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

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

**Thursday, April 1, 2021**

**Big SIR George Traverso opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Absent:** Asst. Treasurer John Gnam, Director Chris Nolen.

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

**Secretary’s Report.** Wehrmeister notes that minutes of the March 4 meeting were distributed and posted with no revisions requested. **Lubas moves approval of 3/4/2021 minutes, Traverso seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Treasurer’s Report**. Petrie reports Branch balance of $6,090.27 as of March 31. During March, $300 was received from SIR corporate for the 2020 ZOOM awards; while under expenditures, $324.00 was reimbursed to Mark Burchill for his marketing-materials expenditures as approved by the BEC, and $100 was expended for gift cards. **Wehrmeister moves approval of Treasurer’s Report, Johnson seconds; Approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**Membership Report.** Zegarra reports that the Branch’s membership holds at 78—but this month, with two additional candidates pending (a vote later in the meeting). **Wehrmeister moves approval of the report, de Lambert seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Gurke formally installed as Assistant Secretary for 2021 by Traverso**; installation of Assistant Treasurer John Gnam again tabled.

**Discussion of resumption of Branch’s weekly golf tournaments.** With Gurke and Thuestad present – chairmen of the Branch’s Traveling and Home Golf programs, respectively—the BEC was informed of the two chairmen’s confidence in resuming regular tournament play, albeit under continuing Covid-protection protocol as practiced by golf-course operators and enforced by state and county health officials. Gurke reported that during attendance at a meeting the previous week with SIR State Golf Chairman John Harrison, the gathering was informed that—presuming protocol (in effect at any given time) is followed, the Branch is insured under the SIR statewide insurance policy protecting Directors and Officers (D&O). He notes that the protocol that must be followed (currently no flagstick-touching, no closest-to-pin boards, no shared carts unless same family or both vaccinated, etc.) is and will continue to be the same that is enforced by Bob Borowicz at BVGC and at other courses that the Traveling golf program visits. Having said all this, Gurke notes that revised state SIR protocol details may change again within the coming 1-2 weeks, and that the most prudent course would be for the BEC to table any vote to resume tournament play until either the May 6 meeting—or at a special earlier “emergency” ZOOM meeting if deemed appropriate. **Wehrmeister moves to table, Boultbee seconds; approved unanimously by the BEC.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consideration of three candidates for membership.** Traverso advises BEC that three suitable applications for new members had been submitted to him: **Marc Perl,** sponsored by Fred Rose; **David Harris,** co-sponsored by both Rose and Gary Bondi; and **Randy Coleman-Riese,** co-sponsored by Rich de Lambert and John Gnam. **Wehrmeister moves acceptance of all three, Gurke seconds, approved unanimously by the BEC.** BEC is advised that the following badge numbers had been assigned, for when in-person luncheon meetings are resumed: Perl #23, Harris #22, Coleman-Riese #6. All three are to be presented to membership in attendance and inducted at the ZOOM luncheon meeting on April 15.

This brings Branch membership up to 81.

**Nomination Committee report.** Mangan, who chairs the three-man committee also including Zegarra and Willihnganz, alerts the BEC that a candidate for Little SIR is needed for 2022—as Gary Bondi has regretfully withdrawn his name from consideration for any office for 2022 for medical reasons.

**Traverso and Boultbee advised that they had both attended the Area Governors’ meeting** on March 26; Area Governor Bob Reuther had invited them to sit in. There they learned that the local Lions Club was resuming luncheon meetings at Cattlemen’s Restaurant in Montgomery Village beginning April 20; and that SIR state protocol for resumed luncheon meetings was currently being formulated. However, it was also noted that Windsor Branch 176 has already scheduled a luncheon meeting for Charlie’s at the Windsor Golf Course on April 21.

**Traverso reports that he had delivered a Senior SIR** certificate to Bob Zeni, 92, and a Super Senior certificate (over age 95) to Bob Tuttle, 98—both of whom were very happy to receive the visit and the certificates.

**Adjournment at 11:05 a.m. on motion of Wehrmeister, seconded by Boultbee.**

Next regular membership meeting (via ZOOM): 11 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021; next BEC meeting (via ZOOM): 10 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kurt Wehrmeister