash balance. Also, thanks to some of our members, there was a contribution of \$154 to our account. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Little SIR Glenn Delisle-Speakers: Today's luncheon speaker is Dennis Kocher, a Vietnam Veteran. He will comment on the mission of the Intelligence group at the Beale AFB and brief us on the our tour there on October 3rd. There is no speaker yet for the September luncheon.

Membership: Phil Jones reported we have 103 members currently. There are potentially 2 new members: Peter Voskes and Peter Kenyon, who is being sponsored by Dick Green. We have 3 luncheon guests today: Bill Martin, Eric Jacobson and Peter Voskes. Phil Jones announced that Bill Martin plans to transfer his membership to the Auburn branch as he no longer resides at LOP and John O'Halloran has moved to Grass Valley and will no longer be a member here. Phil Jones commented that there are 12 non-attendees on our membership roll who have not paid their contribution, but expressed their desires to be members still. Since these individuals cost us money to keep them on our roster, it was proposed that if they did not pay their monies by November, they will be dropped from membership. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried. It was noted that the BEC has never enforced the ruling of dropping a member if he had missed 3 consecutive meetings.

Committee Reports

Bulletin: Rich Hibbs is out of town. No report.

LOP News: Phil Frank stated the deadline for news items is tomorrow at noon.

Chan 7/Pine Times: John O'Halloran has moved to Grass Valley. Big SIR Paul Lambert asked for a volunteer to replace Mr. O'Halloran. Gary Resnick came forward and will take on this responsibility.

Info Tech/ Website: Gary Resnick reported SIR has its own website. He recommends that the membership keep information current for e-mail. This list needs to be updated periodically. All SIR activities, e.g. golf, can be coordinated with the website.

Food: Roger Pope answered the question brought up during the June meeting. This was in regards to the procedure used in determining the number of lunches ordered each month (see page 1, treasurer's report, June 5, 2013, BEC minutes). Mr. Pope stated this was the responsibility of the membership chair person. Mr. Pope distributed a 2 page hand out showing the range of prices for the least expensive entree to the most expensive, including beverage and dessert. The sub-total range was from \$11.50 to \$16.50. With the 20% service charge and 7.63% tax added, the total range (incl. dessert) was \$14.85 to \$21.31. Roger recommended we do not consider anything more expensive than the \$10 entree price (or \$14.68 total w/o dessert and charge \$15 for the lunch price). Therefore, our luncheon will cost \$13-\$15 from now until the next renegotiation in January 2014. The second page of his handout was the LOP Club menu choices. Entree prices range from \$8 to \$13. Discussion followed: Steve Michalak commented the 20% service charge is for the cook, server and dishwasher. Larry Shelley made a motion that dessert be substituted for the beverage. The motion was seconded, but it failed to carry. Verne Bagby proposed we charge a flat \$15 for our luncheons. If we should order a lunch costing less, e.g. \$13, the extra amount can go into our treasury. Some felt this may have dire consequences from our members if this was approved by our Board. The motion was made and seconded to charge \$15 for all our lunches. The motion failed to carry. Due to lack of time, further discussion was tabled until our next meeting.

Golf: Rod Corvington reported that 8 members participated in the Turkey Creek Tournament on July 22. The results can be found on the LOP web site and the winners will be announced at today's luncheon. Our next tournament will be held at Auburn Valley CC. It will be an 0800 shoot gun and the cost will be \$45.00. The deadline to sign up is August 10.

Bocce Ball: The SIR Roosters played their last 2 matches of the season last night. We won 3 games and lost 3. We did beat the number one team in our division again. Despite a losing season, we all had a fun time. Captain Bob Chan expressed his appreciation to his team for their efforts and support.

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: See Treasurer's report above.

Report on Annual Contributions and Member Attendance: Phil Jones and Gary Resnick, See Membership report above. Branch 170 averaged 53% active members attendance in 2nd Qtr.. The lunch cost has been a major problem in decreasing the numbers in attendance, from 62% to 53%. We have 56 paid attendees for today's luncheon and 4 non-paid (free).

Elections for New Officers: BS and LS . The rest of the BEC have agreed to stay on and will complete the slate for election at today's luncheon meeting. The committee chairs, who were appointed, all have agreed to continue also, with the exception of John O'Halloran. This will be helpful to the new BS for continuity purposes.

Form 20 SIR Branch Personnel for 2014 was completed by Secretary Bob Chan and copies were sent in July to the State Roster Chairman, the Area Governor and the Regional Director.

Recheck of State Records confirmed Branch 170 had 176 members in August of 1997.

Sirs Fun Day scheduled for September 21. Al Cash, chairman, stated he needs help from our golf and bocce ball chairs for their respective events. Steve Michalak commented that the dinner cost will be a major deterrent in holding Fun Day. The golf fee for LOP members will only be \$5. Mr. Michalak stated the current price for the barbecue ribs/chicken and salad is \$16. There is a charge of \$1.50 for beverage and \$3 for dessert. Therefore, the cost of dinner alone will be close to \$25. Steve Michalak recommended BEC abolished this year Fun Day and have our members set aside this money and put it towards the Christmas Dinner Dance. A motion was made and seconded to abolish SIR Fun Day this year. The motion carried. Mr. Michalak discussed the initial plans for the Christmas Dinner Dance. This year party will probably cost \$50 per person. A sample base price for dinner would be: \$24 for beef tenderloin; \$22 for prime rib; \$17 for salmon. The cost for a band (with drinks for band

member/singer) will probably be about \$1000. He is exploring other band options with lower cost. The new club house will accommodate approximately 200 people. Mr. Michalak will update us on his plans at our next meeting.

Big SIR submitted the second quarter report on June 21.

New Business

Big Sir reported on the SIRs Regional meeting held on June 21. Craig Saunders have been elected to be the new Area 33 Governor. Donald Dill was elected Region 9 Director.

Big SIR reported on the SIRs annual meeting and election held on August 5 in Vallejo. There is a ruling change to Rule 44, page 4 of the SIR Organizational Manuel, " a branch shall not impose or collect dues, initiation fees or assessments." The change states that local branches may charge dues, etc, with the approval of their local BEC. Bocce Ball has been set up as a new activity by the State Sir organization And, a State requirement now requires each branch provides its Big SIR a copy of its monthly financial statement for check and balance purposes.

Big Sir announced that the 2014 BS (Dick Green) and LS (Skip Albee) have been invited to attend the BEC meetings for the remainder of the year to establish some continuity.

Steve Michalak has been requested to attend the BEC meetings to update us on any planning changes for the Christmas Dinner Dance scheduled for December

There is now a State requirement to appoint a survival coordinator to serve on an advisory team to assist or aid branches having financial difficulties. This will be discussed further at our next meeting in September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.. The next meeting will be held in our new club house on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:45 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Chan