



## SONS IN RETIREMENT

TRI-CITY BRANCH 106

Branch Executive Committee Meeting

April 19, 2023

Paradise Valley Banquet Room

(0900-10:30 AM)

1. **Call to Order** – Mike Gardner
2. **Roll Call:** BEC –Mike Gardner, Rich Barker, Steve Handel, Steve Donnell, Jim Evans, Mark Goltz, Ed Hoeft, Rich Forgie, Tom Smith  
**Advisors** – Bob Brown, Dave Baker, Terry Hartman, Rick Newman  
**Deeply Caring Golf Member at Large** – Dennis Dix

### MINUTES

- After calling the meeting to order, Mike Gardner ceded the floor to Rich Forgie. Due to emergent medical issues, Rich will be stepping away until further notice from all SIR activities both within the executive committee and on the golf course where Rich, every Monday morning, has—and will again—lead the SIR way in the lead foursome.
- Steve Donnell previously shared the draft minutes electronically with the BEC members soliciting corrections, deletions and/or additions. Steve incorporated their input. Rich Barker motioned and Jim Evans seconded the motion to approve and safe keep the minutes, which have been saved to our SIR chapter archives.
- Mike Gardner presided over a discussion and subsequent votes on State-Level SIR issues. That is, should SIR chapters allow women to join our chapter? And, should other SIR chapters allow women to join? The context for voting stems from two isolated chapters who did admit women membership to sustain the viability of those chapters. Pre-vote debate spanned the possibility continuum. Worse case, female membership at the chapter level could easily evolve into women at the State Sir level driving mandated female membership at the chapter level. Committee vote on the first question—allow women membership in SIR chapters—was unanimously no. In the matter female membership at other chapters, one committee member voted in favor of this possibility.
- Mike Gardner also revisited a recurring issue from his point of view. That is, Mike's concern over SIR chapter members who will not respond in any manner to our monthly solicitation to attend our monthly luncheon. To that end, the current solicitation form has made it so much easier to respond by simply clicking on any number of options. Yet, many members won't answer at all. At this point, select committee members chose to talk about the elephant in the room: Many of our members join our SIR chapter just to play golf and nothing else.

3. **Little Sir Report** – Rich Barker

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- Our SIR chapter support to the Food Bank has been so successful, the Food Bank has now solicited additional support at the other end of the process. That is, could we provide distribution of the prepared food bags on another day of the week? The general feeling within the committee was to let our current level of support play out for the rest of the year to determine its sustainability, since the distribution activity would occur on another competing day of the week.
- As for the guest speaker schedule, we are looking for a speaker for June.
- For the August presentation on Alzheimer's, there were legitimate concerns that we should invite spouses to this event given the impact that spousal support would have on afflicted individuals. The discussion of this

genuine concern led to a consideration of inviting the larger Fairfield community—by word of mouth—to the presentation.

- There was a 5- to 1 vote in favor of participation in the Fairfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

4. **Treasurer Report** – Steve Handel

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- Steve briefed that he is still short some 2023 membership fees. This is a multi-month repeat comment by Steve. To address fee delays, Steve passed around an approved stipulation announcing that annual fee payment after 31 March would lead to delinquent suspension.
- Steve verbally outlined what our contributions pay for at the State SIR level. 71% goes to insurance premiums. 17% helps pay for administrative support.

5. **Membership** – Ed Hoeft (in the absence of Rich Forgie who left for a medical appt right after his opening remarks)

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- Three guests for today’s luncheon.
- One new member – Tom Meissner
- Three suspended members returning to active status.
- One suspended member resigned due to long term spousal care.
- 136 current members.

6. **Sunshine Report** – Jim Evans

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- Jim briefed the health status of selected chapter members.

7. **Golf Report** –

**MINUTES**

- Dennis noted the improved weather forecasts and, therefore, improved weekly participation.
- As for the SIR Away events, the last one scheduled will be 18 May at Haggin Oaks. If no one volunteers to replace Bob Brown, they can join the No Name Group that plays an away scramble every Thursday.
- Dennis also mentioned the Wednesday after Memorial Day will be the alternate date to avoid holiday prices.

8. **Activities Report** – Mike Mastrocovo

**MINUTES**

- Cribbage – Jim Evans continues to report monthly increases in the number of members playing cribbage every Tuesday at Paradise Valley. Moreover, there will be a cribbage tournament starting next Tuesday.