



Minutes

BEC Meeting Date: 10-14-2014

BEC Members Attending:

	Rich Carlston, Big Sir	X	Dennis Mierzwa, Asst. Member. Sec.
	Tom DiGrande, Little Sir		Dan Casella, Treasurer
X	Carl Ludwig, Sec.	X	Peter Shapiro, Asst. Treasurer
X	Leo Dominguez, Asst. Secretary	X	Mike Frey, Director
X	Manuel Dominguez, Attend. Sec.	X	Chick Lowry, ACC Member, Director
X	Dan Smith, Asst. Attend. Sec.	X	Martin Simmons, Director
	Rich Knowles, Membership Sec.		Tony de Losada, Director Emeritus
X	Peter Jordan, Asst. Secretary		

Visitors:

Name	Topic, if addressing BEC
Mike Furtado	
John Valler	
Dan Weller	
Ken Main	
Phil Trapp	
Dan Crowley	
Ron Cassano	
Mike Loonin	
Jim Sowell	

Stan Johnson	

Open and Welcome: The meeting was opened at 9:01 by Carl Ludwig, who welcomed the BEC.

Recognition of Visitors and Guests: Gary Kohler, Little Sir Branch 34

New Member Introduction: none

Big Sir Announcements – Carl Ludwig:

1. The annual meeting of the State Sir was September 24 at the Lafayette Veteran’s Center. The meeting was well organized. With a 48-page power point. Membership is down throughout SIRS.
 - a. Dan Smith- some chapters have a small number of members. Branch 8 is the 4th largest branch.
 - b. Peter Shapiro- 60% of state funds go to insurance. Oct. 18- Zoom training to grow the SIRS brand. Nov. 8th Leader training. Zoom not set announced.
2. Carl Ludwig discussed the need for marketing ideas based on comments from our recent member survey. Branch 8 may need to form a Committee for Marketing. Rich and Tom will pursue at the next meeting. Carl will forward the link to the State Sir Zoom meeting on marketing ideas.
 - a. Tom DiGrande is going to reach out to branches 116 & 134 for other ideas
3. Phil Trapp- Presented the Ed Benson award nominee- Tony De Losada. M/S/A (Motion/Second/Approved)
4. Our Oktoberfest will be touted at today’s lunch (Leo & Tom). It is this Thursday 10/17/2024

Little Sir Report- Tom DiGrande:

No Little Sir Report.

Secretary Report – Carl Ludwig: M/S/A, the BEC minutes of September 2024, were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Peter Shapiro:: Peter noted the need to change in treasurer leadership. To get us through the year, Peter should ne appointed as the Treasurer and Dan Casella would become the assistant. **(M/S/A to make this switch of positions.)** All future expense reports should be directed to Peter. A new Assistant Treasurer needs to be identified.

Peter presented the treasurer’s report for September.

Noted \$1071 loss in October. This was accounted for in the annual budget.

Noted state fee is \$600. It may increase.

Membership \$55. \$10 goes to the state

Noted today’s luncheon js estimated to be a \$500 loss

Requested Activity chairs to submit 2025 budgets

We will terminate mailing the Hotline in 2025

Boundary Oaks Rate for next year is not yet established

M/S/A approved the treasures report.

Recognizing Dan Casella's contributions to our organization has not yet been addressed. Rich Carlston will recognize Dan at a future luncheon. Also feature him in the upcoming newsletter and provide him with a distinguished service award.

New Business-

1. Activity Name change- Rubber Bridge to Contract Bridge **(M/S/A)**
2. Manuel Dominguez- Constant contact should be its own committee. Not part of membership. Do we need to add another board member to head this committee.

Membership –Dennis Mierzwa (for Rich Knowles): Branch 8 has 229 members plus 1 joining for a total of 230. 2 new members submitted to join **(M/S/A to accept the new members).**

Attendance – Manuel Dominguez: Manuel summarized his September report.

96 Attended, 1 visitor, 3 late sign up, 4 no shows

Today's expectations 104 signed up 103 expected, 2 no meals, 8 guests, 2 speakers, No Covid cancellation.

M/S/A attendance report

Activities Coordinator – Mike Frey: Thanked Dan Weller for the ACC's members activity analysis. 80% of the members attend 1 activity, 60% attend lunch, 16 members pay dues but do not attend either an activity or lunch. For these 16 we need to know the barriers for their lack of participation. Very few activities chairs use ACC.

M/S/A ACC Report

Member Relations – none

M/S/A member relations report.

Member Feedback – Jim Sowell: Better audio speakers are being investigated.

Publicity and Images – Tony de Losada: none

Systems Support Team – Dan Weller: Team is working on email publication tree. Also working on connecting new members to activity chairs

Hotline – Dan Smith: Chris Wehling and John Vallor will now take over Dan's responsibilities to manage the Hotline.

Final Remarks – Rich Carlston: None

Next Meeting: November 11,2024

Close and Adjourn: 10:13 a.m.