

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

Meeting Date: December 5, 2011

Place: Pine Tree Restaurant, Sonora, CA

Big Sir Henry Beltran opened the meeting at 8:01 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 and corrections to and/or approval of the October 31, 2011 Minutes as electronically transmitted to all Officers and Directors. The Minutes were approved as submitted (Escallier/Honeychurch).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dennis Honeychurch reported a beginning cash balance of \$6228.99 and an ending balance of \$8176.81 for the month of November. The main expenses for the month were: Printing & Supplies - \$85.45; Postage and Delivery - \$132.00; Guest Expenses - \$10.00. The custodial account includes \$2000 from Christmas Party ticket sales. Treasurer's Report was approved. (Morrow/Wright).

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Chairman Bill Anning was not present. Assistant Chairman Sir Jim Schneider reported that 2 visitors, the speaker and spouse, would be attending the luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Chairman Larry Bertuccelli reported that one former member would be inducted in January. The membership continues to stand at 159 active members and 0 inactive.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LUNCHEON: Sir Jim McCracken is laid up with a broken ankle. Sir Don Walton reported that all is set for Thursday's Luncheon.

PROGRAM: Little Sir Jerry Morrow reported that Thursday's luncheon speaker will be Dave Cleavenger, Executive Director, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Community Service Unit.

COMPUTER USERS GROUP: No Report.

WEB PAGE: No Report.

GOLF: Sir Gil Wesson reported that 2012 season play schedule is being developed.

BULLETIN: Sir Stu Heller requested approval for and funds to purchase new publisher software. The current software is out of date. Big Sir Henry Beltran deferred this item to **New Business**. Sir Heller requested that all bulletin items be in to him by December 12th.

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

MOVIE: Sir Gil Wesson requested approval for **Lunch and a Movie** for December, 2011, with lunch at Applebee's at 11:30 AM, and **A Movie and Dinner** later during the month of December, the date to be determined when the titles become known.

TRAVEL: Sir Earl Nelson reported, by e-mail, that 14 Sirs and spouses/guests have signed up, to date, for **Castles on the Rhine** riverboat cruise August 18 to September 3, 2012. A trip to Branson is being planned April 2012. Sixteen Sirs and spouses/friends have sign up to date. More are needed for the trip to proceed.

RV: Sir Jim Nolan reported that the RV Club Christmas Party will be on December 6th and 27 Sirs/guests will be in attendance.

THEATER: Sir Rich Brandau reported that Sir Dave Palmer will take over chairing the Theater Group for 2012 and will be submitting the Play Bill of six plays for approval in January. The first play will be in March.

PINOCHLE: Sir Roland Patton reported that the noon time Pinochle games will be at the Elks Lodge on the 3rd Thursday of December.

HIKING GROUP: Sir Jerry Jensen reported that the hike on November 9, 2011, along the Columbia Ditch, (*Tuolumne Main Ditch*) starting at Kewin Mill Road in Cedar Ridge, to Old Oak Ranch was a good hike, and requested approval for a hike to Arena Point, at New Molones, on December 12, 2011.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: Sir Ralph Legg requested approval for a ride at Knights Ferry on December 14, 2011. The group will meet at the Junction Shopping Center parking lot at 8:00 AM and car pool from there.

FISHING: Sir Herb Spierling reported that Sir Jerry Jensen caught the largest fish at the November outing. Sir Spierling reported that the Fishing Group Chairman, from Sonora Branch 136, has resigned and that the Group is restructuring and will have co-chairmen from Sierra Branch 77, Sonora Branch 136 and Twain Harte Branch 172 whom will be planning the events for 2012.

FELLOWSHIP: Sir Bill Bamford reported that he has sent one card to a Sir's Spouse this month.

PROPANE GROUP: No Report.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS: Sir Cas Munoz reported that high school football season is over and that he will be posting the high school winter sports schedule on the Branch Website.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Christmas Party set for December 16th, at the Elks Lodge is set and ticket sales are good.

Branch Meeting Speaker's Gift: Little Sir Jerry Morrow has been investigating this item and recommends that the Branch present each speaker with an 11 oz. cup (mug) with 4-color SIR Logo. These will be available for Branch member purchase as well. Sir Dennis Honeychurch moved, seconded by Sir Richard Robinson, that Little Sir Jerry Morrow proceed with the procurement of a supply of Logo Mugs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Big Sir Henry Beltran reported that the 2012 Branch Officers and Directors will be installed at the luncheon meeting on December 7, 2011.

Sir Ron Hawke moved, seconded by Little Sir Jerry Morrow, that Sir Stu Heller be authorized to purchase new publisher software for the Branch Bulletin.

Sir Dennis Honeychurch stated that he would like to have the Photography Group resurrected.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 AM.

The next Branch Executive Committee Meeting will be 8:00 AM, Monday, January 2, 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.

Ron Hawke, Assistant Secretary