



LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116  
BRANCH EXECUTIVE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2021

Big Sir Sam Beret called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Secretary Paul Ramacciotti confirmed a quorum was present.  
The following members in attendance were:

**Executive Committee:**

Big SIR Sam Baret  
Little SIR Fred Wachowicz  
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, Bernie Wroblewski, Michael Ward, and Jerry Hicks.

**Secretary's Report:**

It was decided that the Minutes for both the February 15, 2021 meeting and the February 22, 2021 special meeting would be addressed at the March 15, 2021 meeting.

**Big Sir Report (Sam Beret):**

Two agenda items to discuss:

1. The golf protocol controversy.
2. The Directors and Officers insurance liability. However, the Director who put this item on the agenda has pulled it off and therefore will be discussed at a later meeting.

Sam Beret reported:

- The golf protocol for both the nine-hole and eighteen-hole groups, and for golf lessons, was approved at the February 15, 2021 meeting.
- An e-mail was received from the State SIR stating that if their protocol was not approved as is, then the Branch is no longer covered under the State insurance policy, and since the Branch is a separate corporation, the branch operates at its own risk.
- Sam reached out to the area governor and asked, "what is it that you would like the branch to do?", and the reply was: "do the best for your branch and fellow SIRs."
- On May 1, 2021, insurance coverage will no longer include COVID, and at this time no one knows exactly what this entails.
- Sam presented three options: 1) adopt the State protocol word for word, 2) do nothing, or 3) put a link on the State protocol on Branch 116's web site.
- Sam then opened the subject to discussion.

Kevin Donahue reported:

- Kevin suggested approving the State's resolution and protocol and retain the Branch 116's.

Gary Boswell reported:

- Why not just adopt the State's protocol? Currently, there are three different protocols as links on the Branch 116 web site. Special events are not mentioned on the Branch protocol.

Neil Schmidt reported:

- The golf sheet he received specified only eighteen-hole golf, and this should be expanded to include all golf.
- Neil found numerous items which are not listed together on the State or Branch protocol. The two should be combined into one set of rules and the message communicated to the members.

Alan Pope Reported:

- Alan verified that the branch resolution was passed at the February 15, 2021 meeting, using the language that Sam mentioned, and suggested that the resolution be redrafted with the language of the State protocol.

Kevin Donahue reported:

- Kevin made a motion to accept the State protocol. The motion was seconded by Gary Boswell. The motion unanimously passed. Alan will change the language and make it read as a "resolution". The State SIR Golf Protocol will be attached to the minutes.

Neil Schmidt reported:

- Neil asked for clarification of the motion just passed. The answer is that the State protocol, as listed on its web site, will replace the current Branch 116 protocol, for both the nine-hole and eighteen-hole groups.

Bernie Wroblewski reported:

- Bernie asked about carpooling which is not included in the State protocol.

Neil Schmidt reported:

- Neil Schmidt voiced concerns over carpooling when single golf cart occupancy is required.

Kevin Donahue reported:

- Kevin made a motion to add to the Branch 116 web site requiring no carpooling to any golf event by Branch 116 golfers. He will add a page to the Branch protocol to this effect. This will be one PDF file. The motion was seconded by Gary Boswell and approved.

Sam Beret reported:

- Sam asked what the communication plan will be. Bernie Wroblewski will send a PDF to all of the golfers as he did originally and this will be put on the web site. All of the other protocols on the web sight will be removed.

Al Farbman reported:

- Al stated that, in his opinion, being more restrictive than the State can only help the Branch.

Sam Beret reported:

- Sam stated that other activities can use the State protocol by replacing "golf" related wording with wording that better describes those activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary**