



SONS IN RETIREMENT
TWIN HARTE SIR BRANCH 172
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: January 3, 2019

Place: Sonora Elks' Lodge, Sonora, CA

Big Sir Dick Chimenti opened the meeting at 10:05 AM, welcomed the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen of Branch 172 and called for self-introductions. 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 December 5, 2018 BEC meeting were electronically transmitted to the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen.

Big Sir Dick Chimenti called for additions and corrections to and/or approval of the minutes.

The minutes were approved. (Halek,/Heller)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Sir Steve Happel reported a beginning balance of \$3,923.36 and an ending balance of \$3,657.49 for the month of December, 2018. Receipts in the General Accounts were (-\$8.92): \$0.08 Interest, (-\$9.00) Lunch Residual. \$40.00 in Dues was collected. Expenses in the General Accounts were \$906.28: \$800.00 to Sonora Elks for video equipment; \$22.62 to Rick DeSambad for drawing tickets; \$30.73 to Sprague Edwards for cards; \$52.93 to Rich Brandau for picture frames.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. (Heller/Hebert)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Membership chairman Sir Paul Halek reported the total membership is 167 with 159 active and 8 inactive. The average age is 78 years. The increase in membership for the calendar year 2018 is 10.

GUEST SPEAKER: Little Sir Clark Beerman reported the guest speakers for January will be Dave Clevenger and Mike Lemasney, both of the Tuolumne County Community Services Unit which is a subunit of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office.

OLD BUSINESS: Big Sir Dick Chimenti initiated a discussion about the changes in SIR INC's Rules. Sir Paul Halek wanted a reading of the rule on raffles. After a brief discussion, consensus was to continue the Luncheon drawing. Big Sir Chimenti noted all members are now considered active and the categories inactive and Emeritus are essentially going away. An Honorary Life Member (HLM) who cannot attend meetings may be deemed Emeritus status by the BEC. General Attendance rules are changed to read a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly Luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. A question arose about how to track attendance, especially call-in and no-call absences. As methods of attendance keeping are left to the individual Branches, Big Sir Chimenti suggested the Branch "loosen up but continue to monitor". After more discussion, Big Sir Chimenti suggested we contact an absent member after 5 missed meetings in a row, either call or no-call. New Attendance Chairman Sir Tom Francis will track members at the luncheon entry desk and Sir Sprague Edwards will call members after 5 missed meetings. Consensus was to try this plan and review at a later date.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairman Sir Paul Halek submitted a 2018 year ending report comparing the last estimated year end balance from November of \$3,606 to the actual year ending balance of \$3,657. (Good Job, Guys!) Sir Halek reported the beginning balance for 2019 will be \$3,657 and estimates the ending balance for 2019 will be \$4,805 assuming no unprecedented expenses. Big Sir Dick Chimenti appointed the Budget Committee for 2019 to include Sir Paul Halek, Treasurer Sir Steve Happel, and one or two members to be named at a future date.

BEC SUPPORT REPORTS:

ATTENDANCE: Past Attendance Chairman Sir Dennis Hebert reported paid attendance for the December Luncheon was 112 (70%-fair)

RAMP: Chairman Sir Dennis Hebert reported there should be more than just one person involved with RAMP as he has had problems getting others to participate. Sir Hebert said he would continue for now, but reiterated it is too much for one person.

BULLETIN: Sir Paul Halek reported the Bulletin is “ready to go”.

FELLOWSHIP: Sir Sprague Edwards sent sympathy cards to Sir Gil Gillespie whose wife, Evelyn, recently passed. Get well cards were sent to: SIR’s Bill Anning, Don Denhard, Dave Egan, Ron Hawke, Ralph Legg, Ed Nissen, and Harvey Uhl.

HISTORIAN: Sir Bob Fisher reported the History portion of the Web Site has been updated.

PROPANE: 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.

BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORTS:

BIKING: Chairman Sir Steve Happel (532-7240) requested a fifteen mile ride to Seven Legends off J-59 on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Meet at Kohl’s at 8:30 AM for carpooling. Plan on lunch in town. Rides will be on the second Tuesday of each month.

GOLF: Chairman Sir Doug Peters (532-3739) will be hosting golf matches on the second Wednesday of each month. Read your Bulletin for updates and schedules.

HIKING: Sir Mike Clay (588-1345) of Branch 77 is leading hikes on Fridays.

A new Hiking Group was proposed by Sir Pete Hadell (586-3187) and Sir Pete Kendall. This easy walk co-ed group would follow a casual, social, mid-morning (8:30-10?) format that would walk for 2 hours or about 4 miles. Potluck lunches may follow. The new Hiking Group was approved. (Halek/Happel) If interested, contact either of the 2 Petes, or Big Sir Dick Chimenti. An e-mail tree will be developed and read your Bulletin for updates.

HORSESHOES: Big Sir Dick Chimenti reported Sir Cas Munoz has indicated he will chair this year’s Horseshoes in the spring. Read your Bulletin.

KAYAKING: Chairman Sir Dave Kenney will lead the Kayaking Group on the fourth Tuesday of each month when the weather allows (spring). Read your Bulletin for future scheduling.

PINOCHLE: Sir Paul Halek reported “cutthroat” Pinochle is being played every Monday at 1 PM at the Senior Center on Greenley Road. Chairman is Sir Bob Morrison (588-0894).

RV GROUP: Sir Eddie Toews (532-3970) of Branch 136 is currently leading s shared RV Group. Sir Jerry Morrow (586-2979) has expressed interest in activating Branch 172 RV Group. Contact Sir Morrow if interested.

TECH GROUP: The Tech Group is on temporary hold pending increased activity. Contact Sir Rich Nedbal (247-6497) for all your “techie” questions and answers. (richnedbal@msn.com)

THEATER: Sir Sprague Edwards (586-2818) reported the 2019 schedule is arranged and it appears to be an exceptional one. Sir Edwards reports helpers are needed to share in working a table to take ticket monies and to share in hosting a dinner after a play. Many hands makes work much easier.

The selected 2019 Play List:

<u>PLAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Chorus Line	March 21	East Sonora
Route 66	April 18	Fallon House
Wizard of Oz	June 20	Fallon House
Cabaret	October 17	East Sonora
Grease	November 21	Fallon House
Trailer Park Christmas	December 19	East Sonora

TRAVEL: An updated list of the European cruises and North and South American trips are on the website. Sir Bill Stiers (544-2684) of Branch 143 Modesto is chairing a committee that all 3 Branches may utilize. (WSMP101130@ sbcglobal.net)

BOWLING: Sir Burt Abreo (736-4808) of Branch 136 is chairing a shared activity. (murabreo@comcast.net)

CAR CLUB: Sir Rich Rinaldi (532-8366) of branch 136 is chairing a shared activity. (farmrich40@gmail.com)

FISHING: Sir Chuck Simmons (532-9550) of Branch 136 is chairing a shared activity.

(simons4890@yahoo.com)

POKER: Sir George Parsons (533-8637) of Branch 136 is chairing a shared activity. (gp72@sbcglobal.net)

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

NEW BUSINESS: Big Sir Dick Chimenti announced the SIR Foundation Fund and Collection for SIR Paradise fire victims has been established and a table will be available today to accept donations. The SIR Foundation Fund is a 501(c)(3) Foundation. Big Sir Chimenti requested a volunteer to help.

Big Sir Dick Chimenti reported a table will be available today for the collection of annual Dues.

Sir Steve Happel and Sir Paul Halek will man the table after the BEC meeting.

Sir Paul Halek reported Branch 172 will need two members to train on the new Audio-Visual equipment.

Big Sir Chimenti will look into the matter.

Big Sir Dick Chimenti appointed a committee of three to review the By-Laws, past Branch Rules, current changes from SIR, INC and report to the BEC at a future date. The committee will include Big Sir Chimenti, Secretary Sir Bob Fisher, and Membership Chairman Sir Paul Halek.

Big Sir Chimenti directed Sir Stu Heller to request a Luncheon calendar change from July 4 to July 3 on the Elks' calendar with the intent to confirm Wednesday, July 3 with the membership at the Luncheon following the BEC meeting.

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, February 7, 2019 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 1, which is the Ladies' Day Picnic, and December, Which will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

