



**Mt. Diablo Branch 8 – Region 5 - Area 16**

**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**BEC Officers and Directors** The 8 in attendance constituted a quorum (6 min.)

Name	Title	Term (Thru)	Present	Absent
<b>Larry Lange</b>	Big Sir	2019	X	
<b>Steve Schramm</b>	Little Sir	2019	X	
<b>Jack Sagen</b>	Secretary	2020	X	
vacant	Assistant Secretary			-
<b>Bill Peterson</b>	Attendance Secretary	2019	X	
vacant	Asst. Attendance Secretary			-
<b>Bob Barnes</b>	Membership Secretary	2019	X	
vacant	Asst Membership Secretary			-
<b>Dennis Fitzpatrick</b>	Treasurer	2019		<b>X</b>
<b>Dan Casella</b>	Assistant Treasurer	2020	X	
vacant	Director	2019		-
<b>Dan Weller</b>	Director	2019		<b>X</b>
<b>Thom Watkins</b>	Director	2020	X	
<b>Tom Kerns</b>	Director	2021	X	
vacant	Director	2022		-

**MEMBER VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Ed Benson** SIR State President

**Tony de Losada** Publicity and Image

**Chuck Joyce** Hotline Editor

**Bill Phelon** Photographer

**Rich Knowles** Branch 8 Member

**Howard Meadow** Recruitment

**Bill Espey** MRC Chairman

**Dan Crowley** Branch 8 member

**Mike Anderson** Branch 8 Orientation

**Ron Cassano** Branch 8 Member

**Dennis Mierzwa** Branch 8

**New Member sworn In at BEC Meeting**

**Keith Chang** MD-162

**Manual Dominguez** MD-162

**Paul Vanelli** MD 85

**John Meade** MD-332, Sponsor

**Dan Crowley** MD-353, Sponsor

**Terry Norton** MD-313, Sponsor

**Call to Order**

1. **Big Sir Larry Lange** called meeting to order at 9:05 AM: A **Quorum** was established.



## 1. Officer Reports

### 1.1 Secretary Report (Jack Sagen)

1. The May 2019 minutes had been distributed in draft form. Comments were received and incorporated in final distributed version.  
Final version **Moved, Seconded and Passed.**
2. **John Meade** attended his first **BEC** meeting as Assistant Secretary.

### 1.2 Big Sir Report (Larry Lange)

1. 3 new members are scheduled to be inducted at 10:00 AM. Induction of new members is the most important thing that we do.
2. Approval of July Minutes.
3. Form 20. Currently updated. New Form 20 with new list of 2020 **BEC** officers due by end of August.
4. Attrition of membership has become serious. **SIR** must find ways to attract new members.
5. **December LDL** will cost \$60 per person with **Franc D'Ambroiso** as entertainer. **Frank Kilarr** is working on less expensive entertainment costs.
6. **Steve.** Contract with Hilton determines costs. **Bill.** **SIR** has a minimum lunch count guarantee with Hilton. We are falling below 310 guaranteed member lunches.
7. **Dean.** How do we count members? Are non-lunch members counted?
8. The **UGLY SHIRT DAY** competition will be at the September 9<sup>th</sup> General meeting.
9. **Chuck Joyce** will be leaving **SIR** next year. He is still a member until he officially leaves. He is the **HOTLINE** editor and will become a **BEC** director in 2020.
10. **Bill Espey.** How did members react to cancellation of the Patio Party due to bad weather? **Thom.** Most did not realize that a party was planned. It was too cold.
11. We must tell State Org. if we have candidate for Area Governor. Is anybody interested?
12. **H.L.M.**(Honorary Life Member). **Larry** will accept nominations for this honor. The Candidates proposed will be voted on at the September meeting.
13. **Toby Keith's** song "**Don't let the old man in**" is no longer being pursued for use due to copyright.



### **1.3 Little Sir Report (Steve Schramm)**

1. The August speaker will be **Jaime Jenette** from C.C.C. Services on homelessness .
2. **Volunteers are needed for many activities.**
3. November Veterans Day speaker(s) will be people with military background, hopefully **SIR** members.

### **1.4 Treasurer Report (Dan Casella for Dennis Fitzpatrick)**

1. Dan presented Treasurer's report with + \$16,367.70 balance, a \$347 loss for month.
2. Report **motion was seconded and approved.**
3. **Ed Benson:** Amount of money on hand may be too high for a non-profit organization. He will send an email to **Dennis and Dan** stating that a balance of \$16,000 is too high.
4. **Ed.** Branch 8 has the highest lunch cost of any branch.
5. **Steve.** There are two parts to member costs; fixed fees and lunch. November will be upset month on fees, lunch costs and dues amount.

### **1.5 Membership Secretary Report (Bob Barnes)**

1. **Motion** swearing in new members,(see above) **was seconded and approved.**  
New Members introduced and sworn in.
2. There are currently 305 active members and 27 members on leave-of-absence for a member total of 332.
3. Membership Report **motion was seconded and approved.**

### **1.6 Attendance Secretary Report (Bill Peterson)**

1. Projected July meeting attendance: 211. Hilton contract requires minimum of 215 meals. Of the 211 attendees, 5 are non-meals. 8 people had an excused absence: 10 did not. 13 members did not respond to contact. Most are traveling.
- 2 **Report motion moved, seconded and approved.**

## **2.0 Committee Reports**

### **2.1 Recruiting Committee (Howard Meadow)**

1. **3 New Membership Incentive proposals.**
  1. Wine for maximum of 30 guests (cost of 2 bottles @ \$20.05) =\$301.00  
The incentive is designed to increase the number of guests at activities.
  2. Guests who have attended at least one activity may be invited to lunch at the monthly meeting. Available to 30 guests. Projected costs 30 x \$35 = \$1050.
  3. New members will receive **SIR** Shirt and hat. **Tony:** cost of shirt **\$12** and hat **\$10.**



2. **Ed.** Guests may attend activities 3 times without being a member. Get activity chairmen behind effort; give them a shirt.
3. Activity chairmen need to do reports listing guests and how they responded to activity.
4. **Dan.** Lunch for guests should be \$10 as per published **SIR** ads.

## **2.2 Activities Committee (Thom Watkins)**

1. There are 50 activities and 3 events of which 35 are co-Ed.
2. A **coral group** has been proposed. **Dennis Coburn** will lead effort in September.
3. **SIR** received 2 joint activity invitations from **Branch 146; bicycling and RVing**
4. **SIR** at the **Foreign Films** has been proposed as a new activity by **David Bushnell**.

## **2.3 Member Relations Committee (Bill Espey)**

1. Nothing to report .

## **2.4 Public Relations Committee (Tony de Losada)**

1. **OUTREACH, RECRUITING, EMAIL BLAST, HOTLINE, FOLLOW THROUGH. ADVERTISING.**
2. The Apparel store will open soon. Vista Print will be the apparel provider.
3. Tomorrow is the **meet and greet event** between **seven C.C.C. SIR Branches** at **Capitol One Café** for drinks and dinner.
4. Non-profit day costs; W.C. magazine Ads; Advertising: **Request for \$1050 approved.**
5. **Motion to spend \$1000** over the next 3 months. **Approved.**

## **2.5 System Support Team (Dan Weller)**

1. **Dan** installed software and permissions on **Dennis Mierzwa's** computer so that he may preform most membership CPU functions on the branches' new **Integrated Database**.
2. **Bill Peterson** is working on simplifying all the branch attendance programs.
3. The branch needs a **Badge Management** person. A new way of handling badges is being looked at.
4. **Dan** published the "System Support Team" to the **BEC** members. No feedback was received. The next step is to recruit staff.

## **2.6 Hotline (Chuck Joyce)**

1. Lyrics of copyrighted song cannot be used. See **item 1.2-13** above.



### 3.0 Old Business – none

### 4.0 New Business

#### 4.1 Induction of New Members (Bob Barnes)

1. See new member list on page 2.

#### 4.2 Miscellaneous

1. Larry read **Jim Sowell's** humorous description of table comment cards.  
**A.B.C.** Anything but chicken.
2. **Roger Lamm** requested permission to create new activity: **Dine in 4.**  
**Motion approved**

#### 4.3 Close and Adjourn

**Big Sir Larry Lange** adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM

The next regular BEC meeting will be **September 9, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

Respectfully submitted

Jack Sagen, Secretary, Branch 8

			SIR Branch 8 - Officers and Directors to 2020 Term
Elected	Title	Nominee	Term
	Big Sir	Steve Schramm	1 year
	Little Sir	Ron Cassano	2 years
	Secretary	Jack Sagen	2 years
	Asst. Secretary	John Meade	2 years
	Attendance Secretary	Bill Peterson	1 year
	Asst. Attendance Secretary	Dan Smith	1 year
	Membership Secretary	Dennis Mierzwa	2 years
	Asst. membership Secretary	Rich Knowles	2 years
	Treasurer	Dan Casella	2years
	Assistant Treasurer	Mike Loonin	2years
	Director	Chuck Joyce	3years
	Director	Ken Main	3years
	Director	Tom Kerns	1year
	Director	Thom Watkins	1year