

SIR Lincoln Branch 13 BEC Meeting Minutes October 8, 2025 at Catta Verdera

Meeting called to order by Big SIR Dave Gonzales 10:00 a.m.

Those in Attendance: Big SIR Dave Gonzales, Little Sir Jim Parker, Secretary Phil Browning, Treasurer George Hubbard, Director of Membership Phil Sanderson, Director of Activities Dave Gonzales, Newsletter Editor Mike Hensley, Jim Baughn.
Absent: Director Jay James, Website Director Jay Southard

1. Big Sir Opening Remarks:

A. Huge Haul of Prospective Members!!!: Dave Gonzales reported on the exciting news they (Jim Baughn, Chet Winton, Dave Gonzales) gathered at the Lincoln Hills "It's The Lifestyle! Expo" annual event held Tuesday, September 30, at the Orchard Creek Lodge Ballroom. Jim and Chet were the roving recruiters and Dave manned the table to collect the information from the new recruits. They collected 18 prospective new members. That was a WOW MOMENT!!!!

B. Fourth Thursday Luncheons for '26: Dave Gonzales reported that he had checked with our Bridge group to make sure that this change wouldn't impact their schedule. This means that our first luncheon meeting would be on Thursday January 22. Please be sure to note this on your calendars.

C. SIR State Financial Support for Branch Postcard Programs: Dave Gonzales reported that we will be receiving some financial support from our State Agency. Dave will prepare a proposal for next month's meeting for review and discussion by the BEC.

2. Secretary's Report:

A. August and September Minutes: Secretary Phil Browning reported that the August 13, 2025 and the September minutes were sent to all BEC members and that he received no corrections or additions. Following discussion it was M/S/C that the minutes of the August 13 and September 10, 2025 meetings be approved.

B. Review of Annual SIR Schedule of Branch Operations: Secretary Phil Browning reported that he had made the suggested changes to the titles of Big Sir and Little Sir, as mentioned in the State's September Newsletter. As noted in their newsletter the changes were Branch President and Branch Vice President.

3. Treasurer Report/Database Report:

A. August and September Financial Reports: George Hubbard reported that the Beginning balance for October was \$2,114 & the Ending balance, accounting for income and disbursements, was \$1904. The total for lunch today is 48. It was then M/S/C that the Financial Report be approved.

4. Membership Report: Director of Membership Phil Sanderson Phil S. stated that we received 1 transfer - Jim Felipo and 4 new recruits - John Redman, Lauren Winckler, Frank Calvillo, and Mark Semelser. This brings our membership total to 55.

5. New Business:

A. 2026 Luncheons and Alternate Dates for November and December: This item was being addressed because of the conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas. Further discussion will take place in the new year as we get closer to those holidays.

B. Impacts from Thursday Luncheons???: This item was being addressed because of the experience we had when we switched from Tuesday to Wednesday. While we did lose 7 members due to the switch, we really won't be able to realize the impacts until the new year begins.

C. Guest Costs for Thundering Herd: Big Sir Dave Gonzales was questioning this item because of all the prospective new members we could be adding to our membership. A determination on this would be affected by any change of dues prices for the new year.

D. Sponsors for New Members: Big Sir Dave Gonzales recommended that, in order to assist our new members coming into our organization, we should pair them up with an existing member to help them understand certain actions taken, or discussed, at our luncheons.

E. Second Breakfast: Due to the absence of Director Jay Southard, Big Sir Dave Gonzales brought Jay's idea of having a second breakfast, to encourage our new members with their sponsors to attend in a more relaxed atmosphere, to help educate them.

F. Meals Contract for 2026: Big Sir Dave Gonzales asked Little Sir Jim Parker if he would work with Catta Verdera staff on our Meals Contract for 2026. Jim responded that he would make sure the contract gets completed.

G. Dues Price for 2026: This item was tabled

6. Further Comments - All/Anyone: Dave Gonzales stated that we need to vote on our BEC Officers for 2026. Dave indicated that he has talked with the current slate of officers and they have agreed to return for another year. It was then M/S/C that the following are approved for 2026: Big Sir Dave Gonzales Little Sir Jim Parker Secretary Phil Browning Treasurer George Hubbard Membership Chair Phil Sanderson Website Director Jay Southard

7. Further Comments: Big Sir Dave Gonzales closed the meeting by reminding everyone that our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 12, at 10:00 at Catta Verdera. He bid Everyone Peace and Harmony and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45.