



LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 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
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, Jerry Hicks, Michael Ward, Mike Schneider, Don Schroeder, Dave Harris, Alex Lutkus.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Paul Ramacciotti asked if there were any changes or corrections to the August 16, 2021 Minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Al Satake and seconded by Phil Goff. The motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Alan Fitzgerald reported:

- The general bank account is \$9,811.00 and the golf bank account is \$12,251.00.
- All of the free lunches have been covered with Safeway gift cards.
- The golf accounting process has been revised for easier handling and seems to be working well.

Standing Reports:**1. Membership:****Phil Goff reported:**

- Total active membership is currently 200.

2. Recruitment:**Don Schroeder reported:**

- Basically, nothing to report. Don did receive an application from a potential member who was born in May of 1994. Don reached out to the person but he has not responded.

3. Activities:**Mike Ward reported:**

- Ten outdoor activities are currently active as well as nine indoor activities. Schedules and times are listed on the calendar. Dine-O-SIRs is still inactive due to COVID-19, and duplicate bridge was cancelled due to lack of interest. Activities that are periodically happening are Computer & Tech and Poker. The book exchange is not operating due to luncheon cancellations.
- The golf clinic is at capacity every other Saturday morning.
- Travel: Jeff Johnson is working with the state of California to get a Texas travel agency approved in California.
- Other activities may be started as a result of the survey response.
- Book Club 2: Scott Clark will be coordinating.

4. Member Relations:**Roger Craig reported:**

- Nothing to report. Roger would welcome any suggestions for member relations. Roger will follow up on a suggestion from Phil Goff to contact a senior member needing a ride to the luncheons, when they resume.

5. Publicity:**Al Farbman reported:**

- Social Media: Continuing output in this area. Al has written an article to be distributed to the editor of Danville Today and Alamo Today. Al will also write up something pertaining to the golf clinic.

5. COVID Compliance:

Kevin Donahue reported:

- No new submissions. Approximately 75% (150 members) have submitted data.

Big SIR Report:**Sam Beret reported:**

- Luncheon Agenda: 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. Mike Ward will present activities update. Paul Freitas will introduce the speaker and handle questions.
- October 18th meeting: What to do? After much discussion, a motion was made by Al Farbman, seconded by Michael Barrington, to hold the October meeting on Zoom. The motion unanimously passed.
- Branch 8 is scheduling a Warriors game on January 9, 2022. The tickets will be discounted. Anyone interested can contact Sam. Information will be given to Neil Schmidt for the Newsletter. An October 27 Zoom session will be held with a Warrior representative, John Beven, executive VP of ticket sales.

Alan Fitzgerald reported:

- Alan Fitzgerald pointed out that Boundary Oak, because of staffing and financial obligation issues, will not move off the 100 attendees required for a luncheon. There is no charge for the BEC meeting room. Alan suggested have a morning meeting, including coffee and pastries, which would meet the idea of "socialization" for the members. This could be for a couple of hours, one for socializing and one for the BEC meeting. Alan and Mike Schneider will contact Boundary Oak catering about the possibility of holding this event, including cost and logistics. Alan and Mike will also inquire about using the bar, with a bartender, for an evening social event on December 15th.

Little SIR Report:**Al Farbman reported:**

- Today's speaker will be a tornado chaser. The speaker for October will be Nancy Ukai, who will speak on art developed at the Japanese internment camps during WWII. The speaker in November will center on the airline industry. No speaker is scheduled for December at this time.

Old Business:**Christmas Party****Sam Beret reported:**

- December 15, 2021 is the scheduled date for the event. After much discussion, centering on COVID pitfalls and planning and logistic issues, it was decided to cancel this year's Christmas party. A motion was made by Al Farbman to cancel the in-person Christmas Party, seconded by Alan Fitzgerald. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

- **Nothing to report.**

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Sam Beret made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Al Farbman. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectively Submitted:

Paul Ramacciotti, Secretary