

SIR Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023
Venue: Boundary Oak Golf Course Clubhouse

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2023

		Present
Big SIR	Bob Wilkenfeld	Y
Little SIR	John Kluesener	Y
Secretary	Bob Ford	Y
Assistant Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	John Alexander	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Nelson	Y
Director 2nd Year	Bob Lucido (Activities)	Y
Director 2nd Year	George Mon (Membership)	Y
Director 2nd Year	Henry Thatcher	Y
Director 2nd Year	Ed Brands (Member Relations)	Y
Director 2 nd Year	Larry Kaye	Y
Director 1st Year	Randy Graham	Y

Other Attendees:

Rich Lyon*, Richard Hockenbrock*, Doug Eisner*, Walt Busenius, Steve Oki, Bob Spellman, Bruce Borgman, Brad Hatcher*, Jay Gordon, Bill Holly, Dick Devoe, Greg Breslin, Paul Dubow

Note: Past Big SIR *

1 Agenda: Big Sir Bob Wilkenfeld noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:03.

2 Branch Secretary: The call for comments on the **Meeting Minutes** for March 9th resulted in no additions or deletions. A motion for approval was made by Bob Wilkenfeld and seconded by John Kluesener. It was approved unanimously.

3 Branch Treasurer: John Alexander reported that **Form 28** shows that the luncheon and couples dining out were the significant expenditures for the month of March. Our current ending cash balance is \$33,426.78. A motion to approve was made by John Kluesener and seconded by Jim Nelson. It was carried unanimously. John also reported that we are on track for our 2023 budget.

4 Membership Chairman: George Mon made a motion to add three new members and Ed Brands seconded. It was approved unanimously. The new members are Steve Petersen, Earl Bates and John Rexroat. George Mon reported on **Form 27** that we added three new members with no attrition bringing the total membership for the Month of April to 248. George motioned to approve Form 27 and John Kluesener seconded. Approval was unanimous.

5 Old Business: Two activities will require approval as they entail travel locally by group to the events:1) Train travel from the Martinez station to Sacramento to attend the Train Museum

and 2) Car pool from the Shadeland Park and Ride site on Mitchel Dr. to Sacramento to view a play. Form 64 must be submitted. **Action Glenn Breslin** A motion was made by Bob Wilkenfeld to approve the travel and seconded by John Kluesener. The motion carried unanimously.

7 Old Business: Bob Wilkenfeld noted that the state COVID notification protocol was completed. Bob Wilkenfeld confirmed that a new member is not required to attend a luncheon to join SIRS and therefore no changes to the regulations are required. He also confirmed that a new member can get one free lunch but is not required to do so. It was also noted that the Branch 146 website was updated to reflect the current status.

6 New Business:

State SIR asked the each BEC to answer two survey questions.

- a. Does your BEC approve of allowing women to join your branch as members?
- b. Does your BEC approve of allowing other branches to have women join their branches as members?

There was discussion around what would happen if only one was approved. The vote was called for each item separately. The BEC's unanimous vote on both items was no.

The state provided language for a waiver for members to sign if third party caterers are used for SIR events. A motion was made by Bob Wilkenfeld to amend the member application to abide by branch regulations and to include the waiver provided by state SIRS in the regulations. John Kluesener seconded. It was noted in discussion that this way it would cover all sir activities including food members bring to activities. The motion passed unanimously. There was also an action item to include this information in the SIR Call for existing members and to update the website. George Mon and Bob Wilkenfeld also have an action item to modify the membership application and our Branch regulations to put into effect the State SIR's recommended waiver for illness caused by food at our events

7 Other Reports: RAMP Committee

Recruiting: No Report

Activities: Bob Lucido announced that one poker group has closed. Bob also reported that he is passing on the Activities Chair to Glenn Breslin. Bob will remain as the State Activities Chair.

Publicity: No Report

Member Relations: No Report

8 Luncheon Chair: Steve Oki reported that he is still tuning the numbers for the luncheon but in general the Opt-in method for determining attendance is working much better than the Opt-out method.

9 Honorees: Walt Busenius announced that Distinguished Service Awards would be handed out at today's luncheon to Bob Lucido, Tony Greco, and Henry Thatcher.

10 SIR Call Editor: No Report

10 Travel Report: Glenn Breslin announced a trip to Spain and Portugal in April and May of 2024. It includes airfare, lodging, transfers and some dinners and lunches. Bob Wilkenfeld made a motion to approve the trip and Bob Ford seconded. It was approved unanimously.

10 Sunshine Report: No Report

11 Branch Historian: No Report

11 Little SIR: John Kluesener announced we have Dr. Jon Haveman of the National Economic Education Delegation to speak on the state of our economy today and in May we have a Banjo Group coming for entertainment. In June we will hear from John Muir about the future of Healthcare and in July we have someone from ABC Channel 7 to inform us about scams, especially those directed at seniors.

John presented the idea of non-speaker lunches like trivia contests or small group presentations. He asked that any feedback on this idea be passed on to him.

12 Big SIR: No additional information

Bob Wilkenfeld made a motion to adjourn and Bob Ford seconded. It was approved unanimously.