

**Minutes of Sons in Retirement, Luther Burbank Branch 17
BEC Meeting, via ZOOM video, Santa Rosa CA
Thursday, January 7, 2021**

Big SIR George Traverso opened the meeting at 10:24 a.m.; we lacked a quorum until that time.

Present (some joined in progress; voting members indicated by *): Immediate former Big SIR Dennis Mangan, Big SIR George Traverso*, Little SIR Gordon Boulton*, Secretary Kurt Wehrmeister*, former Treasurer Glenn Seime, Treasurer Al Petrie*, Directors Paul Willihnganz*, Ken Johnson*, Chris Nolen*, Tom Lubas*.

Absent/Excused: Little SIR-in-waiting Gary Bondi, Asst. Secretary Jim Gurke, Asst. Treasurer John Gnam; Directors Elias Zegarra, Rich de Lambert.

Other members present: Fred Rose, Lance Thompson, Ted Scapeccia; Area Governor Bob Reuther.

(Prior to existence of a seven-voting-member quorum, discussion of promotion of any Branch activities in the BARK newsletter during the Covid lockdown situation; consensus is that there can be no discussion of any in-person Branch activity until we are cleared by both Sonoma County officials and SIR corporate. However, discussion of any activity planned over ZOOM is fine, and Roy Thuestad's recent discussion of the changes in handicap computation by the Northern California Golf Assn. is fine too, as it had no mention of any formal or informal Branch golf event.)

Following presence of a quorum and beginning formal meeting at 10:24 a.m., Area Manager Bob Reuther swore in and installed a quorum of officers for the one-year term having begun 1/1/2021. *Those properly installed for Calendar Year 2021 were as follows: Traverso, Boulton, Wehrmeister, Petrie, Johnson, Lubas and Willihnganz. Nolen joined the meeting after this was done. So, remaining to be formally installed are Nolen, Gurke, Gnam, de Lambert and Zegarra. These five MUST be installed at the February 4 meeting. This is necessary so that Branch 17 is compliant as a public-benefit corporation under California law. And THAT is necessary so that SIR state Directors & Officers liability insurance covers all members of the BEC. Under Procedure 34, the present or immediate past Big SIR, or any State officer, can be the installing officer.*

Seime proposed an additional item to the agenda and approval of that item. Seime, who remains the Branch Luncheon Coordinator after stepping down as Treasurer as of January 1, requested that new Treasurer Al Petrie be granted latitude on an ongoing basis from the Big SIR and the BEC to approve and make reimbursement payments to members who make appropriate purchases on behalf of the Branch, who provide attendant receipts and sufficient explanations for those purchases. Any purchases deemed questionable by the Treasurer will be referred to the BEC for consideration and approval before reimbursement occurs. Additionally, to authorize new Treasurer Petrie to pay SIR state assessments for the remainder of calendar

year 2021, and to pay service providers upon receipt of appropriate billing for monthly luncheons. **Boulton moves approval, Traverso seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

Secretary's Report. Wehrmeister notes that all BEC members have had the opportunity to review minutes of the December 3, 2020 BEC meeting. **Willihnganz moves approval of Secretary's Report, Boulton seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

Treasurer's Report. Seime makes his final report; Branch checking balance as of 12/31/2020 is \$6,214.66. Only disbursement for month of December was \$52.17 to BARK editor Jim Fenstermaker for printing and newsletter supplies. Seime notes that the Branch's Audit Committee is to meet the afternoon of the BEC meeting, 1:30 p.m. on 1/7/2021; consisting of Seime, Treasurer Al Petrie, Marvin Mai, and Stan Borges. Finally, Seime and Traverso note that state SIR has authorized and issued a reduced pro-rated Branch assessment for 2021; there will be NO assessment for the first quarter of the year; the reduced 2021 total assessment will be \$414.75 total. **Boulton moves approval of the Treasurer's Report; Traverso seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

Membership Report. In absence of Elias Zegarra, Traverso reports paid Branch membership remained at 79 as of 12/31/2020. **Traverso moves approval, Seime seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

Little SIR Boulton confirms appropriate submittals of Forms 27 and 28; Mangan notes that Form 27 is submitted to the SIR state membership chairman; Reuther notes that as Area Governor, he also receives copies of both 27 and 28.

OLD BUSINESS

Brief discussion of presumed completion of purchase from the SIR state store as previously and repeatedly discussed and stipulated; Traverso notes that this was to be completed by Mark Burchill, who was not in attendance at this ZOOM meeting. **Boulton moves to table discussion, Wehrmeister seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

Activities Chairmen for calendar 2021. Traverso lists status of chairmen of each Branch activity for the new year, as follows: BOCCE—Chuck Stark to continue. BOWLING—Mike Henselman has indicated that he's stepping down; it was noted that Oakmont Branch 53 has indicated that it would like to seek cooperation with Branch 17 in this activity. BOYS' NIGHT OUT—Don Malvestini to continue. BRIDGE—Pete McGrath has chaired; Traverso indicates that he's not been able to contact him. (*We learned after this meeting that Mr. McGrath passed away in December at age 89.*) CAMERA CLUB—Rich Osborne to continue. COFFEE CLUB—Traverso and deLambert to continue. COMEDY NIGHT—Mark Burchill to continue. COUPLES' NIGHT OUT—Fred Rose to continue. FISHING—Don Salazar stepping aside. GARDENING—Lance Thompson stepping aside. GLOBAL FORUM—Marvin Mai to continue. GOLF—Roy Thuestad to continue. POKER—Steve Edelstein to continue. WINE/BEER/SPIRITS—Bill Traverso to continue. PICNIC—

Ted Scapeccia to continue. VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION—Mike O’Neill to continue.
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON—Kurt Wehrmeister to work with Fred Rose and Glenn Seime.

NEW BUSINESS

Gifts for monthly speakers. Discussion that when we can resume in-person meetings, the concept of presenting a bottle of wine on the spot is fine; until then, however, this really doesn’t work. After some discussion, consensus is reached to make the gift a \$20 gift card to Starbucks—and to send these to speakers going back to April 2020 when we were forced to begin ZOOM monthly membership meetings. Fred Rose suggests procuring these via Costco, to enjoy significant savings. **Wehrmeister moves approval, Boulbee seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

Forthcoming ZOOM Meetings for SIR Leadership Training. Reuther details schedule for the week of January 11-15; involving sessions on Roberts’ Rules of Order, SIR corporate policies, duties of the Treasurer and the Secretary, and more. All sessions scheduled for 2-4 p.m. each day. Schedule to be sent to every BEC member; but entire membership is welcome.

Adjournment at 11:36 a.m.

Next regular membership meeting (via ZOOM): 11 a.m. Thursday, January 21, 2021

Next BEC meeting (via ZOOM): 10 a.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kurt Wehrmeister