

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
TWIN HARTE BRANCH NO. 172
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: October 31, 2011

Place: Pine Tree Restaurant, Sonora, CA

Big Sir Henry Beltran opened the meeting at 8:04 AM and welcomed Branch Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen, and Sir Bill Lobdell (Branch 136). Secretary Dan Mohn reported that a quorum was present (See Attached Attendance Record). Big Sir Henry Beltran called for additions and corrections to and/or approval of the October 3, 2011 Minutes as electronically transmitted to all Officers and Directors. The Minutes were approved as submitted (Honeychurch/Escallier).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dennis Honeychurch reported a beginning cash balance of \$6086.63 and an ending balance of \$6228.22 for the month of October. The main expenses for the month were: Printing & Supplies - \$61.42; Postage and Delivery - \$25.25; Guest Expenses - \$10.00; State Board Pro Rata Assessment - \$149.00; and Other - \$16.13. The Treasurer's Report was approved. (Hawke/Wright).

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Chairman Bill Anning reported that 14 Sirs had called that they would not be attending Thursday's Luncheon Meeting. Sir Jim Schneider reported that 1 visitor, the speaker's spouse, would be attending.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Chairman Larry Bertuccelli submitted his report via e-mail and requested approval for the application of Lyn Jones, sponsored by Sir Art Bartee. Approved (Honeychurch/Escallier).

The membership continues to stand at 159 active members and 0 inactive.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LUNCHEON: Sir Jim McCracken reported that all is set for Thursday's Luncheon serving roast turkey with all the trimmings.

PROGRAM: Big Sir Henry Beltran reported, in the absence of Little Sir Jerry Morrow who is out of the State on a family emergency, that Thursday's luncheon speaker will be Sir Roy Gray, glider pilot, who will talk about his flying days. Sir Roy Gray is a member of Twain Harte Branch 172.

COMPUTER USERS GROUP: Sir Dick Chimenti requested approval for a meeting and dinner at the China House Cafe in Twain Harte on November 17, 2011 with dinner starting at 5:30 PM.

WEB PAGE: Sir Dick Chimenti reported that the Web Page is up to date.

GOLF: Sir Gil Wesson reported that the season is over for 2011.

BULLETIN: Send all Bulletin items to Sir Stu Heller by November 7.

PUBLICITY: Sir Gil Wesson reported that the meeting notice was published in the *Union Democrat*, twice.

MOVIE: Sir Gil Wesson requested approval for **Lunch and a Movie** on November 1, 2011, with lunch at Applebee's at 11:30 AM, and **A Movie and Dinner** later during the month of November, the date to be determined when the titles become known.

TRAVEL: Sir Earl Nelson reported, by e-mail, that 14 Sirs and spouses/guests have signed up, to date, for **Castles on the Rhine** riverboat cruise August 18 to September 3, 2012. A trip to Branson is being planned for March or April 2012.

RV: No Report.

THEATER: Sir Dave Palmer reported that he has selected the play bill for 2012 and will request approval of the scheduled plays at the January 2012 BEC meeting. Sir Palmer reported that the **Seven Sisters Restaurant** will be included as an option for dinner during the season.

PINOCHLE: Sir Roland Patton reported that the noon time Pinochle games will be at the Moose Lodge on the 1st Monday and the Elks Lodge on the 3rd Thursday of November.

HIKING GROUP: Sir Jerry Jensen, requested approval for a hike on November 9, 2011, along the Columbia Ditch, (*Tuolumne Main Ditch*) starting at Kewin Mill Road in Cedar Ridge, to Old Oak Ranch and return, carpooling from Twain Harte Market parking lot at 8:30 AM.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: Sir Ralph Legg requested approval for a ride during November at a time and place to be determined by the weather and trail conditions. The group will meet at the Twain Harte Market parking lot at 8:00 AM and car pool from there.

FISHING: Sir Herb Spierling reported he could not make contact with the Branch 136 Fishing Group Chairman so no Branch 172 Sirs were able to go. Sir Spierling will continue to try to make contact with Branch 136 for the November fishing outing.

FELLOWSHIP: Sir Bill Bamford reported that he has sent three cards to Sirs this month.

PROPANE GROUP: No Report.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS: Sir Cas Munoz requested approval for Branch 172 Sirs to attend, as a group, the next Friday night (11-04-2011) end of season football game at Summerville High School. Sir Roland Patton was complimented for his very colorful e-mail reports of each game he attended. Sir Munoz reported that High School basket ball will be starting soon at both Sonora and Summerville High Schools. Both boys and girls games will be considered.

All requested activities listed in these Minutes are approved by this single motion MSP (Hawke/Robinson).

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Big Sir Henry Beltran introduced Sir Bill Lobdell, Wagon Master, Sonora Branch 136 RV Club. Sir Lobdell gave the BEC a brief background of his club and reiterated that the state of the economy has been hard on its members, as it has been on the Branch 172 members, reducing the number of outings each season as well as limiting the number of rigs participating in each outing. This, in turn, has affected each RV Club's bargaining power with the RV Parks with regard to costs and fees, as well as amenities available to the Club at the park. Sir Lobdell proposed that the respective Club Wagon Masters meet and confer, with the possibility that some outings may be a combined trip that includes members of both Clubs, to enhance the combined Clubs bargaining power for reduced fees and enhanced amenities.

It was unfortunate the Sir Jim Nolan, Wagon Master, Branch 172 was not available to participate in this discussion. However, it was the consensus of the BEC, that the respective Wagon Masters of Branch 136 and 172, along with the Wagon Master of Branch 77 meet and discuss joining forces on outings with common destinations, to use the power-in-numbers to the advantage of each Club.

Sir Dick Chimenti, Branch 172 Webmaster, offered his assistance in linking the Branch 172 RV Club website to the websites of Branch 77 and 136 so that each club could see what outings the other clubs had scheduled and join on, as guests. Discussion ensued.

Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the BEC that the Big Sirs, as well, of the three Tuolumne County Branches should meet periodically, to discuss the happenings, concerns, and problems that may be in common with the three branches.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

The next Branch Executive Committee Meeting will be 8:00 AM, Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Pine Tree Restaurant, next to the Best Western Motel, at 19601 Hess Avenue, Sonora, with breakfast starting at 7:00 AM. The monthly luncheons are held

on the first Thursday of each month at the Sonora Elks' Lodge, with the exception of August, which is the Ladies Day Picnic, sponsored by the RV Club, at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown and December, when the luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

Dan Mohn, Secretary