Minutes of SIR BEC, Luther Burbank Branch 17

Thursday, Sept 15, 2022

Attendees: Gordon Boultbee\*, Terry Freeman\*, Steve Saulsbury\*, Al Petrie\*, John Gnam\*, Barry Bialkoski\*, Bill Grafeld\*, Ken Johnson\*, Neil Wheeler\*, Elias Zegarra\*, Dennis Mangan, Fred Rose, Ted Scapeccia, Glenn Seime, George Traverso, Wayne Brigden.

 \*signifies voting members.

Agenda Items (Notes; Motioned / Seconded):

#1 Call to Order (9:36 AM)

#2 Approve Agenda: approved unanimously.

#3 Approve August 2022 BEC minutes as prepared by Assistant Secretary Steve Saulsbury: (Barry / John) approved unanimously.

#4 Treasurer’s Report: Per Al Petrie (see Form 28 & Income & Expense Report) For the month of August, Start with $3,820.19, Revenue of $80.00, Expenses of $306.88, Loss of $226.88, End balance of $3,585.91.

#5 Approve Membership Report (Form 27): per Elias we closed the Form 27 for the month of August with 87 members (3 new members). For September it will be five new members and one member passing (in August, after the August Form 27 was submitted), so the September Form 27 will show 91 members. (Terry / Barry) approved unanimously.

#6 Confirmed by Big SIR Gordon Boultbee that Forms 27 and 28 were sent to State and Area Governor.

OLD BUSINESS:

#7 Recruiting and Publicity: Per Neil, we are still losing Branch 17 advertising lawn signs. There were more than 60 contacts at the Branch booth at the Sonoma County Fair Senior Day, and approximately 12 contacts at the Spring Lake coffee club table.

#8 Member Survey: Per Neil, 58% of our Branch members took the online survey. The survey results indicate that more than 83% of the members are very satisfied with how the Branch is operating, and more than 90% are very satisfied with how the Branch is communicating with the Branch’s members. Neil will be placing the complete survey results on our Branch website.

#9 Inventory and Storage space: Placeholder only – no discussion.

#10 Form 20: It was confirmed by Secretary Freeman that Form 20 for the 2023 BEC was sent to State.

New Business:

#11 Oscar Barragan: Big Sir Gordon Boultbee read a note from the daughter of Branch member Oscar Barragan. Oscar passed recently (8/24/2022), and the note from his daughter expressed how happy he was to have been a SIR member.

#12 New member approval: Fred McMane (sponsored by David Harris) Fred was a long time sportswriter with UPI. (Barry / Terry) Membership approved unanimously.

#13 New member approval: John Castro (sponsored by Dean Lundgren) John is a Navy vet and will be paying golf with us on Wednesdays. (Bill / Barry) Membership approved unanimously.

#14 New member approval: Frank Panza (sponsored by Wayne Brigden) Frank grew up in Brooklyn and worked for the IRS. (Neil / Barry) Membership approved unanimously.

#15 New member approval: Jim Taylor (sponsored by Rich de Lambert) Jim has been attending the coffee club and knows Elias and Neil. (Terry / Neil) Membership approved unanimously.

#16 New member approval: Ken Fox (sponsored by Tony Negri) Ken is a retired teacher and NY Yankee fan. (Elias / Terry) Membership approved unanimously.

#17 Proof of Vaccination and Waiver: The Branch will continue to follow local Health Department guidelines regarding COVID-19 and will continue to require proof of vaccination for all attendees and the signing of waivers at Branch indoor activities; and the signing of waivers at Branch outdoor activities. (That is, the original protocol mandated by State SIR effective 5/1/2021.) Several BEC meeting attendees said they would no longer attend Branch activities if we dropped the proof of vaccination and waiver requirements. (Bill / Barry) Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

#18 MemberFest: Neil gave a brief background report regarding the MemberFest Plan and the attempt for members to have fun regarding our effort to increase membership in the Branch. (Terry / Bill) This Plan passed unanimously.

#19 A-Frame Signs: Request to replace the stands that are currently used to hold the Branch posters. (Barry / John) Motion passed unanimously.

#20 Member Recognition Pins: Per Gordon, at the next meeting we will discuss the broadening of, and the purpose for “Doing My Part.” Gordon also mentioned that Form 45B on the State website provides information regarding the awarding of pins.

#21 Volunteer Opportunities: Gordon mentioned that if Branch members are volunteering at other public activities, it is an opportunity to advertise our Branch if they are wearing SIR attire.

#22 Tracking Membership: Gordon will be reviewing an App that will be presented at the September State Board Zoom Meeting that may help with keeping track of our various branch rosters, call lists, etc.

#23 Adjournment: 10:55 AM