

SIR Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023
Venue: Boundary Oak Golf Course Clubhouse

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2023

		Present
Big SIR	Bob Wilkenfeld	Y
Little SIR	John Kluesener	Y
Secretary	Bob Ford	Y
Assistant Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	John Alexander	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Nelson/Mike Rothman	Y
Director 2nd Year	Bob Lucido (Activities)	Y
Director 2nd Year	George Mon (Membership)	Y
Director 2nd Year	Henry Thatcher	Y
Director 2nd Year	Ed Brands (Member Relations)	Y
Director 2 nd Year	Larry Kaye	Y
Director 1st Year	Randy Graham	Y

Other Attendees:

Richard Hockenbrock*, Walt Busenius*, Steve Oki, Bob Spellman, Brad Hatcher*, Ken Richter, Ron Plachy, Brad Hatcher*Glenn Breslin, Ed Brands, Frank Lucas, Jim Pope, Richard Lyon*

Note: Past Big SIR *

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

2 Branch Secretary: The call for comments on the **Meeting Minutes** for July 13th resulted in no additions or deletions. A motion for approval was made by Bob Wilkenfeld and seconded by John Alexander. It was approved unanimously.

3 Branch Treasurer: John Alexander reported that **Form 28** shows that the luncheon and the State Board pro rata assessment were the most significant expenditure for the month of June. Our current ending cash balance is \$27,693.63. A motion to approve was made by John Alexander and seconded by Bob Ford. It was approved unanimously. A request for money to print more copies of the recruiting brochure was made. Bob Wilkenfeld made a motion to approve \$250 for this purpose. It was seconded by John Kluesener and approved unanimously.

4 Membership Chairman: George Mon reported on **Form 27** that there were two new members bring the total membership up t 247. George Mon motioned to approve Form 27 and John Alexander seconded. Approval was unanimous. George agreed to forward the new member's interests to the appropriate parties. It was also agreed to add new member pictures and names to the SIR Call.

5 Old Business: Bob Wilkenfeld discussed still having the picnic committee meet to discuss the feasibility of having a picnic this year. It was agreed that they would meet to discuss the topic.

6 New Business: Bob Wilkenfeld reported that Jay Gordon will not repeat as Area Representative. He asked if anyone was interested in the position, but no one was available. Richard Lyon reported on the nominees for BEC positions in 2024. Richard noted that the current practice of having to serve for 5 years in progression as a BEC member was a big deterrent for people volunteering to be in the BEC. Since this was only a Branch 146 practice and not a branch regulation or state by-law it was agreed to change our practice to the following progressions:

Little Sir to Big Sir (2-year commitment)

Assistant Secretary to Secretary (2-year commitment)

Assistant Treasurer to Treasurer (2-year commitment)

As a result of this change the nomination committee was able to fill out the slate of nominations for 2024 as follows

Big Sir - John Kluesener

Little Sir - Bob Ford

Secretary - Don Shaw

Assistant Secretary - John Rexroat

Treasurer - Mike Rothman

Assistant Treasurer - Tom Amann

Director - Ed Brands 2nd Term

Director - Mark Curtis

Director - Randy Graham 2nd Term

Director - John Alexander

Director - George Mon 3rd Term exemption

Director - Don Rhoads

It was noted that Bob Ford would need to ask the state for an exemption to allow George Mon to serve a third term as Director.

The BEC approved these nominations by email with one abstention.

7 Other Reports: RAMP Committee

Recruiting Larry Kaye noted that he had discussions with Rotary Club members and they are having similar issues recruiting new members. He suggested that activities vs. luncheons might help with recruiting.

Activities: Glenn Breslin reported that the activities count was static at a total of 47 with 23 co-ed and 9 shared with other branches. He also mentioned we need a new activity chair for the theater group and mentioned the State SIR event at Golden Gate Fields.

Publicity: Publicity will proceed with printing the new brochures since the funds were approved.

Member Relations: Ed Brands noted that he contacted the members that resigned when we briefly went back to opt-out for lunches to see if they were interested in rejoining but none if they were interested.

8 Luncheon Chair: Steve Oki reported that 111 members were planning to attend the luncheon which was up slightly down from 101 last month.

9 Honorees: It was reported that Bob White and Paul Dubow would receive the State Senior Sir Award at lunch.

10 SIR Call Editor: Nothing to report.

10 Travel Report: Glenn Breslin mentioned that there were still slots available on the best of

Spain and WWII memorial trips. He also showed trips that other branches had planned that we could participate in.

10 Sunshine Report: Nothing to report.

11 Branch Historian: Nothing to report.

11 Little SIR: John Kluesener announced for today's speaker we have a Chinese Group who will talk about how China's policies will impact the US. September is a lobbyist from Sacramento discussing how the process works. October's speaker will be from the Livermore Valley wine group.

12 Big SIR: Nothing to report.

John Kluesener made a motion to adjourn and John Alexander seconded. It was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43am.