**Minutes of Sons in Retirement, Luther Burbank Branch 17**

**BEC Meeting, via ZOOM video, Santa Rosa CA**

**Thursday, June 3, 2021**

**Big SIR George Traverso opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.**

**Present (voting members indicated by \*):** Immediate former Big SIR Dennis Mangan, Big SIR George Traverso\*, Little SIR Gordon Boultbee\*, Secretary Kurt Wehrmeister\*, former Treasurer Glenn Seime, Asst. Treasurer John Gnam\*, Directors Paul Willihnganz\*, Ken Johnson\*, Tom Lubas\*, Elias Zegarra\*, Rich de Lambert\*, Chris Nolen\*.

**Absent:** Treasurer Al Petrie, Asst. Secretary Jim Gurke.

**Other members present:** Fred Rose, Ted Scapeccia.

**Agenda** for the meeting as submitted by Traverso included consideration of new members Marc Perl and Neil Wheeler, both previously voted on in the affirmative. Wehrmeister requests removal of this item as redundant. As revised, **Wehrmeister moves approval, de Lambert seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Secretary’s Report.** Wehrmeister notes that minutes of the May 6 meeting had been distributed and posted. **Boultbee moves approval of 5/6/2021 minutes as amended, Lubas seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Treasurer’s Report**. Gnam reports that the May 1-31 period for the Branch saw no expense and no income; therefore balance of $6,090.27 remained unchanged as of May 31. **Wehrmeister moves approval of Treasurer’s Report, Johnson seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Membership Report.** Zegarra reports Branch’s membership at 82. Willihnganz notes that he and his wife have firmed up plans to move back to New York state late this summer, but indicates that he’s agreed to postpone his resignation until August. **Wehrmeister moves approval, Boultbee seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Boultbee confirms submittals of Forms 27 and 28 for the month.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Luncheon Coordinator Seime** reports that sufficient space exists and is being made available at Epicenter, our new luncheon location as of July 15, for secure storage of meeting supplies and equipment.

Regarding July 15’s inaugural luncheon meeting at Epicenter, Traverso indicates that there is no Branch raffle scheduled on that opening date. De Lambert objects; Traverso says raffle can occur if de Lambert will agree to run it; de Lambert agrees.

**State of BEC Candidates for calendar year 2022.** Nominations Committee chair Mangan announces the proposed slate of agreed-upon candidates, all of whom have indicated their willingness to serve in these posts:

Big SIR Gordon Boultbee; Little SIR Gary Bondi; Treasurer Al Petrie; Asst. Treasurer John Gnam; Secretary Kurt Wehrmeister; Asst. Secretary Jim Gurke; Directors Rich de Lambert, Tom Lubas, Steve Salisbury, Tom Johnson, Elias Zegarra, Terry Freeman. This proposed slate of candidates to be published in the June 2021 issue of The Bark, with full membership to vote at either the July or the August regular membership meeting. **Willihnganz moves approval, Lubas seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Little SIR Boultbee updates on state-SIR-required accounting of both Covid vaccination records for each member and waivers of Covid liability for each member.** Boultbee is taking, via both email and in person, these two state-required verifications from each Branch member. As Boultbee anticipates being otherwise occupied by guest speaker at the first luncheon meeting on July 15, Mangan and Wehrmeister agree to be at the Epicenter entry table coordinating verification of waivers and vaccination materials for that meeting. In the interim beforehand, Ken Johnson agrees to take phone calls from any members who DO NOT plan to be in attendance on July 15 (details to be handled with Traverso offline.)

**Speaker gifts.** It’s noted that 8 bottles of wine remain in Branch supply to give out as speaker gifts. Mangan suggests that Branch moves toward presenting SIR coffee mugs as speaker gifts going forward; no more expensive and it would arguably constitute better marketing for SIR. (This proposal to be an agenda item at July 15 meeting.)

**Future BEC meetings via ZOOM?** **Boultbee moves, Gnam seconds,** that future BEC meetings continue to be held via ZOOM on first Thursday of each month, separate from third-Thursday regular luncheon meetings. Wehrmeister states his strong objection to this. Motion amended to affect the Thursday, July 1 meeting only; status of conducting future BEC meetings via ZOOM to be determined. **Approved on a 9-1 vote, Wehrmeister voting no.**

**Traverso informs BEC that Area Governor post to be vacated by Bob Reuther effective 12/31/2021;** proposed replacement must be named by 7/31/2021.

**Traverso notes that suggestion has been received and discussed at Area Governors’ meeting to open SIR membership to women.** Report/proposal to be sent to BEC members for discussion in July.

**Traverso informs BEC that chairmen of Boys’ Night Out (Don Malvestiti), Global Forum (Marvin Mai) and Poker (Steve Edelstein)** have requested permission to resume in-person meetings of these activities. It is observed that to do so, each chairman would have to possess signed Covid waivers and verification of Covid vaccination from every participant in order to do this. **Boultbee moves, Wehrmeister seconds, that resumption of these activities be allowed, provided that Chairmen can confirm that all participants have submitted both Covid waivers and proof of vaccination. Approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Boultbee moves adjournment, Wehrmeister seconds;** meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**Future meetings:**

Membership meeting via ZOOM, 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17.

BEC Meeting via ZOOM, 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1.

Membership luncheon meeting at Epicenter, Coffey Lane and Piner Road, 11 a.m. Thursday, July 15.

Draft minutes submitted by Secretary Kurt Wehrmeister