**SIR CHAPTER 169**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: April 10, 2018**

**Big SIR, Rick Christl called the meeting to order at 10:27 am**

**Attending:** Rick Christl; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large, Jack Lovato; Lee Nichols; Luis Rodriquez; Ernie Sopp.

**GUEST(S**): None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC to approve to approve as read.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:**  MSC to approve as read. (Lee Nichols suggests that for future meetings report should be revised to show the change in the Balance from previous month)

**MEMBERSHIP:**

* One new member, Tom Ramirez to be inducted today. MSC to approve Tom as a new member.
* Lee Nichols reported that Steve Kim and William Kinder have requested to be dropped from our roster;
* Discussion followed regarding the conditions which dictate the manner in which Active members should be placed on the Inactive List of our Roster, and correspondingly when Inactive Members should be Dropped. Lee proposed that the Inactive List of members should be reviewed once a year for the purpose of determining who, if any members, should be dropped for non-participation. MSC

**TODAYS LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE:**  61 have stated that they will be attending.

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**PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY:** Darren Procsol, Gallo Head Winemaker

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Ernie Sopp reported on the Statewide meeting in Walnut Creek that he attended on March 26. The content of the session was an overview that Ernie believes could have been addressed through local channels or via video conferencing. Low turnout among chapters. Jim Hiney explained that the subject was again the RAMP (Recruiting, Activities, Membership Program) effort. Overall membership in SIR has dropped from around 30,000 in 1997 to about 15,000 now. Currently, there are 60 branches of 30 to 96 members; 46 branches of 96 to 189 members and 13 chapters with larger memberships.
* Proposal to buy small gifts from Sierra Nut House for our Speakers. MSC

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Lee Nichols reported that again this year, Gallo was going to donate wine for the tables at our special meetings and for use as raffle prizes. The additional bottles of brandy included in the previous years’ donations was not included. He proposed that the Board approve the purchase of Gallo’s premium brandy for our similar use this year. MSC
* Lee Nichols posed for consideration at next month’s meeting the purchase of a gift to be given to Gallo for their generosity.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Andy Anderson is back at home tending to a problem with his swallowing ability. Kent Fairchild and Art Vey have requested to be placed on the Inactive List due to medical issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary