



SONS IN RETIREMENT  
TWIN HARTE SIR BRANCH 172  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: October 4, 2018  
Place: Sonora Elks' Lodge, Sonora, CA

Little Sir Dick Chimenti opened the meeting at 10:05 AM, welcomed the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen of Branch 172 and dispensed with self-introductions. Little Sir Chimenti introduced two guests: Area Governor Elect, Sir Dale Decker and Branch 136 Big Sir, Sir Paul Squeri. Secretary Sir Bob Fisher reported that a quorum was present. (see Attendance Report)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary Sir Bob Fisher reported that the minutes for the September 6, 2018 BEC meeting were electronically transmitted to the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen. Little Sir Dick Chimenti called for additions and corrections to and/or approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved. (Bartee/Happel)

**BIG SIR REPORT:** Little Sir Dick Chimenti reported in the absence of the Big Sir there was no report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Sir Steve Happel reported a beginning balance of \$4,947.40 and an ending balance of \$4,919.92 for the month of September. Receipts in the General Accounts were \$98.08: \$0.08 Interest; \$98.00 Lunch Residual. Expenses were \$125.56 for miscellaneous Picnic expenses. The Treasurer's Report was approved. (Fisher/Parsons)

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Little Sir Dick Chimenti requested approval of an application for membership from Paolo Maffei, sponsored by Sir Dave Kenney. The application for membership was approved. (Fisher/Happel) The membership total is now 160 active members.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Little Sir Dick Chimenti reported the October 4 guest speaker is Dr. Eric Freedman, a local urologist.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sir Rich Brandau presented the letter to be sent to widows of past SIRs inviting them to the Christmas Holiday Dinner. The letter was unanimously approved. Sir Bill Bamford has organized a crew of ladies to address envelopes for invitations to all the ladies. The Christmas Dinner Committee will meet after the luncheon to finalize details.

Area Governor Sir Dale Decker and Big Sir Paul Squeri of Branch 136 gave a presentation about purchasing video equipment through a share arrangement. The equipment would consist of 4 large viewing screens with stands and speakers with appropriate wiring. The purchase arrangement would consist of sharing expenses among the Sonora Elks and all 3 SIR Branches. (one half Sonora Elks, the other half among the 3 Branches) A "quick take" is the equipment is adaptable for slide shows (ie. Powerpoint, etc), movies, taping, or just plain viewing and hearing speakers across the room. How many times do we see members straining to hear or see what is happening? A good discussion followed and Sir Art Bartee from the Budget Committee indicated we have the funds which would run approximately \$800.00 for Branch 172.

The BEC unanimously voted to join the shared purchase plan. (Bartee/Fisher)

### BEC SUPPORT REPORTS:

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance Chairman Sir Dennis Hebert reported paid attendance for the September Luncheon was 128 (80% !) with 2 guests. Don't forget to introduce yourselves to the new members. Sir Hebert indicated the need to find a new Attendance Chairman for 2019 as he will be stepping down. Sir Hebert reported the "Check-In" table will need to be reevaluated for 2019.

**RAMP:** No Report.

**BULLETIN:** Little Sir Dick Chimenti reported the Bulletin is "ready to go". Read your Bulletin!

**FELLOWSHIP:** Little Sir Dick Chimenti reported Sir Sprague Edwards sent get well cards to SIRs Bill Bamford, Don Denhard, and Bim Hastings.

**HISTORIAN:** No Report.

**PROPANE:** No Report. Sir Roy Gray gives a report at the regular Thursday luncheon.

**WEB PAGE:** No Report.

**MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**BIG SIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** No Report.

### BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORTS:

**BIKING:** Chairman Sir Steve Happel (532-7240) requested a ride to the Tuttle town side of New Melones on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Meet at Kohl's at 8:30 AM to carpool. Rides are planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month.

**GOLF:** Chairman Sir Doug Peters (532-3739) has scheduled the next match at Sequoia Woods on Hwy. 4 on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. All golf matches take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**HIKING:** The Hiking activity needs a chair. Hikes can be scheduled when we have a chair. Sir Mike Clay (Branch 77) hikes on Fridays.

**HORSESHOES:** Shoes are tossed starting at 10 AM at the Tuolumne Horseshoe Pits the last Thursday of each month thru October. No scores, no competition, just to hear that "clang".

**KAYAKING:** Chairman Sir Dave Kenney has scheduled the last Kayak float for the season on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 weather permitting. Launch is at 8:00 AM and a lunch is planned after the trip. e-mail([davehikes98@gmail.com](mailto:davehikes98@gmail.com)) Each person on board must have a life jacket.

**PINOCHLE:** Sir Bob Morrison (588-0894) of Branch 136 plays "cutthroat" Pinochle every Monday. Contact Sir Morrison for more info. ([robertmrrsn@yahoo.com](mailto:robertmrrsn@yahoo.com))

**RV:** Sir Eddie Toews (532-3970) of Branch 136 is scheduling RV trips. Contact Sir Toews for more info. ([lcoinlady@aol.com](mailto:lcoinlady@aol.com))

**TECH GROUP:** The Tech Group is currently on temporary hold pending increased activity. Contact Rich Nedbal (247-6497) for answers to all your "techie" questions. ([richnedbal@msn.com](mailto:richnedbal@msn.com)).

**THEATER:** Sir Sprague Edwards reported the next play will be Holly Jolly Christmas on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at East Sonora Repertory Theater.

**TRAVEL:** An updated list of the European cruises and North & South American trips are on the website. SIR Modesto Branch 144 is chairing a committee that all 3 local Branches may utilize.

Contact Sir Bill Stiers (544-2684)

**BOWLING:** A shared activity chaired by Burt Abreo (736-4808) of Branch 136 ([murabreo@comcast.net](mailto:murabreo@comcast.net)).

**CAR CLUB:** A shared activity chaired by Rich Rinaldi (532-8366) of Branch 136 ([farmrich40@gmail.com](mailto:farmrich40@gmail.com)).

**FISHING:** A shared activity chaired by Chuck Simons (532-9550) of Branch 136. ([simons4890@yahoo.com](mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com)).

**POKER:** A shared activity chaired by George Parsons (533-8637) of Branch 136. ([gp72@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gp72@sbcglobal.net))

APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES: All requested activities in these minutes are approved by a single motion. MSP (Chimenti/Fisher)

NEW BUSINESS: Little Sir Dick Chimenti reported tickets for the Christmas Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 8, 2018 are available starting today (October 4) for \$35.00 each.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Bob Fisher  
Secretary

The next Branch Executive Meeting will be at 10:00 AM, Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the Sonora Elks' Lodge, 100 Elk Drive, Sonora. The monthly luncheons are held the first Thursday of each month at the Sonora Elks' Lodge, with the exception of August 2, which is the Ladies' day Picnic, and December, which will be on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.