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**LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116**

**Boundary Oak**

 **WALNUT CREEK, CA**

**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**June 17, 2019**

**Big Sir Jerry Hicks called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.**

**Secretary Fred Schafer confirmed a quorum was present. Executive Committee members in attendance were:**

**Big SIR Jerry Hicks**

**Little SIR Michael Barrington**

**Secretary Fred Schafer**

**Assistant Secretary Paul Ramacciotti**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels**

**Assistant Treasurer Al Satake**

**Membership Phil Goff**

**Directors**

**Peter Coggiola**

**Dave Harris**

**Gary Boswell**

**Roger Craig**

**Marty Katz**

**Also attending were Department Heads: Fred Wachowicz, Jim McCormick, Don Schroeder; Committee Chairmen: Brent Chaney, Mike Ward, Harry Sherinian, Jim Flessner, Matt Arena, Neil Schmidt, Alex Lutkus, Joel White and Jim Barstow.**

**Agenda:**

**Big SIR Jerry Hicks reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if there were any additions or changes. There were none.**

**Secretary’s Report: Secretary Fred Schafer asked if there were any changes or corrections to the April 15, 2019 BEC minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve was made by Michael Barrington and seconded by Paul Ramaccotti. The motion was approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels reported the Form 28 Branch cash balance for the month ending**

**May 31 is $9,727.80. Our balance is greater than at this same time last year. This is due to our $5 annual dues increase for this year. We are $2,400 ahead of breakeven for our 2019 budget. We have collected dues from all but 3 of our members. Jim will be making another deposit to Boundary Oak for our 2019 Christmas Party today. We were over budget for the Spring Fling by $59.**

 **Standing Reports:**

**Attendance:**

**Jim Flessner reported:**

**Current membership: 205**

**Luncheon guests/visitors: 3 – Mike Howard guest of Hank McDermott, Bill Fraser guest of Fred Schafer and Ken Coleman escorted by Pete Coggiola.**

**Speakers: 1**

**Excused members: 55**

**Estimated Unexcused members: 5**

 **Estimated Luncheon attendees: 150**

**13 Unexcused Letters sent out for the April Lunch. 8 Paid. Neil Schmidt stated that he feels if a person cancels after we’ve given the luncheon number to Boundary they should pay for the lunch.**

**The goal is to never pay for unseated lunches. In March we subsidized lunch by $450. We had no subsidy in April.**

**Membership:**

**Phil Goff reported:**

1. **Our current Branch membership is 205.**
2. **No new members will be inducted at today’s lunch meeting.**
3. **Lonny Randall and Jeffery Smith returned from inactive status. We have removed any other members who have been listed as inactive from our membership roster in accordance with State rules. Bob Nichols resigned due to health. Mike Carpenter passed away June 7.**

**Spring Fling: Spring Fling at Oakhurst was the best attended ever for this branch.**

**Next up, the Christmas Party at Boundary. We will send out a survey in the future asking what is the maximum members will pay for either event.**

**Nominating Committee: Marty Katz is still looking for a Treasurer. The Little SIR and Director positions are filled.**

**Activities Chair: Fred Wachowicz reported we had our first Bocce event in Clayton with 13 attending. Jim Seven will be the Chairman.**

**Pickle Ball will be starting up. There will be lessons June 21 and 28. Ed Solomon will be Chairman.**

**Book Club 2 will have its first meeting at the Yagnacio Valley Library on Oak Grove Blvd June 27th. The book will be Beneath a Scarlet Sky. There is a good list of recommended books for the future based upon suggestions from possible attendees. Golf lessons will begin again after June 24. Our instructor has been involved with the Ryder Cup.**

**Sunshine Committee: Matt Arena informed us that Mike Carpenter passed away June 7th. He and his wife attended and had a good time at the Spring Fling three days before his death.**

**Greeting Committee: Terry Grummitt to start using New Members as greeters beginning after six months of membership. This seems like a great way for getting them known and involved.**

**Big Sir Report:**

1. **The SIR State Convention will be held August 18-20 at Thunder Valley Casino. Jerry attended last year and it was a good time. You must sign up by June 28.**
2. **Officer Training for Branch Officers will be held at Rossmoor October 11; newly elected BEC members will be strongly encouraged to attend.**
3. **State SIR requires forms 63 or 64 be filled out for events which are catered by outside caterers. The forms are available on the State Web Site.**
4. **An Area Social for BEC’s and Spouses will be held in July. Tony de Losada is organizing this event.**

**Little SIR Report:**

**Little SIR Michael Barrington reported that today’s Luncheon speaker is Susan Wood, Photo Journalist. Her pictures will be of local points of interest – The Moth Ball Fleet and the new Bay Bridge Construction as well as the Blue Angels.**

 **Old Business:**

1. **E-Payments with Venmo are now working.**

 **New Business:**

1. **State Membership Video - “What can we do” We viewed the video and had discussions after. Enthusiastic members bring in guests who then become new members. Our conversion ratio has been 1.7 guests become members. We need to invite more guests to our activities. We need to recruit internally to our various activities. Michael feels we, as a branch, are too One Dimensional. Some branches are being more creative.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40.**

**Fred Schafer, Secretary**

**Executive Committee**

**Area 16 Governor**

**Region 5 Director**

**All Support and Activity Chairmen**