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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

Board of Directors Minutes Tues., Nov 4, 2025 (Directors present **in bold type**)

Babette Maiss	Marie Hartman	Melanie Kopping	Paula Wilson	
Layne Diestel	Maxine Guynn	Michelle Chambers	Sheron Box	

Meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss at 5:52 p.m.
at the office of Parliamentarian Sheron Box, CPA

1. Minutes

No changes

2. Treasurer’s Report

Paula explained the QuickBooks feature that allows creating a class to show profit and loss for each event, such as fundraising, without paying an extra fee to use the option. No changes were made to Paula’s report.

3. Unfinished Business

A. **Committee Reports** were submitted in writing and emailed prior to the Board meeting, which affords more efficient review and commentary.

- i. Layne expressed curiosity about the recent mock job interviews held with **Fairview High School** students on Oct. 23rd. Babette will ask Ann Marie to share at the next business meeting.

Parliamentarian Sheron went over protocols for Board meeting conduct. A copy of the Rules of Conduct will be emailed to Board members by the Secretary, after Sheron returns from her travels.

It was noted that Board meetings will begin at 5:45 (current SIBR rules state 6:00).

4. New Business

A. Bylaws / Standing Rules changes

- i. President Babette described 3 actions that the Admin Committee recommends be brought forth (attached to these minutes), regarding:
 - 1. Motion 1: Striking language about club elections
 - 2. Motion 7: Removing language about Lifetime Members because the status is no longer available from SIA. Existing Lifetime Members are not affected.
 - a. In addition, the Admin Committee will work on creating and defining an *Honorary Membership* status to be bestowed on rare occasions and for special circumstances.
 - b. The Honorary status will not be an official Soroptimist membership with dues or other financial obligations paid by the club or the honoree.

3. Motion 8: Changes to funding for board officers to attend the Sierra Nevada Region Development Retreat
- ii. Marie moved and Layne seconded the motion for the Board to recommend the changes, to the club. Motion passed unanimously.

B. SIA Board of Directors Electoral Area 10

Our club has one vote available to elect a new member to the SIA Board of Directors. Stacey Jensen, immediate past President from our region is running for the position and Babette suggests that our vote be cast for Stacey. Babette recommends to review the candidates at the SIA website and let Babette know of any compelling interest in voting for a candidate other than Stacey.

C. HT Committee

- i. Babette and Sheron expressed opposition to putting HT under a broader Women’s Resource Committee which would also house the Enloe backpack project, and potential other projects. They believe 2 options should be brought to the club: 1. The option to keep HT as a separate committee; or, 2. the option to have HT under the umbrella of Women’s Resources (as proposed by Michelle, Lisa and Pattie).
- ii. Sheron announced her departure from the committee, regardless of the structure that will be decided.

D. Christmas Party

Babette will check into having the Christmas party at Lassen Cidery on Entler Avenue. It was suggested that we offer a simple, optional craft such as an ornament, and that we have a potluck dinner, or appetizers and desserts. It was agreed to move the party from December 9th to the 16th (after completion of the other December activities).

Update: Lassen Cidery has been secured for Dec. 16th. Michelle will organize a craft.

5. Correspondence

Secretary Michelle misplaced her mailbox key, therefore was unable to obtain mail. This led to the discovery that the postal box is still in Linda Lucena’s name. Also, the Treasurer’s form that accompanied the loaned key to the secretary needs to be edited because of an undoable clause, “make arrangements with the post office for its [key] replacement”; only the PO Box owner can work with the Post Office regarding box and key arrangements.

Update; key found.

6. Calendar

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| November | 11 | Business Meeting |
| | 18 | Special meeting; Santa Project support |
| December | 2 | Board meeting, 5:45 |
| | 11 | Santa Project at Little Chico Creek Elementary, 5-7 p.m. |
| | 16 | Christmas Party at Lassen Cidery, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary

ATTACHMENTS

Bylaw Change Details, MOTION 1

Article/Section Number: Bylaws: 5.2 Elections C

Original Wording:

A majority vote of the members who are present shall elect

Proposed Change: Strike 5.2C. from this section

Reason for Change: It is not needed

Bylaw Change Details, MOTION 7

Article/Section Number:

Standing Rules: Article II, 2.0 Membership, 2.1 Classic Membership 2.1.2 Life

Original Wording:

2.1.2 Life a member who is given to the club for many years and the club votes to honor this member with a life membership which the club pays their dues to SNR and federation. This life member should be acknowledged at such at every meeting they attend.

Proposed Change (Description of Change): strike all

Reason for Change: There are no more Life Memberships through SIA

Bylaw Change Details, MOTION 8

Article/Section Number: Standing Rules: 4.2 Leadership Training

4.3.1 Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR)

Original Wording:

The Club shall pay the registration fee and hotel room expense for the following officers:

President, President-elect, Treasurer, and Secretary, as approved by the Board in amounts not to exceed the budget.

Proposed Change: Proposed Change (Description of Change): The club shall pay the registration fee and one half (1/2) of the room cost at the pro-rated, shared room cost for the following officers: President, President-Elect, treasurer, and Secretary. Alternates may be approved by the Board.

Reason for Change: to follow the same reimbursement as the region does for SNR/SDR