



## **SIR – Social Activities for Men**

**The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities, lunches and events while making friends for life**

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### **BYLAWS**

SIR Branch #172 – Twain Harte (SIR Twain Harte) follows the most current Bylaws as presented in the SIR MANUAL on the SIR State Webpage ([SIR Manual – SIR \(sirinc.org\)](http://SIR Manual – SIR (sirinc.org))). (May5, 2022)

### **POLICIES**

#### **1. Branch Executive Committee (BEC) + Membership**

- 1a. The BEC will consist of a possible 13 voting members: Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and 6 Directors. (7-7-22)
- 1b. SIR State considers all members as ACTIVE (January 3, 2019). Inactive, Emeritus and other Statuses no longer exist. (7-7-22)
- 1c. BEC will meet at the Moose Lodge<sup>1</sup> on the same day as the regular luncheon. (12-6-23)

#### **2. Lunch**

- 2a. SIR Twain Harte has no required number of lunches members must attend as allowed by SIR State Bylaw 18 and Policy 25. The Fellowship Chairman may follow-up, when practical, when members are notably absent from lunches. The follow-up is to note how long the situation will persist. Pertinent information will be transferred to the Membership Chairman. (7-7-22)
- 2b. The Branch will pay once for a guest's lunch if that guest is a potential member. Three free raffle tickets will be provided to the guest (if there is a raffle). (7-7-22)
- 2c. Luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of the month, except the BEC may alter for special events (e.g., Christmas dinner, ladies' picnic). (12-6-2023)
- 2d. The BEC may raise, or lower lunch prices based on various budgetary concerns (e.g., inflation, caterer charges, member attendance, etc.).<sup>2</sup> (7-7-22)
- 2e. The Branch will acknowledge branch veterans, especially new members that have served or veterans not previously recognized, during every November luncheon. (7-7-22)

December 6, 2023. Revised the May 4, 2023 version by changing Policy 1c from the Twain Harte Golf Club (THGC) to the Moose Lodge, and 2c. from Thursday to Wednesday.

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### 3. Dues

- 3a. The BEC may raise, or lower dues based on various budgetary concerns (e.g., inflation, member attendance, subsidies, etc.).<sup>3</sup> (7-7-22)
- 3b. All members will pay dues with the exception of Honorary Lifetime Members (HLMs) and Senior HLMs. The BEC may vote to waive dues for certain members if requested or as the BEC deems appropriate. (7-7-22)
- 3c. New members to SIR Branch 172 during the last quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) of the calendar year do not pay dues for the remainder of the calendar year. (7-7-22)

### 4. Activities

- 4a. All SIR activities to be covered by insurance must be voted on by the BEC stating the group/activity, and date. Pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code 5239 effective January 1, 2002, Branch 172 elects to be covered by the provisions of Section 5239. (7-7-22)
- 4b. All SIR-sponsored approved activities including team sports of any kind can be regulated, limited or cancelled by any authorized State or local health department. (7-7-22)

### END NOTES

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<sup>1</sup> Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Road, Sonora, CA 95370

<sup>2</sup>Lunch price is \$19

<sup>3</sup> Dues are \$25