**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

**SIR Branch 35**

**August 15, 2018**

Big Sir, Stan Scardino announced that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

**Attendees:**

**Officers/Directors**

Big Sir, Stan Scardino Director Membership, Paul Schutz

Co-Little Sir, Andy Danver Director, Publicity, Don Cameron

Co-Little Sir, Peter Thurston Director, Nominations, Duncan MacVicar

Treasurer, Larry Wray Director, Special Projects, Ben Gikis

Secretary, Darryl Walker Director, Activities, Joe Mullen

**Staff Chairman**

Attendance, J. William Young

Travel Chairman, Ed Pausa

Webmaster, Jon Ray

Lunch Host, Terry Barnhart

Trail Tips Editor, Del Filmore

**Guests**

Derek Southern, President SIR

**Reports:**

**Secretary**: Darryl Walker presented the June minutes. The minutes were approved. (**082018-001)**.

**Treasurer:** Larry Wray submitted the July Treasurers report. Finances are per plan. The treasurers’ report was approved **(082018-002).**

345 members have paid dues, Dues collection is now at an end for 2018.

.**Membership Chairman:**

Paul Schutz submitted the membership report.

Four new members were presented:

New Member Sponsor

* + Harold Toppel Norman Pass
  + Eli Wismer Andy Danver
  + Justin Go Leland Chan
  + John Manning Peter Thurstan

The new members were approved (**082018-003)**

Three resignations this month

341 members this month

9 guests today

A volunteer for the position of Member Orientation is required by 12/31.

Form 27 was submitted

**Attendance**: Bill Young reported 84 notified not attending, 9 guests, 2 visitors, and 31 cold plates.

**Big Sir**

State Big Sir Derek Southern is attending today. He will make HLM presentations to:

* Senior HLM – Bob Simon
* HLM – Jim Schlatter

Stan and Andy attended the state SIR meeting:

* Ed Benson is charged with modernizing SIR. The SIR definition is changed from “retired” to “social club for men”
* Key efforts recommended to increase membership:
  + Getting new members involved in activities
  + Adding new activities
  + Involving spouses in activities

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**Little Sirs**

**Andy Danver**

* Congratulations to the picnic volunteers and special thanks to Ben Gikis for the best picnic ever. There were 183 attendees. Eight new member prospects attended...
* Sirs participated in First Friday in Los Altos. A new SIR Branch 35 banner and activity posters were displayed.

**Peter Thurston**

* Peter reported on the status of the technology group study of supporting SIR branch databases with Wild Apricot. The report is attached.

**Directors**

**Nominations** – Duncan presented the 2019 officer slate. The 2019 officers were approved by the BEC **(082018-004).** The following are the new officers:

Officers

Big SIR Peter Thurston

Sr. Little SIR Andy Danver

Jr. Little SIR VACANT

Secretary Jim Quillinan

Asst. Secretary Dave Squelatti

Treasurer Jim Narva

Asst. Treasurer Gerry Feeney

Directors

Activities Joe Mullen

Membership Paul Schutz

Nominations Stan Scardino

Publicity VACANT

Projects Ben Gikis

Social Programs Duncan MacVicar

. **Publicity** – Don reported:

* SIR Branch 35 was advertised at Los Alto First Friday / Club 55 in July and August
* Nextdoor Neighborhood is updated with speaker information
* SIR 35 speakers are noted in the Los Altos Town Crier datebook
* Six of the recent guests were walk-ins

**Committee Reports:**

Luncheon Host **–** Terry estimates 195 for lunch today.

Webmaster – John Ray

* Monthly web statistics were distributed
* Web statistics show the link from Dels trail tips notification has increased the web traffic.

**New Business**

Derek Southern, SIR President commented on Branch issues. Since SIR membership is decreasing the primary concern is attracting new members. A vigorous activity program is essential to attracting and maintaining membership. .Derek recommended considered advertising the Branch on Facebook.

All ongoing Branch 35 activities were approved by the Executive Committee, and the Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. Respectfully submitted by Darryl Walker, Secretary, SIR Branch 35.

**Attachment 1:**

**August summary of BEC votes:**

**082018-001 –** Minutes of the June meeting were approved as amended.

**082018-002 –** The Treasurers report for July was approved

**082018-003 –** Fur new members were approved:

* + Harold Toppel
  + Eli Wismer
  + Justin Go
  + John Manning

**082018-004 –** The 2019 Slate of BEC officers was approved

