Minutes of Sons in Retirement, Luther Burbank Branch 17

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Attendees: Gordon Boultbee\*, Gary Bondi\*, Terry Freeman\*, Steve Saulsbury\*, Al Petrie\*, Barry Bialkoski\*, Bill Grafeld\*, Ken Johnson\*, Tom Lubas\*, Neil Wheeler\*, Elias Zegarra\*, Dennis Mangan, Ted Scapeccia, Glenn Seime, George Traverso, Tom Sparrowe.

\*signifies voting members.

Agenda Items (Notes; Motioned / Seconded):

#1 Call to Order (9:45AM)

#2 Agenda: approved unanimously.

#3 May minutes: (Barry / Bill) approved unanimously.

#4 Treasurer’s Report: Per Al Petrie (see Form 28) For the month of April, Start with $4222.65, Revenue of $76.00, Expenses of $241.92, Loss of $165.92, End balance of $4098.01.

#5 Membership Report (Form 27): per Elias we closed the month of June with 83 members.

#6 Confirmed that Forms 27 and 28 were sent to State and Area Governors.

#7 Lawn signs: several signs that have been placed out in the public are now missing. The remaining signs are hard to see if driving, but many are placed at stop signs so that people who are walking or driving by them will at least note the SIR image and website (SIR17.org)

#8 Picnic Debrief: Per our Picnic Chair Ted, the recent BARK newsletter has a good description of the success of the picnic. Many photos of the picnic are included. A few tickets to the picnic were refunded to people who were ill that day and unable to attend. Ted has already reserved the same site for next year’s picnic.

#9 Inventory and Storage Space: topic to be tabled at this time (Terry / Tom) Approved unanimously.

#10 Recruiting Chair replacement: Neil Wheeler to replace Denny Hutton (Tom / Barry) Passed unanimously.

New Business:

It was noted that Jim LaMar, a 23 year long member of SIR Branch 17, passed away on June 10th after a lengthy illness. An informative description of Jim’s life and his career as a pilot can be found in the July BARK.

#11 New member approval: Wayne Brigden (sponsored by Fred via Coffee Club at Howarth Park), (Neil / Gary) Unanimous approval.

#12 New member approval: Harold Minkin – transfer from Branch #157 (sponsored by Tom Sparrowe) (Terry / Bill) Unanimous approval.

#13 Nominating Committee slate: George Traverso has prepared the list of Branch members who have volunteered for various positions in the Branch for 2023. George will send the list to Barry and Gordon. Motion to vote on the Branch positions (as a complete slate) to be held at the August luncheon (Barry / Terry). Passed unanimously.

#14 Area Governor: We need to nominate a previous past Big Sir as our Area Governor. With no qualified members of the Branch interested in filling this position, we will be nominating our current Area Governor, Bob Nadell, to continue in this position. Gordon and Terry will put a nominating form together and send it to the State SIR office. Per Neil, State was to have been performed by Area Governors, but the State Training & Development committee has done an about face, and plans to identify the best available people to train Branch Leaders directly. Per Glenn, past training was done by SIR members who held positions at the State level. (Barry / Gary). Motion to nominate Bob to continue this position passed unanimously.

#15 Information table at the SC Fair: Per Neil, there will be a Senior Day on August 12th this year at the SC Fair. We are planning to have a table on this day at the fair with information about our Branch with a display of our Branch activities. Bill will help coordinate the times when some of our Branch members who have volunteered, to be present at the table to meet interested fair guests. There is a $50 registration fee. It is also expected that additional expenses will total approximately $100. Proposal for our Branch to pay these expenses (Barry / Bill). Passed unanimously. Neil will make the payment to the fair.

#16 Feedback on 7/14 State Board Meeting: Among a number of topics discussed at the State meeting, Gordon mentioned there is talk about admitting women to the Branches, as well as training for Branch positions. Gordon also encouraged our Branch board members to attend the SIR Zoom training when it is offered in August or September. Shortcomings to Form 20 have been submitted by Branch SIRs to the State level.

#17 Member Survey: Per Neil, a member survey will be sent out to the Branch members to find out what the members want out of SIR. The Branch board members as well as regular BEC non-board member attendees will see the survey online prior to it being sent out to all the Branch members.

#18 Adjournment: 10:45AM