

**SIR Branch 146  
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2022**

**Venue: Boundary Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse**

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2022

|                     |                              | Present |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Big SIR             | Richard Lyon                 | Y       |
| Little SIR          | Bob Wilkenfeld               |         |
| Secretary           | John Kluesener               | Y       |
| Assistant Secretary | Bob Ford                     |         |
| Treasurer           | John Alexander               | Y       |
| Assistant Treasurer | TBD                          |         |
| Director 2nd Year   | Bob Lucido (Activities)      | Y       |
| Director 2nd Year   | George Mon (Membership)      | Y       |
| Director 2nd Year   | Henry Thatcher               | Y       |
| Director 1st Year   | Ed Brands (Member Relations) | Y       |
| Director 1st        | Larry Kaye                   | Y       |
| Director 1st Year   | Frank Lucas                  | Y       |

**Other Attendees:**

Paul Dubow, Ben Gleason, Brian McCarthy, Brad Hatcher\*, Bill Holly\*, Richard Hockenbrock\*, Ron Plachy, Ken Richter, Doug Eisner\*, Jim Burk\*, Pete Gates\*, Walt Busenius\*, Dick Richmond, Roy Hodgkinson

Note: Past Big SIR \*

**1 Agenda:** Secretary John Kluesener noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:03. Big Sir asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and hearing none proceeded with the meeting.

**2 Secretary:** The Secretary asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes from the June 9 meeting and hearing none John Alexander motioned that the minutes be approved and Henry Thatcher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

John Kluesener stated that Form 20 was updated on June 16 to show that Larry Kaye was elected to the director position, first year, focused on Branch Publicity.

**3 Treasurer:** John Alexander stated that Form 28 shows that at the start of the month of June our Branch balance was \$23,332.31. Receipts for the month included \$60 for dues and \$2976 for the luncheon. Expenditures were \$3190.79 for the luncheon and \$296 for book storage resulting in month ending balance of \$23,177.52. Frank Lucas motioned that the Form 28 be approved and Bob Lucido seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

John reported that at the half-way point of the year we have spent 28% of our Adjusted Expense Budget.

John presented the Consolidated Bank Statement which incorporates the Branch, Golf and Bowling accounts and per the Audit report these accounts should be reviewed at least quarterly. For the quarter ending on June 30 the net of receipts vs expenditures are: the Branch account was reduced by \$522 to \$23,177, Golf was reduced by \$939 to \$5,590 and there were no changes to the Bowling balance of \$685.

The bowling account is in the process of being transferred to our Branch EIN.

**4 Membership:** George Mon presented the Form 27 which shows that for the month of June the membership remained static at 275 with one new member added and one member moving from the area to the East Coast. John Kluesener moved that Form 27 be approved and John Alexander seconded. The motion was approved.

The new members background, work history and activity interests were reviewed and the BEC agreed with welcoming our new member.

**5 Luncheon Co-Chair:** Ben Gleason reported that we have 98 members and four potential members signed-up for the lunch in addition to our guest speaker and her assistant.

Groups reserving tables have caused some problems for members who come late, can't find seating other than seats at tables where places have been reserved but the individual has not shown up. It was suggested that the table chair pick up the unused reservations 10 to 15 minutes before the lunch starts.

The luncheon "opt-out" vs the "opt-in" method was discussed as a means to increase our luncheon attendance. The goal would be to reinstate that member requirement in January of 2023. Concern was raised over the charter requirement that related to missing 3 luncheons in a row would result in loss of membership. A motion was made by George Mon for the Little Sir to review the by-laws and if necessary propose amendments on luncheon attendance to allow exemptions for individuals who are sick or concerned about their health, or who are on extended travel or other conflicts. The motion was seconded by Henry Thatcher and approved by the BEC. **Action: Little Sir to review by-laws re lunch attendance**

Annual luncheon payments option would be available in January and if one selects that option he would get two free lunches but would pay his normal annual dues.

**6 RAMP Committee:** Bob Lucido surveyed the Activities Chairs and found that about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> were running at about normal attendance, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> below normal and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> slightly above. Many surmised that lower attendance was likely due to Covid concerns.

Two new activities have been proposed: 1) welding for beginners to seasoned welders to be sponsored by Larry Kaye and 2) woodworking sponsored by Randy Graham also for individuals of all skill levels. A motion was made by Bob Lucido to approve the two new activities and seconded by Ed Brands. The motion was approved.

Ed Brands reported for Member Relations that Covid concerns appeared to be the main reason for not attending the luncheon. One person stated that cost was a factor and since there was no penalty for not attending he didn't attend, but probably would if the penalty were re-installed. Many are attending the activities but not the luncheon.

For Publicity, Larry Kaye is proposing to prepare say one hundred color small posters with pictures of some of the activities and a few words about Sir and contact numbers for interested parties to call someone in the group. These could be posted on-line, at locations like the two golf courses we frequent or the bridge center, bocce courts or possibly groups like the Elk Club, Rotary, VFW or similar organizations. Larry Kaye to prepare examples for posting. **Action: Larry Kaye**

Volunteers are needed to assist in the posting, probably once or twice a week as the plan is to get 20-60 posts out per week. Bob Lucido and Larry Kaye will determine which web sites to use and how often to post. **Action Bob Lucido and Larry Kaye**

**7 Honorees:** Walt Busenius said there would be two awards at today's luncheon recognizing service to the Branch.

**8 Sir Call Editor:** No report

**9 Sunshine Report:** Brian McCarthy stated there was no new data on Hugh Ferguson or Van Laursen. John "Moose" Kelly continues to improve.

**10 Branch Historian:** \_\_\_\_\_, our former Branch Historian stated that the historian normally assembles the report annually and posts it on the web site.

**11 Little Sir:** John Kluesener, speaking for the Little Sir who is on vacation, stated that today's speaker would be Victoria Briskin speaking on *Early Alert Canines*. We have a replacement speaker for August who is from the National Economic Education Delegation to speak on the economy. In September we have the Master Gardener with spouses/significant others invited to attend if interested. CCWD is potentially presenting in October and in November we are hoping to have someone from the Veterans Administration speak to the group.

**12 Big Sir:** The issue is still being discussed at the State Sir level. At present our Branch goal is to focus on recruiting men from the area.