

**Sir Branch 146**  
**Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: March 14, 2024**  
**Venue: Boundary Oak Clubhouse**

**Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2024**

		Present
Big Sir	John Klusener	Y
Little Sir	Bob Ford	Y
Secretary	Don Shaw	Y
Assistant Secretary	John Rexroat	Y
Treasurer	Mike Rothman	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Tom Amann	Y
Director 3rd Term	Ed Brands	Y
Director	Mark Curtis	Y
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Randy Graham	Y
Director	John Alexander	Y
Director 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	George Mon	Y
Director	Don Rhoads	Y

Other Attendees:

	Present
Bill Holly*	Y
Bob Spellman	Y
Bob Wilkenfield	Y
Brad Hatcher*	Y
Brian McCarthy	Y
Bruce Borgman	Y
Dick DeVoe	Y
Frank Lucas	Y
Frank Lucas	Y
Jim Pope	Y
Ken Richter	Y
Ken Richter	Y
Mike Smith	Y
Paul Dubow	Y
Richard Hockenbrock	Y
Richard Lyon	Y
Steve Oki	Y
Walt Busenius*	Y

The Big Sir noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:00.

## Standing Reports

### 1. Branch Secretary

The call for comments on the Meeting Minutes for **February 8, 2024**, resulted in no additions or deletions. A motion for approval was made by **Don Shaw** and seconded by **Bob Ford**. It was approved unanimously.

Secretary confirmed list of branch activities was filed in branch records as provided in SBO.

Big Sir confirmed Caterer Insurance Form 63 was filed as provided in SBO.

Little SIR verified that Treasurer sent audit report and Form 29 and December Form 28 to Area Representative by February 10.

Treasurer: Confirmed that Form 28 was sent to AR and State SIR for last. month.

Membership Chair confirmed Form 27 was timely sent to State SIR for last month.

### 2. Branch Treasurer

Treasurer reviewed Form 28. **Ed Brands** moved to approve Form 28, **John Alexander** seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer reported on a new tracking sheet to tie lunch numbers together.

Treasurer reported that 3 CDs totaling \$17,000 were purchased as approved in prior meeting.

A motion to name Dave Steinberg Assistant Treasurer for Golf was made by **Mike Rothman** and seconded by **Don Shaw**. It was approved unanimously. The text of the motion is as follows:

**The BEC designates Dave Steinberg as the assistant Treasurer for Golf, a senior manager responsible for the management of the Golf bank account at US Bank, including the use of the US bank electronic banking tools.**

### 3. Membership Chairman

George Mon reported on Form 27 that there were **6** new members in and **7** members out, bringing the total membership to **252**. **Ed Brands** motioned to approve Form 27 and **John Alexander** seconded. Approval was unanimous.

## **II Old Business**

### **1. Summer Picnic**

Bob Wilkenfeld reported on plans for the summer picnic, to be held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, with a Mexican buffet catered by El Molino. Maximum of 71 attendees, at an estimated cost of \$18-\$20 per person, guests welcome, no kids, no pets, BYO alcohol. \$175 expended to reserve the site. Using the Dining Out reservation system.

### **2. New Member Focus Group**

Jim Pope reported on the New Member Focus Group. A copy of the report is filed together with the minutes of this meeting.

## **III. New Business**

### **1 Annual Payers missed lunches**

Annual payers will be advised that, if they RSVP for lunch, to take care to cancel if they are not able to attend. Of the 41 members who RSVPed and did not attend during the past 6 months, 19 were annual payers. Still, in 2023, annual payers as a group paid \$1,200 toward lunches that they did not eat, so at the macro level the branch “makes money” on annual payers.

**Action Item:** Big Sir or Little Sir to send email to annual payers.

## **IV Other Reports**

### **1. Ramp Committee**

- A. Recruiting – Randy Graham. - Randy reported on activities of the Recruiting Committee. A new recruiting brochure was distributed.
- B. Activities – Glenn Breslin – No report
- C. Member Relations – Ed Brands - No report
- D. Publicity – John Alexander – No report

### **2. Luncheon Co-Chair**

**Steve Oki**

- A. Luncheon attendance and guests – Steve reported that last month we paid for 4 lunches more than we needed. Usually, the number of lunches paid for compares closely with the number of lunches eaten.

- B. Dinner salad discussion results. We will request that either the meat or the fish entre be replaced with a meat or fish salad entre on a trial basis.
  - C. I paid, but can't find a seat at the table.
- 3. Honoree Committee – Walt Busenius – No report
  - 4. Nomination Committee – Bob Wilkenfeld - Need to identify Little Sir candidate for 2025. Will contact current offices to determine future intentions.
  - 5. SIR Call Editor – Clint Collier – No report.
  - 6. Travel – Glen Breslin – No report
  - 7. Sunshine Chair – Brian McCarthy – Bill Hartman ill, Denny **O'Loughlin** died.
  - 8. Branch Historian – Malcolm Harrison has retired from the position

#### **V. Little SIR – Bob Ford**

A. Today's and Future Speakers – consider April as a no speaker month? Speakers otherwise are largely identified through the end of the year, except for Sept-Nov.

#### **VI. Big SIR**

- A. Area Representative/BIG & Little SIR meeting February 26 – Big Sir and Little Sir attended. Big Sir gave report touching on:
  - a. What makes a successful branch?
  - b. What are 3 issues or challenges you faced in your branch recently?
  - c. What three things must the branches and the State change to allow SIRs to thrive in the future?
- B State/Branch Leadership Summit tomorrow-any thoughts for discussion (recruiting, officer elections, sharing of speaker)