



**Pleasant Hill Branch 146
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting
November 10, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Big Sir Pete Gates, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed the 16 visitors including Committee Chairmen. (See **Attendance Roster attached**).

BEC ROLE CALL/QUORUM

Secretary Terry Marchione announced that a quorum was achieved with 11 of the 12 BEC members present. Director **Harrington** was absent. (see **Attendance Roster attached**).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Terry Marchione indicated that the minutes from the October meeting had been distributed electronically to all members of the 2011 BEC. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Being none, the minutes were approved as written. A copy of the minutes is available on the Sir website.

BIG SIR'S REPORT

Big Sir **Pete Gates** reported on the following subjects:

Branch 146 members have filled two open positions in Area 2. **Ray Weisz** has been named chairman of the Area 2 golf program and **Pete Gates** has accepted the position of Area 2 fishing chairman (also known as the Big Fish)

Pete briefly reviewed Form 27 which indicated that Branch 146 is among the top Branches on all measurements. He pointed out the importance of adhering to the programs currently in place as well as developing future programs designed to maintain and grow the Branch

He announced that as of January 1, 2012 a new webmaster---**Sir Jack Hockel**---will be in place.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary **Marchione** introduced a motion to include in the Branch regulations a motion that was passed in 2008 regarding the formation of a speakers committee. The motion read as follows:

“It is moved to establish a Program Committee, chaired by the Little Sir. This committee would be responsible for planning and executing the luncheon speaker programs, previously the responsibility of the Little Sir alone. Committee members will be selected based on their interest, experience and relevant connections.”

The motion was passed.

The Secretary also reported that in anticipation of his Little Sir responsibilities in 2012, he formed a program committee consisting of himself, **Doug Eisner, Jerry Kaplan and Corrie Oranje.**

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT

Today's speaker will be **Carla Goulart with Sentinels of Freedom**, San Ramon based non-profit set up to provide support for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

December will be our traditional Holiday/Christmas luncheon with entertainment provided by a choral group from Monte Vista High School. There will also be a BEC meeting in December—date and time to be announced.

It being the Veteran's Day lunch, a special introduction of **Sir Bill Boyd** will be made. **Bill** was held as a prisoner of war.

A motion was made to accept a revised version of the Branch Regulations. Ensuing discussion resulted in the need for some additional changes. The motion was passed pending the final revisions. Following the December BEC meeting the revised Branch Regulations will be posted on the Branch website. Members can review them at that time. A copy of the regulations (before final revisions) is appended for the file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sir Dick Woodman reported that we started the month of October with \$10,342.82 and ended the month with \$10,446.37. Dick also reported that the number of members paying in cash has remained fairly constant in recent months. In October \$190 in cash was collected.

The final 2012 budget was presented. A motion was made and passed to adopt the budget as presented. The general budget indicates that \$4,510 will be required for Branch Operations. All activities will be required to be self-funding. A copy of the detailed budget is appended.

Dick presented the final budget team report. The annual contribution will be \$18 and the report outlines two options for payment. All Branch members have been sent an email explaining the options which are as follows:

Pay \$18 as the annual contribution and pay \$24 for each luncheon attended or pay \$240 up front which covers the contribution as well as the ten 2012 luncheons (excluding ladies day). This essentially is a savings of \$18 for those attending all luncheons. There will be no refunds for missed luncheons unless the member is no longer in the Branch.

A motion was made and passed to accept the budget team's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Steve Sprague)

Steve sought BEC approval for one new member, **Darrell Parcher** sponsored by **Roger Thornton**. This motion was approved

Three members were lost due to the resignation of **Chuck Smith, Harry Dillon** going inactive and the passing of **Larry Sheerin**.

After the above changes, our total active membership count will be decrease by two to 269 members. Our inactive roster increases to ten.

Recruitment and Retention – Chair Jack Calloway

Sir Jack reported on the year-to-date progress versus our goals. Overall we are in excellent shape in this regard. Jack also briefly reviewed the results of the annual survey which showed that the vast majority of members are satisfied with the Branch. The only finding that was cause for some concern was the decline in the ratings for the food served at the lunches. The Little Sir, along with others, has met with Courseco personnel to address this issue.

Attendance/Luncheon – Chair Bob Mehus

With regards to the November lunch, we guaranteed 208 attendees. Bob also reported there would be 4 guests today. Bob reiterated his need for an assistant and this is being addressed by the Big and Little Sir.

Activities (Christmas Lunch) – Chair Steve Dawkins

Sign-ups are coming along. Guests will be allowed as long as all Sir have been accommodated.

Publicity—Bill Hoban

A motion was made and passed that we spend \$204 to purchase Sir caps that will, in return, be sold to Branch members for \$10.00

Travel – Bob Spellman

A motion was made and passed for approval of a trip to see a Chinese Cultural group. The form is attached along with several other travel reporting forms.

NEW BUSINESS—

Sir Dick Richmond (of which he is the Sir rep) reported that the Walnut Creek golf advisory board has been disbanded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Gates at 11:05a.m. The next meeting of the BEC will be held in December at a time and place to be announced..

Attachments:

- (1) Attendance Roster 11/10/11 BEC Meeting
- (2) Treasurer's Report for October 2011; and Form 28 "Monthly Cash Report" for October, 2011 (Dick Woodman)
- (3) Membership Chair's report; and Form 27 for November, 2011 (Steve Sprague)
- (4) Attendance/Luncheon Chair's report for November, 2011 (Bob Mehus)
- (5) 2012 Branch Budget
- (6) Sir Form 51 Travel event to Canada & New England
- (7) Sir Form 59 Event travel checklist (Canada & New England)
- (8) Sir Form 53 Shen Yun 2012
- (9) Sir Form 53 Theater Party (Feb 23, 2012)
Sir Form 52 Travel event financial report (Day at the Races)