

SIR Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM to 9:52 AM
August 5, 2021

Note: Due to COVID-19 virus, the BEC meeting was held via Zoom

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2021

		Present
Big SIR	Richard Hockenbrock	Y
Little SIR	Jerry Kaplan	Y
Secretary	Rich Lyon	Y
Treasurer	Ross Abbot	Y
Assistant Secretary	Bob Wilkenfeld	
Assistant Treasurer	John Alexander	Y
Director 2nd Year	Peter Plante	Y
Director 2nd Year	Brian McCarthy (Sunshine)	Y
Director 2nd Year	Paul Beretz	Y
Director 1st Year	Bob Lucido (Activities)	Y
Director 1st	George Mon (Treasurer)	Y
Director 1st Year	Henry Thatcher	Y

Other Attendees:

Bruce Borgman*, Peter Bishop, Bill Holly*, Doug Eisner*

Note: * indicates past Bir SIR

Agenda

1. Call to order:

1.a. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock asked the Secretary if a quorum was present. The Secretary replied that a quorum was present. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

2. Purpose of Meeting

2.a. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock stated that in light of the recent Contra Costa County Health Order requiring masking for all indoor public activities the purpose of this meeting is to decide whether or not to meet in-person or continue with Zoom for the August 12, 2021 BEC and Luncheon meetings.

2.b. Richard Hockenbrock requested each SIR present to express their opinion.

3. Vote

3.a. Ross Abbott moved and Jerry Kaplan seconded a motion to convert the August BEC and Luncheon meetings to Zoom. Motion carried with 10 Yea, 1 Nay, 1 Absent

3.b. Bruce Borgman* said he would email the Branch. Jerry Kaplan and John Alexander volunteered to be present at Boundary Oak on the morning of August 12, 2021 for any SIR that might arrive to attend the in-person meeting that was converted to Zoom.

Adjourned at 9:52AM

Respectfully submitted

Richard Lyon, Secretary, SIR Branch 146

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Other Attendees:

Peter Bishop, Bruce Borgman*, Ed Brands, Walt Busenius*, Clint Collier, Doug Eisner*, Bob Ford, Brad Hatcher*, Bill Holly*, John Kluesener, Frank Lucas, Ron Plachy, Milt Smith

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Agenda

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Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock asked the Secretary if a quorum was present. The Secretary replied that a quorum was present. Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Secretary – Rich Lyon, Approval of July 8, 2021, BEC Minutes ([July Minutes](#))

Bob Wilkenfeld so moved, John Alexander, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer – Ross Abbott requested approval of [Form 28](#).

John Alexander so moved, Bob Wilkenfeld, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ross Abbott noted that an annual payer refund check to Jeff Morrow has not been cashed.

Standing Reports

1. Membership – George Mon

George Mon reported 3 new and 1 Sir is resigning for a year-long trip to Europe which, brings the Branch to 291 members. ([Membership Report](#))

There were 5 induction dates and 4 email id changes.

Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock observed that the email id updates were a result of email “rejections” detected by Constant Contact.

Bob Wilkenfeld asked if the Sir who is resigning for a year to travel must re-apply to be a Sir upon returning?

George Mon explained that the Sir is in the database as “suspended” and can be made “active” by paying dues without having to be voted back in by the BEC. While being “suspended”, the Branch will not have to pay his dues to the State Sir.

Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock confirmed the explanation.

Bob Wilkenfeld moved to approve the 3 new members. Brian McCarthy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George Mon requested approval of [Form 27](#). Bob Wilkenfeld so moved and, John Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. RAMP

Recruitment – Paul Beretz

Patch and Nextdoor messaging are on hold per last month’s BEC meeting so, there are no new information requests. Two individuals from last month did not return contact after being informed that a CDC COVID vaccine card and a signed liability waiver are required to attend the luncheon and other Sir activities.

Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock noted that Paul Beretz (a second-term director) is stepping down at the end of the year. Paul Beretz said that he will still be in the Branch.

Activities – Bob Lucido

Four activities have closed temporarily for a month or two or until Sir and their spouses are comfortable getting together. The other activities will be contacted.

One greeter bowed out until he feels more comfortable.

Some of the activities listed on the Sir application form are not being offered and should be removed. It would also be helpful to have a “best way to contact” information added to the Sir application form because in some cases, the wife’s email is monitored more closely than the husband’s email.

George Mon mentioned “other” Application form items also need updating will also be handled and, presented to the BEC for approval.

Small signs to advertise outside activities will be printed by Clint Collier and encased in plastic at TAP Plastics for a much lower cost.

Member Relations – Ed Brands

Some of our Sir have been contacted and their email ids updated. An introductory email will be sent to Sir who have joined in 2021.

Sir communication will be increased.

Publicity – Peter Plante

This month's (Zoom) Branch meeting and speaker and branch activities such as online cards, hiking, and fishing are being advertised.

Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock noted that Peter Plante (a second-term director) is also stepping down at the end of the year.

3. COVID Compliance – George Mon

About 87.7% of the Branch's Sir are compliant with their Waivers and CDC cards.

Big Sir Richard Hockenbrock added that Jim Pope and others have reached out to those Sir who have not responded.

Activities chairs need to continue to verify COVID compliance to attend an activity. An updated COVID compliance list is distributed weekly to activity chairs.

The Luncheon Manager will work to obtain COVID compliance before Luncheons.

George Mon suggested a removable "sticker" be placed on the badges of non-COVID-compliant SIR.

Big Sir Report – Richard Hockenbrock

1. August 12, 2021, Meeting Agenda

- a. There will be no break-out groupings

2. Boundary Oak luncheon contract for 2022.

- a. There are no changes for 2021. Boundary Oak is still working on the 2022 contract.

3. Nominating Committee – Election of Officers & Directors at today's Luncheon.

- a. Bruce Borgman* presented the [slate of elected officers, directors and RAMP](#) positions for today's election.

4. Plans for meeting in person in September or October?

- a. Rich Lyon moved that the Branch will only have in-person meetings the month following Contra Costa County removing the Health Order requiring masks for indoor activities. John Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was passed by acclaim.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The the words, "the month following" are intended to be interpreted that the Branch can schedule an in-person meeting providing at least one month's lead time between the date that Contra Costa County removes the Health Order to wear masks indoors and the next regular branch meeting.

Here are two examples of how "the month following" works.

EXAMPLE 1: If CC County lifted the Health Order on or before Sept. 7, 2021, which is more than a month to the Oct. 8, 2021, meeting. Then Oct. 8, 2021, could be an in-person meeting.

EXAMPLE 2: If CC County lifted the Health Order between Sep. 9, 2021, and Oct 10, 2021, then Nov 11, 2021, is the earliest date an in-person meeting could be scheduled.

- b. Rich Lyon, Brian McCarthy, and Ed Brands are interested in looking into having an outdoor barbeque for the October meeting.

Little Sir Report - Jerry Kaplan

1. Speakers: John Haveman, a nationally known economist is the August speaker. The September speaker will be Wes Goldberg, the Bay Area News Group Golden State Warriors beat reporter.

Other Chair Reports

1. Travel - Milt Smith

- a. Motion to approve Form 453 for the Fleet Week bus and bay cruise on October 9, 2021.
 - i. Jerry Kaplan so moved. Peter Plante seconded the motion. The motion carried
- b. Motion to approve Form 453 for the Panama October Cruise Oct 5 thru Oct 12, 2022.
 - i. Peter Plante so moved. Brian McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclaim.
- c. Milt Smith is looking for a Sir interested in helping out and perhaps eventually chairing the Branch travel program. The travel program is an important branch offering. A description of the travel chair role is [here](#).

Old Business

1. Changes to the succession of officers' planning. Is on hold for now.

New Business

1. Frank Lucas has a contact at Tap Plastic for things to be made.

Adjourn 10:07 AM

1. Next meeting - September 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Lyon, Secretary, Branch 146