

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

Meeting Date: December 3, 2012

Place: Pine Tree Restaurant, Sonora, CA

Little Sir Larry Bertuccelli opened the meeting at 8:00 AM, welcomed the Officers, Directors, and Committee Men of Branch 172; and called for self introductions. Asst. Sec. Bob Fisher reported that a quorum was present (See Attached Attendance Record).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Little Sir Bertuccelli reported that the Minutes of the October 29, 2012 Branch Executive Committee had been electronically transmitted to all Officers, Directors, and Committee Men. Little Sir Bertuccelli called for any additions to and/or corrections and approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved as transmitted. (Granados/McCracken).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Dennis Honeychurch reported a beginning cash balance of \$5,125.31 and an ending balance of \$7,355.83 for the month of November. The main expenses for the month were: Printing & Supplies-\$141.33, Guest Expense-\$10.00, Officers' Expense-\$59.00, and Award Plaques-\$172.00. The Treasurer's report was approved. (Granados/Fisher).

ATTENDANCE: Attendance Chairman Bill Anning reported that 9 Sirs had called that they would not attend Wednesday's luncheon meeting. Assistant Attendance Chairman Jim Schneider reported that he had received 3 guest attendance requests.

MEMBERSHIP: Little Sir Larry Bertuccelli reported George Warrick, a transfer from Mt. Shasta Branch 154, would be inducted at Wednesday's luncheon. After some discussion, it was agreed to terminate the membership of David Clevenger after having missed 7 luncheons since his March induction of this year. Efforts have been made to contact Mr. Clevenger by Big Sir Jerry Morrow and Membership Chair Otto Giuliani with no response. (McCracken/Granados)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LUNCHEON: Sir Henry Beltran reported that the menu for the December luncheon will be Beef Kabobs, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Green Salad, and Bread Pudding for dessert.

PROGRAM: Little Sir Larry Bertuccelli reported that the speaker for Wednesday's

luncheon will be Carl Rodefer, newly elected County Supervisor for District 5. Mr. Rodefer's background includes Air Force Academy graduate, Air Force fighter pilot, and work with the Defense Dept. before his retirement. He will discuss "running for office in Tuolumne County".

COMPUTER USER'S GROUP: Sir Dick Chimenti requested a Jan. meeting for the CUG to be announced.

WEB PAGE: Sir Dick Chimenti reported that he is using the same web service for three separate organizations and will arrange cost sharing among the three.

GOLF: No Report. The season will start again in the spring.

BULLETIN: Sir Stu Heller requested that all items for the Bulletin be submitted to him no later than Monday, December 10. There will be a request in the Bulletin for the annual \$20.00 contribution to defer costs. There will be a table at the January luncheon to accept contributions.

PUBLICITY: Sir Gil Wesson reported that the Union Democrat did publish notice of a meeting in December.

MOVIE GROUP: Sir Gil Wesson requested approval for one or two movies for the month of December, the dates to be determined when the titles become known.

TRAVEL: No Report

RV: Sir Jim Downey reported the RV Club is having their Christmas Party on December 13, 2012. Money should be sent to Sir Jim Nolan.

THEATER: Sir Dave Palmer reported plays and dinners are being lined up for the coming season. Some plays are currently hosted, and some plays still need hosts. The play list is on line. Contact Dave Palmer.

PINOCHLE: Sir Roland Patton requested approval for games in December on the first Monday at the Moose Lodge and the third Thursday at the Elks Lodge. All are welcome.

HIKING: No Report

MOUNTAIN BIKING: No Report

FISHING: No one has volunteered to lead this group currently. Discussion was held to keep the activity group available at this time.

FELLOWSHIP: Sir Bill Bamford reported Sir Harold Granados is recovering well after his surgery.

PROPANE: No Report

HORSESHOES: No Report

APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES: All requested activities listed in these minutes are approved by this single motion. MSP (Honeychurch/Granados).

OLD BUSINESS: Sir Roland Patton reported we currently have 191 reservations for the Christmas Party. The dinner count is: Prime Rib-123, Salmon-53, and Cornish Hen-15. A consensus recommendation was made to swear in new officers at the monthly luncheon December 5, 2012. Sir Dick Chimenti reported he would send reminders via his e-mail list about the December luncheon being held on Wednesday December 5, 2012 instead of the usual Thursday. Little Sir Larry Bertuccelli reported we are still looking for a Jokemaster for the coming year. Little Sir Bertuccelli also thanked Sir Dick Robinson for his long-time service as he is stepping down from the Asst. Treasurer's position.

NEW BUSINESS: Little Sir Larry Bertuccelli reported a change in Rule 86 of the SIR Manual which addresses prerequisites for membership. The basic prerequisites in Rule 86 were: 1. candidate must be a male, 2. candidate must have retired from something, 3. candidate must have a sponsor, and 4. candidate must attend a monthly luncheon. Point #4 is being dropped. Now, you do not have to attend a luncheon to be eligible for membership.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

The next Branch Executive Meeting will be 8:00 AM, Monday, December 31, 2012 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 and December which will be on Wednesday, December 4th.

Bob Fisher
Asst. Secretary