

SIR Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
July 8, 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	Y
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, Ed Brands, Walt Busenius*, Clint Collier, Bill Holly*, Doug Eisner*, Tony Greco, Brad Hatcher*, Ron Plachy

Note: * indicates past Bir SIR

Agenda

1. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock

- 1.a. **Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock** being informed that a quorum was present, called the BEC meeting to order at 9:00AM
- 1.b. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock requested a motion to approve the June Minutes ([June Minutes](#)), Henry Thatcher so moved, Paul Beretz seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- 1.c. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock reviewed the agenda and asked for any change requests. No changes were requested ([July Agenda](#))

2. Big SIR's Report - Richard Hockenbrock

- 2.a. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock reviewed the schedule of Branch operations. \ ([Scheduled Operations](#))
- 2.b. George Mon reported that as of July 5, 2021, the Branch COVID Protocol is being rolled out and that 84.1% of the (289) members have met SIR Branch 146 requirements. ([Waiver Tally](#))
- 2.c. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock stated that Jim Pope has headed up a telephone tree to contact those SIR who have not responded to earlier emails and mailings regarding meeting the Branch COVID protocols which are required to attend branch activities.
- 2.d. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock requested an eBlast of the activities schedule in addition to already being in the SIR Call to help promote attendance.

3. Little SIR's Report – Jerry Kaplan

- 3.a. Little SIR Jerry Kaplan announced that today's speaker is Eve Birge Exec. Dir. of White Pony Express a non-profit Contra Costa company
- 3.b. Little SIR Jerry Kaplan reported that August's speaker will be John Haveman a leading economist will speak about the effects of the COVID pandemic on the economy.
- 3.c. The September speaker is Wes Goldberg, the Warriors beat reporter for the Bay Area News Group.
- 3.d. The October speaker will be from the League of Women voters who will speak on the "State of democracy".
- 3.e. Little SIR Jerry Kaplan reported that the Branch's first in person luncheon is scheduled to be in August and that preliminary planning is underway. This topic will be covered in more detail during the Luncheon Manager's report.
- 3.f. In answer to John Alexander's question, the Big SIR stated the Luncheon fee is \$27.

4. Secretary's Report – Rich Lyon

- 4.a. No report.

5. Treasurer's Report – Ross Abbott

- 5.a. Ross Abbott Treasurer presented the June Treasurer's report. ([June Treasurer Report](#)) noting the quarterly State SIR per capita charge had been paid.
- 5.b. John Alexander moved, and Bob Wilkenfeld seconded to approve the June Form 28 ([Form 28](#)). Motion carried unanimously.

6. Activities Coordinator - Bob Lucido

- 6.a. There are 52 activities, 42 which are active. There are 10 activities that "haven't restarted" for various reasons and do not require BEC approval to do so.
- 6.b. Bowling is now meeting once a month and will be operating as an "area" activity in order to attain the required number of participants.
- 6.c. Brian McCarthy moved, Jerry Kaplan seconded a motion to approve purchasing a small lawn sign for under \$120 to test market its effectiveness at Bocce, motion carried unanimously.
- 6.d. Paul Beretz moved, Brian McCarthy seconded a motion to start Mexican Train Dominos #8 ([Mexican Train Dominos](#)) with Richard Hockebroch as chair, motion carried unanimously.

7. Biographies and Fishing – Paul Dubow

7.a. Paul Dubow reported 224 biographies are on file. The fishing is going like gang busters. Two meetings have been held at the Legends Bar and Grill on the regular schedule. The July meeting will include the annual silent auction which is a great way to pick up great fishing equipment.

8. Communications – SIR Call – Clint Collier

8.a. The SIR Call can be used to advertise those activities that need new members. The poker groups could use the SIR Call to attract new members.

9. Greeters – Bob Lucido

9.a. Dave Kingsbury has agreed to lead the Greeters and will be shown how to lead the group by Bob Lucido

10. Historian – Gary Brown

10.a. Not present.

11. Honorees – Doug Eisner*, Jim Burk*, Walt Busenius*

11.a. Doug Eisner reported that Rob Melrose will be awarded the Branch's highest award of Branch Honoree and that Jim Burk will be presenting the 20-year award to Bob Burley.

12. Luncheon – Bruce Borgman, Rich Lyon

12.a. The Branch will have its first luncheon since the pandemic, on Aug. 12, 2021, at Boundary Oak.

12.b. Unlike previous luncheons, a reservation will be required to attend.

12.c. Email: attendlunchbr146@gmail.com or telephone (925) 979-5721 to make a reservation.

12.d. Sponsors are responsible for seeing that their Guest(s) meeting all Branch (COVID) requirements.

12.e. No-show reservations, those SIR not cancelling their reservation by Aug. 5, 2021 will owe the Branch \$27.

13. Membership – George Mon

13.a. George Mon Membership Director reported two new members: Dave Kwinter and Mike Rothman. One member, Mike Roach moved to Arizona and resigned. There were 14 database changes. ([Membership Report](#))

13.b. George Mon also reported that with two new members and one loss, Form 27 shows Branch 146 with 289 members. ([Form 27](#)) Jerry Kaplan moved and Ross Abbott seconded a motion to approve Form 27. The motion carried unanimously.

13.c. Henry Thatcher moved, and Brian McCarthy seconded a motion to approve Dave Kwinter and Mike Rothman as new members. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Member Relations – Ed Brands

14.a. Ed Brands reported that there are opportunities to help out.

15. Nominating Committee – Brad Hatcher*

15.a. Brad Hatcher reported that a branch member is considering taking the Assistant Secretary position to go up the officer line.

16. Publicity – Peter Plante

16.a. Peter Plante reported that activities are being advertised as usual in Patch and Nextdoor.

17. Recruitment – Paul Beretz

17.a. Paul Beretz mentioned that he received a single membership inquiry but there was no follow up interest from the inquirer.

18.Sunshine – Brian McCarthy

18.a. Brian McCarthy provided the Sunshine report. ([Sunshine](#))

19.Travel – Milt Smith

19.a. Jerry Kaplan reported that Milt Smith will likely resign as State and Branch Travel chairman. There are some benefits to the “work” involved in managing travel opportunities.

20.Webmaster & e-Communications – Ron Plachy

20.a. Ron Plachy requested being able to publish both birthdate and date of passing in an online memorial page. Currently only birth month is readily available.

20.b. Bob Wilkenfeld moved and Rich Lyon seconded a motion that only Month and Year of birth will be published on the SIR memorial page. Motion carried unanimously.

21.Reports from other Chairs

22.Old Business

22.a. Doug Eisner* requested an update on any plans to change the 4-year officer line of succession.

22.a.i. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock said that he will look into it.

23.New Business

23.a. George Mon requested that planning be started for the 2022 dues structure and budget for the August meeting regarding dues and annual payers.

24.Next Meeting

24.a. Aug 12th, 2021 at 9:00 AM at Boundary Oak.

25.Adjourn

25.a. Adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Lyon, Secretary
Branch 146

All the meeting’s slides and reports may be viewed by clicking → [here](#).