



SONS IN RETIREMENT

TRI-CITY BRANCH 106

Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

JUN 15, 2022

Paradise Valley Banquet Room
(0930-1100)

1. **Call to Order** – Terry Hartman
2. **Roll Call:** BEC –
PRESENT – Terry Hartman, Mike Gardner, Steve Handel, Ron Lodetti, , Jim Evans, Dirk Minnema, Mike Mastrocovo, Rich Barker, Bob Brown, Dennis Dix, Dave Baker
ABSENT Tom Smith, Rich Forgie, Gary Fox, Rick Newman
3. **Secretary** – Tom Smith (TLH for Tom)
 - a. Approve minutes from May
MINUTES
 - May minutes reviewed and approved, JE/DM
4. **Little Sir Report** – Mike Gardner
 - a. Guest speaker – Veterans Support Program
 - b. Need action to add Facebook page to newsletter as well as on our website
 - c. Picnic update, caterer, volunteers
MINUTES
 - Speaker for July will be Tony Wade
 - Speaker for August will be Faith in Action org, they help Seniors
 - Sept Picnic being organized, RL helping and volunteers still requested. Picnic will be at Cordelia Hill Park, searching for caterer since M&M is unable to provide the service this year
 - Speaker for Oct will be Remember-A-Vet program, Curtis Stocking
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Steven Handel/Ron Lodetti
 - a. Review May financials
 - b. Raffle permit application status
MINUTES
 - May financial report reviewed and approved, MM/RB
 - Raffle permit still working its way through the CA state system
6. **Membership Report** – Rich Forgie (TLH)
 - a. Provide update on membership
 - b. Senior Certificates (Bob DeNike)
MINUTES
 - May membership report reviewed and approved, RL/MM

7. **Sunshine Report** – Jim Evans
a. Membership Welfare report

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- Ron Nix had hernia surgery but is recovering well and is attending today's meeting
- JE helped Sandy (Mike) James with their fence
- Terry Farmer appears happy and sings a lot according to his wife
- Meals on Wheels needs volunteers, RB volunteered to help

8. **Golf Report** – Dennis Dix / Bob Brown
a. Golf Budget Report - Mike Mastrocovo

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- Dennis announced he will be golf chairman for one more year and then turn it over to someone else
- Bob Brown also announced he'll organize away golf through next year and then turn it over to someone else
- Bob Brown announced next away game scheduled for 7/14 at Blue Rock West
- MM reviewed golf finances, approved JE/SH

9. **Activities Report** – Mike Mastrocovo
a. Update on status of creation of cribbage
b. Discussion of possibly having activities before or after luncheons

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- JE update on cribbage, spoke with Alma regarding availability of using some tables in the restaurant area once a week. Shouldn't be a problem so JE will pursue
- TLH discussed with Alma the possibility of our group using the room where we hold the meetings to have table games after the meeting is over, from 2:00-4:00. Alma thought it wouldn't be a problem but will check. Poker or any gambling type game would not be permitted

10. New Business

- a. Discussion on dues vs minimum attendance
 - i. Vote by BEC to choose option
 - ii. Will purchase of luncheon be required
 - iii. Implementation, who will track (treasurer/membership)
- b. Other business

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- There was over an hour of discussion regarding the proposed solution to getting more attendance to lunches so more members will be able to be involved in branch activities as well as possibly showing interest in volunteering for key BEC positions as those on the BEC choose to retire from their positions
- Questions included:
 - Why are we doing this?
 - Why not just dues?
 - Would requiring attendance be counterproductive?
 - How will we communicate to membership?
- There was concern that “forcing” members to come to luncheons would push people away
- We have larger attendance at weekly Monday golf than we do at monthly luncheons
- State Sir policies require attendance to monthly luncheons six times per year. Branch 106 changed to not requiring attendance in 2019 due to some members not wanting to attend luncheons but still wanted to play golf
- Most agreed that membership will likely go down regardless of which option is chosen, dues only or attendance requirement only
- Several members believe attendance is down due to members not wanting to return to lunches due to COVID
- We need to provide membership with more reasons to want to come to meetings
- FINAL VOTE
 - Option # 1 – RF, JE, TS
 - Option # 2 – MM, MG, SH, DM, RB
 - Option # 3 – RL, TH
- Dues only was voted to be the preferred option
- A dues of \$30/yr will be required be for all members beginning in July
- This decision was announced to those attending the luncheon
- It will also be put in the newsletter and on the website, as well as we will send out snail mail messages to all members
- A grace period of 90 days will be provided.

11. Adjourn