

**SIR BRANCH 146
BEC MEETING MINUTES
9:01 to 10:38 A.M
January 14, 2021**

Note: Due to COVID-19 virus, SIR luncheon cancelled; BEC meeting held via Zoom

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2021

Big SIR	Richard Hockenbrock
Little SIR	Jerry Kaplan
Secretary	Rich Lyon
Treasurer	Ross Abbot
Assistant Secretary	Bob Wilkenfeld
Assistant Treasurer	John Alexander
Directors (2nd Year)	Brian McCarthy (Sunshine), George Mon (Membership), Paul Beretz (Recruitment),
Directors (1st Year)	Peter Plante (Publicity), Bob Lucido (Activities), Henry Thatcher

All 12 BEC officers and directors and 11 Committee members and other SIRs plus one new member were present making it a total of 24 SIRs present. In attendance were Bill Holly* (Calendar, A/V), Brad Hatcher* and Bruce Borgman* (Nominating), Clint Collier (SIR Call), Doug Eisner*, Jim Burk* and Walt Busenius* (Honorees), Ed Brands (Member Relations), Milt Smith (Travel, State Travel), Paul Dubow (Biographies), Peter Bishop (Zoom), Tony Greco (Badges, Member Relations) and new member Bill Newman!

* Past Big SIR

BIG SIR

- Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and inquired of Branch Secretary if a quorum was present. Rich Lyon Branch, Secretary, reported that a quorum was present. ([Jan. Attendance](#))
- The first order of business was the review and approval of the Nov. 2020 Minutes. Henry Thatcher moved to approve the Nov. 2020 Minutes without correction, Jerry Kaplan 2nd, motion carried unanimously. ([Nov. minutes](#))
- Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock reviewed the Agenda ([Jan. Agenda](#)) and described how Peter Bishop will display the presentations. iPad6 was identified sign-on Moto Pwr was not identified after several attempts and was removed.

BIG SIR'S REPORT- Richard Hockenbrock

- Richard Hockenbrock welcomed the new BEC members - Bob Wilkenfeld, John Alexander, and Henry Thatcher. Also new RAMP Member covering Member Relations Ed Brands, with help from Tony Greco.
- Richard Hockenbrock Big SIR requested the following motions:
 - A motion to approve the Audit Committee of Chuck Schreiber and Ben Gleason, Paul Beretz so moved, Brian McCarthy 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
 - A motion to approve the Nominating Committee consisting of Past Big SIR Brad Hatcher 2020 as Chair, Past Big SIR Jonathan Korfhage 2019 and, Past Big SIR Bruce Borgman 2018, Jerry Kaplan so moved, Henry Thatcher 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
 - A motion to approve the 51 Branch Activities as described by Bob Lucido Activities Coordinator, Brian McCarthy so moved, Jerry Kaplan 2nd. Brad Hatcher Past Big SIR explained that all Fishing Groups are required by SIR State for insurance reasons to have their individual fishing trip dates approved by each Branch Executive Committee. Because Fishing Trips are on-hold due to COVID

restrictions, the motion was amended to exclude the Fishing Group from BEC Activities approval pending submittal of the fishing trips calendar. The original motion was tabled. There being no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously as amended. After motion passed Bob Wilkenfeld asked if the BEC would be receiving updates from the Fishing Group as to their trips? Brad Hatcher Past Big SIR responded that past practice is that the Fishing Group supplies a calendar of trips in January, though it appears that will be in February this year. Doug Eisner Past Big SIR added that in the past, some of the fishing dates conflicted with the Branch's monthly luncheon and that the Branch By Laws exempt SIRS from attending lunch on those dates.

- Confirmation requested that all pertinent files, records and inventory have been transferred to new officers including signatories at Union Bank. George Mon Membership, stated that the Membership file transfer is 90% complete. No other officers reported.
- Review of Branch Operations:
 - Greeters are on hold. Form 20 needs to be filed by the Secretary.
 - Forms 27 and 28 are due at the end of the month.
 - The first quarter assessment to SIR Inc. has been waived.
 - Form 29 is due to Area Governor by February 10th.
 - Branch Rosters are due to the Area Governor and Regional Director before the next BEC meeting.
 - George Mon has proposed loading the web site and will cover that in his report.
 - Clint Collier mentioned that the SIR CALL is being sent to Area and Regional Governor as a PDF not as a text document. Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock said he would investigate the requirement document and get clarification.
- The Goal for 2021 is holding onto our membership. Richard Hockenbrock Big SIR led a discussion of the pros and cons when a former member wants to rejoin the Branch should they be reinstated or counted as a new member. George Mon Membership suggested that it is easier administratively to reinstate than go through the new member voting process for a former SIR. Our membership current count is 266. The goal for the year is to get back to 285 members.
 - The Branch has gone through the required outreach steps for the 18 non-payers; it was decided that a letter be sent asking them to pay before the next (February) BEC meeting or be dropped from SIR.
 - Demographics, 5 were exempt and the others vary.
- The Secretary is requested to maintain 2 distribution lists for BEC Meetings. One for BEC members and the other to be on the email CC: line to include advisors and interested members. The list should include email, phone numbers (home and cell).
- Bill Holly will email Robert's Rules of Order to the BEC.
- Birthday drawing will be restarted starting at today's meeting.
- Highlights from SIR State President Stu Williams Fireside Chat include
 - State SIR expects to lose 1,100 to 1,300 members (9.5%) from the 2020 baseline of 13,600 members.
 - SIRs is the second largest non-profit organization in California focused on seniors. The first is AARP.
 - State SIR pays out approximately \$5.20 per member per quarter for liability insurance. (insert link)
 - SIR State President Stu Williams believes SIR members will be vaccinated by 2021 and luncheons will begin by July.
- Feedback from the Ladies Day Luncheon has been incredibly positive. The intention is to repeat the format again this year; members will be asked for their opinions at today's Zoom luncheon meeting.
- Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock entertained a motion to compensate the Devils Mountain Chorus for providing December's video by donating \$250. Jerry Kaplan so moved, Paul Beretz 2nd. Discussion: Past Big SIR Billy Holly asked what they were paid last year. Past Big SIR Brad Hatcher said they were paid \$500 last year. There were several supporting comments. Jerry Kaplan amended the motion to pay \$500 and tabled the original motion. Henry Thatcher 2nd. There being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT- Jerry Kaplan

- He opined that the Ladies Day Luncheon was technically successful with 55 couples in break out rooms, but that in the past with nearly 300 members, this type of event normally sold out with an excess of 220 attendees (110 couples). While technically successful, the hope is that more members will attend future co-ed events.
- Today's Speaker is Elena Mejia, Recycling Coordinator for Republic Services
- February's speaker – Ben Lavender, Contra Costa Sanitary District

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Rich Lyon

- BEC Members are asked to use email ID sirsecretary146@gmail.com for BEC communications. All relevant emails will be kept by month and every email received will be acknowledged so that you know nothing has been lost.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ross Abbott

- All the new check signers met at the Bank with George Mon. I want to thank George for his help in explaining things to me; I now feel much more comfortable. A copy of Form 28 will be sent to the BEC and will be in the minutes.
- I have learned that the branch can invest excess funds and earn income.
- Clint Collier suggested that when Lunches start back up, COVID Cards could be your luncheon card.
 - Bob Wilkenfeld mentioned that while we can legally restrict attendance, there are legal implications.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR – Bob Lucido

- There are no new Activities.

BIOGRAPHIES & Fishing Representative - Paul Dubow

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL - Clint Collier

The cutoff for the February SIR Call is January 26th. An email reminder will be sent out.

GREETERS

On Hold during COVID restrictions

HISTORIAN - Gary Brown not present

Nothing to report.

HONOREES - Doug Eisner, Walt Busenius, Jim Burk

Past Big SIR Walt Busenius reported that this month the Branch is honoring Jim Kohl. We will have one or two awards per month during 2021. The Honorees committee members will be given access to the current Membership database.

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE – Rich Lyon

We will continue to keep birthdates as private information for restricted uses by Membership and Honorees for example awards and drawings and only publish the month if a birthdate is on file. Otherwise we will publish a zero. No one is required to provide their birthdate but it is required for some benefits such example for birthday drawings and the age 90 dues exemption.

Activities is adding a couple of columns for Activity Status and Status Date.

The Branch will have to find someone to replace me as the luncheon chair before in-person luncheons start.

MEMBERSHIP – George Mon

- George Mon asked what the cutoff date for Form 27 is.
 - Past Big SIR Walt Busenius observed that during these tough COVID times we may be dropping members faster than during the “good times” and that we should be consistent.
 - George Mon pointed out that State SIR charges the branch on a per capita basis,. He questioned how should the Branch pay their amount due, based on 266 or 285 members?
 - Past Big SIR Bill Holly observed that the Membership and Treasurer reports seldom if ever agree on the number of members because their reports are at different times.
 - Past Big SIR Brad Hatcher said that since the first quarter per capita is waived this year the point is moot, and the Branch can use the larger number this month.
 - Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock would like to see the Branch to have accurate membership numbers based on reliable statistics that reflects the number of members that have paid their dues and reflects the date of the BEC meeting. If it goes beyond that (the BEC meeting) it should show up next month.
 - George Mon supports that Form 27 be based on the BEC meeting date.
 - Ross Abbott Treasurer noted that his Form 28 specifies the end of the month as its cutoff date.
 - Big SIR Richard Hockenbrock ruled that Forms 27 and 28 may report different number due to their date of reporting but need to be tracking the same baseline.

- The SIR Call Member Directory is produced in two parts. The first part starts with New Members and the second section is the roster. The end of the BEC meeting will be the cutoff date.
- George Mon has a membership report which can be used for any information needed.
 - Tony Greco requested full name, nickname, and badge number be available to him for making up new badges.
- 237 SIRs have paid , 9 HLM 16 that are 90 yrs. of age and exempt, and 4 new members, 18 non-paid, 8 have quit and 4 have died.
- Tony Greco asked if cell phones #'s are being added to the directory. George Mon affirmed cell numbers are being added from due collection and emails.
- A New Member packet will be sent out.
- A motion to Approve Form 27, Jerry Kaplan so moved, Brian McCarthy 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to Approve new members. Bob Wilkenfeld so moved, Paul Beretz 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER RELATIONS - Ed Brands & Tony Greco

Ed Brands has reviewed the materials supplied by Tony Greco.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Brad Hatcher

No specific report, will attend training.

PUBLICITY - Peter Plante

Online Cribbage and Hearts are advertised in Patch.

RECRUITMENT - Paul Beretz

We are on both Nextdoor and Patch and may get some members from Rossmoor.

SUNSHINE - Brian McCarthy

Dick Kincaid has gotten well and is off the report.

TRAVEL - Milton Smith

Motion to reapprove Travel Request(s) Form 53 for a N. American Treasure Cruise via Crystal on Sep. 25 – Oct 3, 2021 Bob Wilkenfeld so moved, Brian McCarthy 2nd, motion carried unanimously. Milt noted he is looking for an assistant to help him with trip planning procedures.

WEBMASTER & E-COMMUNICATIONS - Ron Plachy Not Present

REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jerry Kaplan reported that many of the Boundary Oak luncheon staff that we were served by have moved on to other jobs or retired Melissa Vogel, the Director of Catering Sales, is the only staff working in that department at this time.

He recommended that the \$1,000 donation to Boundary Oak staff that was approved in 2020 after the start of COVID and held for payment by the branch, be cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING:

February 11th, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

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10:48 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lyon, Secretary
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