

LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

Big Sir Sam Beret called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Secretary Paul Ramacciotti confirmed a quorum was present.

The following members in attendance were:

**Executive Committee**:

Big SIR Sam Beret

Little SIR Fred Wachowicz

Treasurer Alan Fitzgerald

Secretary Paul Ramacciotti

Assistant Secretary Alan Pope

Assistant Treasurer Al Satake

Membership Phil Goff

**Directors:**

Michael Barrington

Gary Boswell

Roger Craig

Kevin Donahue

Al Farbman

Darrell McClaughry

**Committee Chairmen**: Neil Schmidt, Michael Ward, Mike Schneider, Don Schroeder and Jerry Hicks,

**Secretary’s Report:**

Secretary Ramacciotti asked if everyone has received the corrected first page of the March 15, 2021 Minutes (Alan Fitzgerald’s name omitted from the attendees) and if there were any additional changes or corrections to the March 15, 2021 Minutes as distributed. A note was made to correct the spelling of Sam Beret’s last name. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected (Al Farbman) and seconded (Phil Goff). The motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Alan Fitzgerald reported:**

* Current Bank Balance in the General Account is $10,637.00.
* The Golf Account as or April 1, 202 has a balance of $14,334.00
* Allan Pope is getting the golf financials into the electronic system created by Ron Armijo. Alan has also received the credit card for the golf account to be used for away tournaments and other miscellaneous gold expenses.
* Kevin Donahue has set up “shopping cart” options for credit card payments for special golf events, hole-in-one insurance and the Monterey Golf Outing.
* Credit card usage has greatly reduced the number of checks to be processed by both Alan Fitzgerald and Alan Pope.

**Standing Reports:**

1. **Membership:**

**Phil Goff reported:**

No new members this year so far. Branch membership decreased by one member (Jim Seven). Official branch membership now stands at 203 with the average age going up.

1. **Recruitment:**

**Mike Ward reported:**

* Current status of the seven activities approved to operate:
* Amiable Amblers walk on the second and fourth Friday of each month.
* Walking tours are scheduled for Saturday, August 26th and 28th and Saturday, October 23rd, and includes the areas that were missed last year.
* Fishing is in progress as a joint venture with other SIR branches.
* Blook Club #1 is meeting on April 26th at Civic Park.
* Pickle Ball is meeting every Friday at Heather Farms.
* Golf Clinic is meeting with representatives at Boundary Oak to set up a program.
* Bocce Ball is having difficulty with the current playing location and looking at possibly moving to Martinez. Clayton is also in the mix.
* Annual Survey: 84 responses have been received (40%). More information to follow.

**Sam Beret reported:**

* The Bridge Group wants to start having luncheons at the Diablo Country Club which is allowing indoor seating, and the Wine Tasting Group wants to start having tasting events at different member residences. However, they need to wait for BEC approval.

1. **Member Relations:**

**Roger Craig reported:**

* Nothing significant to report.

1. **Recruitment:**

**Don Schroeder reported:**

* Generally speaking, nothing new to report. Don approached Brandon at the Boundary Oak clubhouse about placing the SIR luncheon sign there on Mondays for 5-6 hours. It has been decided to wait until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted to discuss further.

1. **Publicity:**

**Al Farbman reported:**

* Other branches are getting new members through social media. Al has been trying to recruit members to help on the publicity end, especially with Patch and Nextdoor. Neighbor posts can only be done by persons living in a stated community.
* Messaging in the articles being written needs to be reworked. This area is improving each month.
* Strides have been made in the print media with an article appearing in Alamo and Danville Today (700-word limit). Al has contacted other cities and most have resisted, including Concord.
* An article, with photos, was published in The Happenings.

1. **Boundary Oak Restaurant Update:**

**Mike Schneider reported:**

* Mike spoke to Melissa in the catering department about resuming monthly luncheons. She stated that in reference to catering, they currently do not have anyone on board. They are waiting until the June 15th date for easing restrictions, and then determine course of action. Melissa is cautiously hopeful for either July or August.

**Big SIR Report:**

**Sam Beret reported:**

* Breakout rooms to begin at 11:30 AM with random placement. At 12:00 PM, Sam will open the luncheon meeting and address the membership, followed by today’s speaker. Paul Freitas will introduce the speaker, Stewart Proctor.
* COVID-19 Insurance: Sam asked the area Governor when the State governing branch might shed light on the subject. So far, no response. May 1, 2021 is the insurance drop dead date as far as covering COVID-19,
* Robbie Robinson’s son passed away. He would appreciate calls from SIR members.

**Little SIR Report:**

**Fred Wachowicz reported**:

* Today’s speaker, Stewart Proctor, has been associated with ARF for many years. Next month the speaker will be Justin Alumbaugh, football coach at De La Salle High School. The speaker for June will be Dan McGovern, former person in the DC Justice Department. The speaker in July will be Patrick Walsh, football coach at Serra High School.
* Thirteen members have birthdays this month.
* Diversity Team: Continues to meet concentrating on efforts to expand recruiting across all of the different demographics in the area. A number of ideas are being worked on, including a golf recruiting event, walking tour events where participation is also included and dinner events.
* Survey: Question related to how comfortable members are with recruiting efforts. A reply centered on not getting too political. The information gathered in the survey will at some point be summarized and distributed.

**Neil Schmidt reported:**

* A request for a Certificate of Remembrance for Jim Seven prompted Neil Schmidt to point out the many worthwhile topics in the Branch website and suggested that time be taken to show members what actually makes up the website.

**Phil Goff reported:**

* The website is very detailed and discussion should be deferred to a future BEC Meeting. After some discussion among members, it was decided that ample time is needed for Phil and Neil to go through the website to determine what’s working and what isn’t, and then decide what needs to be done to make the website more informative.

**Michael Barrington reported:**

* Time is needed for both explanation and discussion. Michael proposed to have a special BEC meeting just to discuss the website.

**Sam Beret reported:**

* Tuesday, April 27, 2021, a special BEC meeting will be held at 8:30 AM to discuss the branch website. It was recommended by Al Farbman that the meeting be recorded for future reference. It was suggested by Kevin Donahue that other websites also be looked at for ideas. Sam will send out an agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary**