



LAKE OF THE PINES, BRANCH 170
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 3 2018
<http://branch170.sirinc2.org/>

Attendance

Officers:

Big Sir: Bob Chan, Little Sir: Andy Ameigeiras, Secretary: Bob Cunningham,
Assist. Sec. Robin Friesen, Treasurer: Allen Bolen, Assist. Treasurer: George Siffri,
Membership & RAMP: Randy Friesen, Assist. Membership: Phil Jones

Directors:

Dennis Camarlinghi, Terry Eberhardt, Jim Gunn, Duane Heaton, Charlie Sundblom

Committee Chairs:

Jim Goetsch, Hal Hawthorne, Roger Pope, Ron Trimble, Ray Tschirhart, Ron Wolyn,
Geln Delisle, Don Jenkins, Rich Hibbs

Officer Reports

Big SIR – Bob Chan

The BEC monthly meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was present. The minutes of the previous BEC were approved shortly after 10AM.

Bob set goals for the year to increase membership and attendance at the luncheons.

He requested officers and board directors to fill out the self-assessments for the state. These will be discuss at our next BEC meeting..

Don Jenkins is going to be the head of the audit team.

Jim Goetsch will be the head of the nominating committee and RAMP.

Bob noted that SIR is going to have its 60th anniversary event at Thunder Valley Casino in July, and that some of the events will be open to all members. Need to budget for Big SIR and Little SIR to attend. Further information will follow at a future meeting.

The plaque for Jim Goetsch as former Big SIR will be presented at this meeting today's luncheon by former Area Governor, Robert Hegle.

Little SIR – Andy Ameigeiras

Our lunch speaker today is Phil Carvil, the topic is senior fitness.

In Feb. the topic will be the Opioid problem (speaker TBD)

A suggestion was made to try to get speakers oriented toward entertainment as a way to generate more attendance at the luncheons.

Secretary - Bob Cunningham/Robin Friesen

The BEC attendance today was 22. 14 of the 14 voting members were present.

Secretary asked permission to record BEC meetings to ensure completeness of minutes. Permission was granted by the BEC members.

Secretary noted he will be traveling at time of the February and April meetings and the Assistant Secretary will take the minutes at those meetings.

MOTION: *A motion was made and seconded to require members to pay the yearly dues by March to continue membership. The motion was **passed**. It was noted a letter should be sent to members at the beginning of December each year to remind them to pay. The membership chairman will draft and send a letter to members who have not paid before March 2018.*

MOTION: *A motion was made and seconded to terminate free lunches for members that bring in a new member. The motion was **passed**. It was noted those free lunches already on the book should be honored but this initiative to increase Membership proved unsuccessful.*

A question was asked as to whether Branch 170 can afford to continue to offer free lunches to senior members. It was suggested that we determine how many there are now, how many lunches they attended in the past year, and how many there will be in 2018. Hal Hawthorne looked into this and post-meeting provided the numbers that in 2017 there were 3 Hon. Members and 6 senior and super senior members for a total of 9, and there will be 3 additional members turning 90 in 2018 for a total of 12. This will be discussed further at the next BEC meeting.

Treasurer -

Our branch bank statements have been distributed to the executive committee.

The issues with the branch books have been resolved and they are ready for the audit. The deadline for submitting the audit is Feb 10th.

Membership - Randy Friesen / Phil Jones

Current membership count is 154. Today we have 3 guests. We have 1 new member coming in today....Dennis Milar.

The membership chair will fill out the Form 27, which is due by January 20, 2018.

Committee Reports

Beer Tasting – Ray Tschirhart
Nothing to Report

Blood Drive – Ron Trimble
Nothing to Report

Bocce Ball –
We still need a captain for the 2018 SIR Bocce Ball Team(s).

Bulletin Editor - Rich Hibbs / Phil Frank
Nothing to Report

Christmas Dinner and Dance – John Brewer
The 2017 Dinner Dance had 199 people attend, including 92 members. It was noted the food was generally thought to be good, distribution of the hors d'oeuvres could still be better. The main issue was the lateness of the food service, which rippled through the timing of the rest of the activities. The dinner made a profit for SIR after all costs were accounted for that will be used to fund other activities this year.

Clothes – Glenn Delisle
A suggestion was made to keep some SIR shirts on hand like we have hats. This issue was not acted on. (various sizes and colors) on hand and ball caps. Glenn will bring catalogue to show members what is available at our next luncheon.

Food - Roger Pope
*The lunch on Jan 3rd was Beef Stroganoff.
There is at the time of the meeting no word on a price increase.
BEC members agreed the food at the Christmas dinner was good.*

Fun Day – Jim Gunn (Bocce) / Ray Tschirhart (Golf)
Still need a head person for Fun Day.

E-Mail – Hal Hawthorne
Nothing to Report

Golf – Ron Wolyn / Chuck Mercer
A tentative schedule for 2018 has been set and will be published on the web site.

LOP News – Duane Heaton / Phil Frank
Nothing to Report

*Photographer – Larry Shelley
Nothing to Report*

*RAMP – Randy Friesen / Terry Eberhardt / Jim Goetsch / Duane Heaton
A question was asked if the committee chairs are going to continue and if they need assistants.*

It was noted that the state goal for membership increase is 3% per year and Branch 170 had 5%

*Sunshine/Health – Ron Trimble
A number of people were mentioned by Ron, including Larry Elliot and Bob Steel's wife.*

*Travel - Terry Eberhardt / Dennis Camarlinghi
A slate of trips will be available in late January.*

*Web Master – Hal Hawthorne / Bob Cunningham
Nothing to Report*

*Wine Tasting - Terry Eberhardt / Dennis Camarlinghi
Next wine tasting is Feb 23rd, specifics not yet available.*

Adjournment was at 11:08 AM. Our next meeting is February 7