

**SIR BRANCH 146
BEC MEETING MINUTES
9:02 to 10:35 A.M. – VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
JULY 7, 2020**

Note: Due to COVID-19 virus, SIR July luncheon cancelled; BEC meeting held via conference call

BIG SIR (Brad Hatcher)

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:02 am, after all those wanting to attend were signed on to the ZOOM platform. All officers and directors present with the exception of **Ron Lew**.

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2020

Big SIR	Brad Hatcher
Little SIR	Richard Hockenbrock
Secretary	Jerry Kaplan
Treasurer	George Mon
Assistant Secretary	Larry Kaye
Assistant Treasurer	Ross Abbott
Directors (2nd Year)	Milt Smith (Travel), Brian McCarthy (Sunshine), Ron Lew (Membership)
Directors (1st Year)	Paul Beretz (Recruitment), Peter Plante (Publicity) 2 nd position - vacant

Also in attendance were several committee chairs: Bob Lucido - Activities Coordinator, Doug Eisner and Jim Burk - Honorees, Bruce Borgman – Couples Dining Out and Song SIRs, and Rich Lyon – Luncheon Chair, See Attachment #1 for a full list of attendees. The minutes of the June 11, 2020 regular BEC meeting minutes were approved (M by Richard, S-Paul B. & Approved unanimously) with no changes (Attachment #2). The agenda was reviewed with no changes made. (Attachment #3)

1. BIG SIR’S REPORT- Brad Hatcher

- a) Noted that the state SIR has made improvements to their website and suggested that we all look and see what has changed.
- b) Brad asked the BEC members to join the rehearsal zoom meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am and see how it may run on Thursday. There will be breakout rooms when people first sign on so they can chat together before the speaker is scheduled at noon.
- c) Noted that the 2021 Officer/Board membership is being finalized and will be posted when complete in the SIRCall. They will then be presented for approval to the entire membership at the August meeting.

2. LITTLE SIR’S REPORT - Richard Hockenbrock

- a) Noted that the membership Directory has been reworked and is now available in a more readable format.
- b) Provided information of speakers planned for next several meetings. Thursday’s speaker is Dr. Sara Levin, the Deputy Health Officer for Contra Costa County. The August speaker is expected to be David Livingston, the County Sherriff. Richard provided a tentative list for the remainder of 2020. (Attachment #4).
- c) Described the new email address that members should use to invite guests to future meetings (Zoom or in person). Rich Lyon will be monitoring site.

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT - Jerry Kaplan

Nothing to report

4. TREASURER’S REPORT –George Mon

- a) George reported active membership stands at 292 as shown on the latest Form 28. The cash balance stood at \$36,354. Has sent out refund checks for recent trips that were cancelled. The branch’s share of state dues of \$509 for the 3rd quarter was paid.
- b) Monthly Treasurer’s Report and Form 28 were accepted by the BEC (Attachments #5 & #6)

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

5. ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR – Bob Lucido

- a) Presented re-start requests from two different activities – **Lunch & Wine (LAW)**, chaired by Paul Dubow, and the **Cooking II** group (Bob Yolland). This latter activity was approved at the June meeting, **so no action was necessary**. The LAW activity request was discussed by the BEC in the context of meeting State SIR guidance as well as local, regional and CA state current regulations and guidance. Peter Plante made a motion, seconded by Larry K, to approve the LAW activity, approved unanimously. (Attachments #7)
- b) Brad will advise the chair that the BEC approved the re-start subject to the discussion noted above.

6. BIOGRAPHIES & FISHING ACTIVITY REP - Paul Dubow (not present)

- a) Reported that bio's of 212 members are available on the website.

7. COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL - Richard Hockenbrock

Nothing to report

8. GREETERS – May have new Chair

Nothing to report

9. HISTORIAN - Gary Brown (not present)

Nothing to report

10) HONOREES –Jim Burk, Doug Eisner

- a) The committee will present awards to as many as six members at the July zoom meeting Brad will allot time for the awards. Jim Bogue (a potential awardee) has been unreachable.

11) LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE - Rich Lyon

Working with Ron Plachy to ensure all members' names are consistent between files.

12. MEMBERSHIP - Ron Lew (not present)

- a) As discussed in 16a) below, two new individuals are ready to join. Membership stands at 294 with the two new members approved today.
- b) Ron's membership report and Form 27 (final form) had been provided to the BEC prior to the meeting. (Attachments #8 and #9)

13. MEMBER RELATIONS - Tony Greco (not present)

14. NOMINATING COMMITTEE -Jonathan Korfhage (not present)

- a) No report, Brad reported that he will work with Jonathan to finalize the 2021 Board. At this point, all positions are filled, with the exception of the Assistant Treasurer.

15. PUBLICITY - Peter Plante

- a) Will continue to put information in the Walnut Creek *Patch* and may be able to use the postcard picture (see 16b below) in the article.

16. RECRUITMENT - Paul Beretz

- a) Two new guests are ready to join the branch. Martin Steinpress and Cliff Sanburn. Motion was made by Milt, seconded by Peter, and unanimously voted to approve these new members.
- b) Paul noted he has 500 postcards and a list of over 1,700 possible addressees that can be mailed to attract new members. Several members have volunteered to assist in the mailing.

17. SUNSHINE - Brian McCarthy

- a) Provided an update on the report- no changes (Attachment #10)

18. TRAVEL - Milt Smith

- a) Milt has accepted the State Travel Chair position. Dan Murray (Branch 116) will be assisting.
- b) Reported he will be doing a SIR-wide survey of members' interest in travel.
- c) Will continue to look for possible trips in 2021 and 2022.

19. WEBMASTER AND E-COMMUNICATIONS - Ron Plachy (not present)

No report

20. REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS None

21. CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME ON TODAY'S LUNCHEON AGENDA? NO MEETING

22. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Status of \$1,000 donation to Boundary Oak staff** (waiters, cooks, bartenders, etc.) while luncheons are not being held. This was approved by the BEC at an earlier meeting. No change; Brad continues to wait to hear from management of how the monies can be distributed.
- b) Discussed the issue of **reimbursement to Annual Payers** because of cancelled meetings. George provided the BEC with an analysis of the options. (Attachment #11) One approach is to refund the balance of the monies paid for 2020 since it is likely we will not be meeting this year. A second is to roll the funds left for each Annual Payer into 2021 as a portion of the expected costs for that year. After discussion, it was decided to alert the members via an e-blast that both options were now available and that they should contact George no later than August 30th if they wanted a refund. If not requested by that date, it would be assumed that the funds would be applied to the 2021 charges. Motion by Brian, seconded by Paul, and approved unanimously. After the vote, Ross expressed concerns that by rolling over the funds, with the uncertainty as to when lunches will start, it is "cleaner" to refund the monies and start fresh when lunches begin again. George agreed to track the responses from the Annual Payers.
- c) Doug requested an update on the data base improvements. Richard responded that the committee working on the effort determined that the branch does not have the expertise to develop and/or adopt a new or off-the shelf program. The best approach now will be to determine how best to use a master Excel spreadsheet to track and combine information that can be used by the different administrative committees. Will regroup and re-think how to proceed.

23. NEW BUSINESS -none

NEXT MEETING: BEC meeting set for an earlier date in August on Tuesday, August 11th at 9:00 am. Luncheon meeting via Zoom is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th. Meeting tentatively scheduled from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

ADJOURN at 10:35 AM

Submitted **Jerry Kaplan, Branch Secretary**

DIGITAL ATTACHMENTS FILED [Can only be accessed using the link below] (may need to paste)

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yPosECU2QBESwhiLZWX_2jnJhhWP0Dra?usp=sharing