



SONS IN RETIREMENT

TRI-CITY BRANCH 106

Branch Executive Committee Meeting

January 17, 2024

Paradise Valley Banquet Room

(0900-10:30 AM)



1. **Call to Order** – Mike Gardner
2. **Roll Call:** BEC –Mike Gardner, Steve Handel, Steve Donnell, Jim Evans, Mark Goltz, Mike Mastrocovo, Ed Hoeft, Tom Smith, John Quinley, Tom Meissner
Advisors – Bob Brown, Dave Baker, Rick Newman, Dennis Dix
3. **Secretary**—Steve Donnell. There were no minutes from December, since the annual holiday party supplanted the normal BEC meeting. Steve did share online the minutes from the January early BEC lunch meeting. Since there were no additions, deletions, or corrections, the motion to accept those minutes was seconded and subsequently approved for entry into our records.
4. **Paradise Valley Updates**—Mike Gardner led a wrap up discussion stemming from our deliberations at the BEC lunch meeting earlier this month. Those discussions centered on the increased cost of meals at our monthly luncheons due to the turnover of the service contract covering both Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley banquet costs. Since that meeting Mike G had visited numerous other sites. None of the other sites offered a decisive difference in the cost/services equation. As a result, our group voted to remain at Paradise Valley for our monthly luncheons at an increased cost of \$45 compared to the previous cost of \$35. No one was happy about this outcome, but all the alternatives were even worse. Mike G subsequently briefed the membership (those who attended the luncheon) on the officers' decision. More to follow in coming months as we monitor the average number of participants at our monthly luncheons.
5. **Little Sir Report** – Rich Barker. In Rich's absence, Mike G briefed the list of pending luncheon speakers.
6. **Treasurer Report** – Steve Handel briefed the monthly numbers. Steve's math squared his account, so his cost sheet was motioned, approved, and will now become a part of our permanent records.
7. **Membership** – Ed Hoeft briefed member turnover since the last BEC meeting. We had one member (Ed Palacio) resign in an effort to cut down on his social calendar, and one former member (Bill Stephens) returning to our Branch from the Napa branch. MTF in coming months, I'm sure.
8. **Sunshine Report** – Jim Evans briefed the health status of selected chapter members. Due to PII concerns, none of that update will appear in these spaces. However, we wish them well and hope to see Rich Forgie back on the golf course soon.
9. **Golf Report** – Dennis noted the needed winter monsoonal rain patterns that will haunt (cart path only) the golfers into March, if not early April. Dennis also provided via separate correspondence the SIR golf schedule for all of 2024. When asked again, Dennis re-asserted his proclamation that he does not need an assistant. As for No-Name scramble events, they are on hold until Andy Anderson is ready to run them again.
10. **Activities Report** – Mike Mastrocovo reminded everyone of the pending bus run to the Cache Creek casino. Cribbage continues to prosper. PV looks forward to the event each Tuesday. We might want to look at Jim's model for future monthly luncheons, if the new cost factor becomes a show-stopper. Jim's model is no pre-

arranged food (breakfast in his case; lunch for our monthly meetings); just the BEC meeting followed by a chapter get-together for a pledge, sing-a-long, updates, and a speaker. If attendees wish to order food and/or drinks, they can do so just like golfers making the turn. The key aspect of Jim's success is remembering we are a social organization, so we focus on the social event.

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