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**LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116**

**Boundary Oak**

**WALNUT CREEK, CA**

**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 21, 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**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels**

**Assistant Treasurer Bob Shader, Al Satake**

**Membership Phil Goff**

**Directors**

**Peter Coggiola**

**Dave Harris**

**Norm Alberts**

**Roger Craig**

**Marty Katz**

**Also attending were Department Heads: Fred Wachowicz, Jim McCormick and Don Schroeder; Committee Chairmen: Neil Schmidt, Alan Fitzgerald, Jim Barstow, Jim Flessner, Sam Beret, Dave Williams and Harry Sherinian; Guest: Harry Haugse.**

**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 September 16, 2019 BEC minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve was made by Norm Albert and seconded by Jim Nickels. The motion was approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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

**September is $7,350.94. Jim reported we made back our lunch subsidies last month. It looks very good that we will end the year on budget.**

**Standing Reports:**

**Attendance:**

**Jim Flessner reported:**

**Current membership: 212**

**Luncheon guests/visitors: 6 Tim Martin guest of Darrel Dummet, Mike Chimenti guest of Roger Craig, Alan Lundmark guest of Bob Donohue, Jerry Coil guest of David Williams, Neal Pereira guest of Alan Fitzgerald and Fred McBreen guest of Don Schroeder.**

**Speakers: 1**

**Excused members: 47**

**Estimated Unexcused members: 20**

**Estimated Luncheon attendees: 150**

**10 Unexcused Letters sent out for the September Lunch. 6 Paid.**

**Jim reported he is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery this month. He will be unable to attend next month’s meeting. Phil Goff said he will probably sub for Jim. Thanks Phil!!**

**Membership:**

**Phil Goff reported:**

1. **Our current Branch membership is 212.**
2. **3 new members will be inducted at today’s lunch meeting - Tony DeGrassi sponsored by Garrett Girvan, John Mulgrew sponsored by David Harris and Salem Attiga sponsored by Don Schroeder.**

**Carmel Golf: Jim Barstow reported that prices for rooms at Carmel Mission Inn have risen. Cost for two / three nights lodging and dinner for two has increased over $100. He is looking for ways to reduce the cost. Jim has committed to golf at our old location.**

**Activities Chair: Fred Wachowicz presented the minutes and notes from the October 8th Breakfast Meeting of all Activity Chairmen. The purpose of the meeting was to set the Activity Agenda for 2020. The meeting was very well attended and many great ideas, thoughts etc. were brought forward. Norm Alberts made a motion and Al Satake seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.**

**Big Sir Report: Officer training for Big, Little SIR’s, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership and Nominating Committee Chairmen is Friday November 1st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the smaller Donner Conference room at the Rossmoor Event Center.**

**Neil Schmidt will update our Veteran Tribute Video. It will be played at the November Branch Luncheon.**

**Little SIR Report:**

**Little SIR Michael Barrington reported that today’s Luncheon speaker is Nan Su. He will have a presentation on Chinese Culture.**

**Michael had put together a speaker committee which is already putting together and interviewing potential speakers for 2020.**

**Old Business: State SIR has made the requirement for the number of meetings a member must attend annually as “Branch Choice”. Big SIR Jerry brought this up for discussion. Currently we say that our members are “requested” to attend 5 meetings. There was considerable discussion for more, less, enforcement of whatever we choose. Bob Shader pointed out that we regularly have 75% attendance. That’s very good considering the age, travel, sickness etc. of the membership which we have. Norm Alberts made a motion which was seconded by Phil Goff that we stay with our Branch “requested” attendance of 5 meetings annually. The motion was passed. We will “Follow Up” on any member who misses 3 meetings in a row.**

**New Business: Big SIR Jerry asked if there is a way to reduce the number of “unexcused absences”. The goal is to have everyone call the “hot line”. It was pointed out that “we’re old”. When you are old, last minute injuries, sickness’s etc. happen. We must forgive this. We will not forgive the habitual offender.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30.**

**Fred Schafer, Secretary**

**Executive Committee**

**Area 16 Governor**

**Region 5 Director**

**All Support and Activity Chairmen**