



SONS IN RETIREMENT

TRI-CITY BRANCH 106

Branch Executive Committee Meeting

February 21, 2024

Paradise Valley Banquet Room

(9:00-10:30 AM)

Call to Order – Mike Gardner

1. **Roll Call:**

BEC - Mike Gardner, Steve Handel, Jim Evans, Mike Mastrocovo, Rich Barker, Tom Smith, Mark Goltz, Ed Hoeft, Terry Hartman, John Quinley, Tom Meissner

Advisors – Bob Brown, Dave Baker, Dennis Dix

2. **Big Sir Report** – Mike Gardner

MINUTES

- The details of a meeting, facilitated by Rick Vacarro of the Fairfield City Council, between the Touchstone Management Group (Jake Stewart, General Manager of Rancho Solano and Paradise and Brian Barisione, Director of Food and Beverage) and SIR leadership (Mike Gardner, Rich Barker, Steve Handel), were presented. Bottom line: after SIR clarified how impactful SIR participation was on the operation and finances of the two golf courses and associated facilities, the Touchstone Group agreed to reduce luncheon charges from \$45 to \$35 per person. \$35 per person would cover an enhanced meal menu, desserts, tips (22%), tax, and banquet room. In addition, a minimum charge for using the facility for our monthly meetings would not be enforced.
- Menu choices were made for all months except September (picnic) and December (Holiday Party). It is very likely that the holiday party cost will be greater than \$35.

3. **Acting Secretary** – Mark Goltz

MINUTES

- Steve Donnell previously shared a draft of the January 2024 minutes with the committee members and advisors in preparation for today's meeting. In the absence of any recommended changes the minutes were accepted and will be placed in the branch's permanent records.

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

MINUTES

- Speakers have been recruited for all months except November.
- The August 2024 speaker will present a sequel to the August 2023 presentation on Alzheimer's and Dementia. The board agreed that the August meeting would be open to members' wives/partners.

5. **Treasurer Report** – Steve Handel

MINUTES

- The BEC approved the treasurer's report.
- The treasurer noted that we are permitted by the state AG to hold raffles. The permit costs \$30 annually and an annual report to the state is required.
- SRI owes us \$500, which we put down as a deposit when we started having luncheons at Paradise Valley. The treasurer is working with them to secure reimbursement for this amount.

- 127 of our 144 members have paid 2024 dues of \$20. The treasurer is working to contact the 17 members that have yet to pay, and locating 10 of the 17 has proven difficult.
- The board voted unanimously that 31 January 2025 will be the cutoff for payment of 2025 dues. After that date, members who have not paid dues will be removed from the active roster. An email will be sent out in December 2024 notifying members of the cutoff date.

6. **Membership** – Ed Hoeft

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- The BEC approved this month's membership report. Total membership is 144.

7. **Sunshine Report** – Jim Evans

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- Jim reported on three members: (1) Randy Murphy's wife fell and he is taking care of her, (2) Frank Mariano suffered a concussion and stroke and is on the mend in rehab, and (3) Rich Forgie completed his radiation treatment and will be at today's luncheon.

8. **Golf Report** – Dennis Dix/Mike Mastrocovo

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- Due to weather, the next several weeks will be cart path only.
- Dennis is working with Touchstone Management on holding several of the future weekly outings at Paradise Valley.
- Mike Mastrocovo presented the golf finance report. \$4370 in NCGA dues will be paid in February.

9. **Activities Report**

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- Cribbage – Jim Evans. There are 35 cribbage players with a typical Tuesday game having 23-24 attendees. There will be a single elimination tournament in March.
- Food Bank – Rich Barker. A group of 11 put labels on >1,100 cans of olives in January. There are enough volunteers to fulfill our monthly commitment to the food bank.
- Cache Creek – Mike Mastrocovo. Mike will arrange for a bus trip to Cache Creek on 29 March.
- Remember a Vet – Mike Gardner. Mike received a card thanking us for the \$1,250 donation that came from the membership. The number of boughs needed each year is growing exponentially.

10. **New Business**

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- Tom Meissner volunteered to serve as Little Sir this year and Big Sir in 2025.
- It was suggested that valet parking would be useful for some members. Subsequent to the BEC meeting, the idea was raised to have a golf cart available to bring the members from where their parked car to the building.
- It was noted that people sitting in the back of the banquet room were having trouble hearing the speaker. The BEC conducted a test, and it seems the sound system is now working and the problem appears to be resolved.