

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
TWAIN HARTE BRANCH NO. 172
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: October 3, 2011

Place: Pine Tree Restaurant, Sonora, CA

Big Sir Henry Beltran opened the meeting at 8:05 AM and welcomed Branch Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen. Assistant Secretary Ron Hawke reported that a quorum was present (See Attached Attendance Record). Big Sir Henry Beltran called for additions, corrections and/or approval of the August 29, 2011 Minutes as electronically transmitted to all Officers and Directors. Two corrections were reported: Sir Bill Bamford reported for the Hiking Group, rather than Sir Ralph Legg; and, Sir Dennis Honeychurch reported for the Mountain Biking Group, rather than Sir Ralph Legg. The Minutes were approved as corrected (Honeychurch/Morrow).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dennis Honeychurch reported a beginning cash balance of \$5970.67 and an ending balance of \$6086.63 for the month of September. The main expenses for the month were Printing & Supplies - \$81.41; Postage and Delivery - 132.00; and Guest Expenses - \$10.00. The Treasurer's Report was approved. (Hawke/Escalier).

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Chairman Bill Anning reported that 22 Sirs had called that they would not be attending Thursday's Luncheon Meeting. Sir Jim Schneider reported that 1 visitor, the speaker, would be attending.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Chairman Larry Bertuccelli reported that Sir Don Elder had passed away; Sir Ralph Bushnell resigned due to health reasons; and Sir Ron Humann resigned because he has moved out of the area.

The membership now stands at 159 active members and 0 inactive.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LUNCHEON: Sir Jim McCracken reported that all is set for Thursday's Luncheon and it will be a mixer.

PROGRAM: Little Sir Jerry Morrow, reported that Thursday's luncheon speaker will be Tuolumne County Superior Court Presiding Judge Eric DuTemple.

COMPUTER USERS GROUP: No Report.

WEB PAGE: No Report.

GOLF: Sir Gil Wesson reported that the next play will be at Dry Creek Golf Course in Galt on October 12.

BULLETIN: Send all Bulletin items to Sir Stu Heller by October 10.

PUBLICITY: Sir Gil Wesson reported that the meeting notice was published in the *Union Democrat*.

MOVIE: Sir Gil Wesson reported that he would have ***Lunch and a Movie*** and ***A Movie and Dinner*** during the month of October, the dates to be determined when the titles become known.

TRAVEL: Sir Earl Nelson reported *Sir Day at Golden Gate Fields* is full. A trip to Branson is being planned for March or April 2012 and a ***Castles on the Rhine*** riverboat cruise planned for the summer of 2012 is open for signups.

RV: Sir Jim Nolan reported that the Calistoga trip was a great success. The RV Christmas Party is set for December 6th at the Peppery in Sonora.

THEATER: Sir Rich Brandau reported that the last play for the season, hosted by Sirs Jerry Ballesta and John Schwartz will be ***A Dash of Rosemary*** on October 12, 2011 at the Fallon House Theater in Columbia followed by dinner at the East Sonora Conference Center.

PINOCHLE: Sir Roland Patton reported that the noon time Pinochle games will be at the Moose Lodge on the 1st Monday and the Elks Lodge on the 3rd Thursday.

HIKING GROUP: Sir Jerry Jensen, reported that a gentle 5 mile hike at Bell Meadows will be on October 19th, weather permitting. The group will meet at the Twain Harte Market parking lot at 8:00 AM and car pool from there.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: Sir Dennis Honeychurch reported that this month's ride will be on October 26th through Fahey Meadow, weather permitting. An alternate site will be selected if Fahey Meadow is not accessible. The group will meet at the Twain Harte Market parking lot at 8:00 AM and car pool from there.

FISHING: Sir Herb Spierling reported that September's fishing trip was good. Sir Spierling is encouraging new Sirs interested in fishing to contact him.

FELLOWSHIP: Sir Bill Bamford reported that he has sent cards to Sir Charlie Cameron due to his health issues; to Sir Bill Steel due to the loss of his wife, Marilyn; and to the late Sir Don Elder's wife, Jean.

PROPANE GROUP: No Report.

All reported activities listed in these Minutes are approved by this single motion MSP (Honeychurch/Morrow).

OLD BUSINESS:

Tickets for the December 16th Christmas party will be available starting at the October 6th Luncheon Meeting. Big Sir Henry Beltran has scheduled a Christmas Dinner Party Committee meeting to follow the luncheon meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new speaker's gift will be investigated by Little Sir Jerry Morrow. A motion by Sir Dennis Honeychurch, seconded by Sir Ron Hawke, to enable Little Sir Morrow to select and order a supply of speaker's gifts, possibly coffee mugs, was approved.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 AM.

The next Branch Executive Committee Meeting will be 8:00 AM, Monday, October 31, 2011 at the Pine Tree Restaurant, next to the Best Western Motel, at 19601 Hess Avenue, Sonora, with breakfast starting at 7:00 AM. The monthly luncheons are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Sonora Elks' Lodge, with the exception of August, which is the Ladies Day Picnic, sponsored by the RV Club, at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown.

Ron Hawke, Assistant Secretary