

SIR - SIERRA BRANCH 77 - DECEMBER 13TH, 2023 BEC MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Big Sir Donald Ronalter at 10:02

Secretary Mike Clay called the roll, a quorum was present.

Those present were Big Sir Donald Ronalter, Treasurer Jim Stenger, Secretary Mike Clay and Assistant Secretary Mike Coe.

Director Yr 3 Craig Hempler

Director Yr 1 Ken Lucas

Also present were Andy Shenefelt, Ron Leedy, and Gary Davidson.

Minutes for November 2023 were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Moved by Ken Lucas and seconded by Craig Hempler. The motion was passed. A new Form 20 for 2024 will be submitted reflecting changes made later in the meeting.

Treasurer Jim Stenger reported that the bank balance at the end of October was \$4,333.13. The golf account has a balance of \$2,625.00. Last month we collected \$1,640 for lunches and had a cost of \$1,864. Jim will be retiring as Treasurer at the end of 2023 and will be Assistant Treasurer in 2024. Gary Davidson has volunteered to be Treasurer for 2024.

Big Sir Donald Ronalter presented the 2024 BEC Roster.

1	Big Sir 984-9383	Donald	Ronalter
2	Secretary 769-3413	Mike	Coe
3	Treasurer 532-4024	Gary	Davidson
4	Assistant Treasurer 532-0390	Jim	Stenger
5	Director Yr 1 743-1979	Ron	Leedy
6	Director Yr 1 408-507-9844	Andy	Shenefelt
7	Director Yr 2 532-6295	Joe	Domogalla
8	Director Yr 2 532-5646	Ken	Lucas
9	Membership Chair 984-9383	Donald	Ronalter
10	Nominating Chair 925-997-2482	Danny	Laureta
11	Propane Chair 588-1096	Craig	Hempler
12	Hiking Chair 588-1345	Mike	Clay
13	Bowling Chair 769-3413	Mike	Coe
14	Golf Chair 925-997-2482	Danny	Laureta
15	Assistant Golf Chair 743-1979	David	Siudzinski

A motion to accept the roster was made by Mike Clay and seconded by Ken Lucas. The motion was passed. Subsequently Craig Hempler volunteered to return to the BEC as a 1st Year Director. A motion to approve this was made by Donald Ronalter and seconded by Ken Lucas. The motion was passed.

As Membership Chairman Donald requested a motion to approve new membership for John Holthouse (Sponsor Dennis Hembrey), James Shawver (Sponsor Ross Grunwald) and Charles Luke (Sponsor George Kellerman) to confirm the email vote taken last month. The motion was made by Ken Lucas and seconded by Craig Hempler. The motion was passed.

There was one new application to approve for Dave Banbury (Sponsor) Ken Lucas). the motion was made by Craig Hempler and seconded by Mike Coe. The motion was passed.

Donald presented a Policy Document for 2024 (copy attached) A motion to accept this document was made by Ken Lucas and seconded by Mike Coe. The motion was passed. Donald also presented a calendar of meetings for 2024. A motion to accept this was made by Mike Coe and seconded by Ken Lucas.

Donald also presented a Menu schedule and a dues letter neither of which required approval.

There was a discussion about the need for a new PO Box. Jim Stenger offered to make the old one available at no cost. So it was agreed that there was no need for a change.

The meeting finished with a review of arrangements for the Christmas Banquet on the following day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50

Next BEC meeting: January 11th at 10:00 a.m.



SIR - Social Activities for Men

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities, lunches and events while making friends for life

Sierra SIR Branch No. 77
CA 501c4 Corporation #101723
222 Barretta St #14, Sonora CA95370
Email: sierrasir77@gmail.com
Website: sierrasir77.comm
Message Center: (209) 259-0140

SIR State BYLAWS 2023

Sierra SIR Branch No. 77 - follows the most current SIR Manual and Branch Bylaws as presented in the SIR State Webpage (<https://sirinc.org/manual>)

SIERRA SIR BRANCH 77 POLICIES 2024

1) Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

- A. The BEC consists of a possible total of 12 voting members: Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and 6 Directors.
- B. Branch Directors shall serve one-year terms and be restricted to three consecutive terms, excluding any partial year immediately preceding the first such year. If a Branch Director vacates the position for one or more calendar years, eligibility is reestablished. Directors are encouraged to hold a branch role- e.g., as Chairman of Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, Publicity& Image, or Membership.
- C. BEC will meet at the Sonora Elks' Lodge on the same day as the luncheon meetings and may be altered by the BEC for special events
- D. The BEC will approve an annual branch calendar for the Nine Regular Luncheon Meetings and the Three Member and Guests Events.

2) Monthly Meetings

- A. There are 12 scheduled Branch 77 events each calendar year. Nine of the twelve events are Regular Luncheon Meetings. Three of the twelve events are for members and guests, and they are: The Spring Ladies Day Event, the Summer BBQ/Picnic Event, and the December Holiday Banquet Event.
- B. Sierra Sir Branch 77 monthly meetings occur on the Second Thursday every month and may be altered by the BEC for special events
- C. The Branch will pay once for a guest's lunch if that guest is a potential member.
- D. The Branch will pay for speaker's and presenter's lunch

- E. The BEC may raise, or lower lunch prices based on various budgetary concerns (e.g., inflation, caterer charges, member attendance, etc.).
- F. Background: There are 12 scheduled Branch 77 events each calendar year.

3) **Membership SONS IN RETIREMENT, SIERRA SIR BRANCH NO. 77** (CA 501c4 Corporation #101723)

- A. The specific purpose of this corporation is to operate an organization for the enjoyment of its members as a means of promoting the objective of Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, the meeting of a civic need by providing for the welfare of retired men from all walks of life in their pursuit of a common goal, the enjoyment of their later years with dignity and pride, by assisting these senior citizens in renewing former friendships and associations and providing them an opportunity to make new friends through association with other retired men who also face the particular problems that confront men upon their retirement. The assets of the organization are irrevocably dedicated to the foregoing purpose.

4) **Branch membership in good standing.**

- A. Background: There are 12 scheduled Branch 77 events each calendar year. Nine of the twelve events are Regular Luncheon Meetings. Three of the twelve events are for members and guests, and they are: The Spring Ladies Day Event, the Summer BBQ/Picnic Event, and the December Holiday Banquet Event.

- B. Membership in good standing: Considerations

Item #1 Current Branch 77 members must: 1) be up to date with his Branch 77 annual dues that are paid-in-full by the end of February of each year, and 2) Minimally attend 3 of the 9 Regular Luncheons Meetings each calendar year to be eligible for Branch 77 membership in good standing.

Item #2: New Branch 77 members (that are not transfers from active membership in another branch) must 1) Pay any applicable membership dues with badge fees, and 2) Have attended at least 3 branch meetings since joining Branch 77 before being eligible for Branch 77 membership in good standing.

Item #3: Transfers to Branch 77 that are transferring as active members in another branch must 1) Pay any applicable membership dues with badge fees, and 2) (a) Have attended at least 3 Branch 77 meetings or (b) Show that they have attended 3 branch meetings in their previous branch over the past year, before being eligible for Branch 77 membership in good standing.

5) Propane Program Requirements

- A. The Annual Branch 77 Propane Program starts on April 1 of each year
- B. Branch individuals must have Branch 77 membership in good standing to be eligible to participate in the Propane Program
- C. Eligible individuals are Added To, or Removed From, the Propane Program in April of each year
- D. Individuals may be removed from the Propane Program at any time 1) If they are no longer a member of Branch 77, and 2) If they have not maintained their Branch 77 membership in good standing
- E. The Branch BEC may vote to determine if a member that has not, or cannot
- F. The BEC may vote annually to admit or continue a member in the Propane Program who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a care giver to a family member or an extended absence from the Branch locale. A member who is granted attendance relief is still a member and subject to Branch Regulations

6) Dues and Badges

- A. The BEC will annually determine branch membership dues, and may raise, or lower dues based on various budgetary concerns throughout the year (e.g., inflation, member attendance, subsidies). Honorary Life Members (HLM) are exempt from paying dues
- B. All current members will renew their annual dues in January and February of each year to maintain their branch membership. The BEC may vote to adjust dues for certain members as deemed appropriate.
- C. All new members added throughout the year are subject to the full dues amount for the first 9 months of the year. All new members that join in the last three months of the year are exempt from paying branch dues. The BEC may vote to adjust dues for certain members as deemed appropriate.
- D. All branch members are required to purchase a new or replacement name badge and wear the badge at all events. If a member forgets his badge a temporary badge will be provided. The BEC may vote to adjust the cost of a name badge for certain members as deemed appropriate.

7) Activities

- A. All SIR Branch activities to be covered by insurance must submit a Sierra SIR Branch 77 Activity form for annually approval by the BEC
- B. Sierra SIR Branch NO. 77 elects to be covered by the provisions of California Corporation Code Section 5239. (7-7-22)
- C. All SIR-sponsored approved activities including team sports of any kind can be regulated, limited, or cancelled by any authorized State, County, or local health department.

8) SIR Honorary Life Member (HLM) & Distinguished Service Aware (DSA)

A. SIR State Policy#10 Item #1. and Item #2. Award Allocation Charts

HLM Award Availability by Branch Size Table

(Move to Senior HLM in 10 years)

Branch Membership	# of HLMs Allowed	
0-49	1	
50-99	2	
100-149	3	Branch 77 Has 1 As of 12/2023
150-199	4	15% of All
200-249	5	Branches
250-299	6	
300-349	7	
350+	8	

DSA Award Availability by Branch Size Table

(Move to Senior DSA in 5 years)

Branch Membership	# of DSAs Allowed	Not counting 2021/2022 Big Sir DSA's
0-49	2	
50-74	4	
75-99	6	
100-124	8	
125-149	10	Branch 77 Has 1 As of 12/2023
150-174	12	15% of All
175-199	14	Branches
200-224	16	
225-249	18	
250-274	20	
275-299	22	
300-324	24	
325+	26	

- B. Honorary Life Member (HLM) - This award is the highest and most prestigious award available within SIR. It is bestowed only to those who, upon careful review and scrutiny by the State Honorees Committee, are found to have:
- been a member for a period of 5 years or more.
 - clearly earned it through exceptional and extraordinary service.
 - steps forward whenever the need arises
 - would be recognized by his peers to have

earned it The HLM is not to be treated lightly or awarded merely on the basis of good fellowship.

- C. Distinguished Service Award (DSA) This “Silver Lapel Pin” award is the 2nd highest award in SIR, to recognize exceptional/extraordinary service at the Branch and/or State levels. This award is to provide a level of recognition for their members that have not earned that which an HLM award requires but have been highly contributing to the success of the Branch and have:
- been a member for a period of 3 years or more.
 - clearly earned it through exceptional and extraordinary service.
 - steps forward whenever the need arises
 - would be recognized by his peers to have earned it
- The DSA is not to be treated lightly or awarded merely on the basis of good fellowship.
- D. SIR Branch 77 to develop procedures, policies, and membership requirements for identifying and awarding HLM and DSA candidates. Completion 1st quarter 2024

9) SIR I’m Doing My Part Award (Pin)

SIR State Policy#10 Item #3

- A. “I’m Doing My Part” Award- This lapel pin award is for Branches to provide special recognition for their members that have not earned the level that a DSA or HLM award requires but have been contributing to the success of the Branch. Branches shall establish their own individual criteria for candidate selection and approval but keeping in mind the need to recognize all members that volunteer as it's these members that a Branch cannot survive without. SIR State Policy #10
- B. SIR Branch 77 policy is to have the BEC nominate and approve the pins for the following individuals (Only the 1st pin awarded regardless of how many earned)
- a. Any sponsor that gets a new member to join
 - b. BEC Voting Members: Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and 6 Directors
 - c. BEC Non-Voting Members: Membership Chair, Chaplin, Activity Chairs (golf, bowling, hiking, TBD), Web Master, Bulletin Editor, Event Chairs, and others TBD

2024 Event Calendar v1.0

Sierra SIR Branch 77 Monthly Membership Meetings/Lunches and Banquets/BBQs Events. Also, all Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Directors and Officers Meetings

Thursday January 11 Elks Lodge #1587

Branch Exec Committee (BEC) Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Thursday February 8 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Thursday March 14 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Thursday April 11 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Wednesday May 8 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

Thursday May 9 Elks Lodge #1587

TICKETS: Branch 77 Ladies Day Banquet

3:00 pm Cocktails 4:00 pm Dining

Thursday June 13 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Thursday July 11 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Wednesday August 7 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

Thursday August 8 **Moose Lodge #2183**

TICKETS: Branch Annual BBQ/Picnic 12:00 Noon

Thursday September 12 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Thursday October 10 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Thursday November 14 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

All Membership Meeting/Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Wednesday December 11 Elks Lodge #1587

BEC Directors and Officers Meeting 10:00 am

Thursday December 12 Elks Lodge #1587

TICKETS: Branch 77 Christmas Banquet

3:00 pm Cocktails 4:00 pm Dining