

**SIR Branch 146**  
**Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 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	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 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Larry Kaye	Y
Director 1st Year	Randy Graham	N

**Other Attendees:**

Richard Hockenbrock\*, Doug Eisner\*, Walt Busenius, Steve Oki, Bob Spellman, Bruce Borgman\*, Brad Hatcher\*, Dick Devoe, Greg Breslin, Paul Dubow

Note: Past Big SIR \*

**1 Agenda:** Big Sir Bob Wilkenfeld noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:07.

**2 Branch Secretary:** The call for comments on the **Meeting Minutes** for April 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, Couples dining out and the Theatre Group were the significant expenditures for the month of May. Our current ending cash balance is \$31,225.54. A motion to approve was made by Ed Brands and seconded by Bob Wilkenfeld. It was approved unanimously. John noted that Branch 146's current bank, Union Bank, was acquired by US Bank. There are no changes to our accounts as a result, but we will start to earn interest on our checking account. A motion was made by John Alexander to make Mike Rothman Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of the year so that he can learn the job. It was seconded by Bob Wilkenfeld and approved unanimously.

**4 Membership Chairman:** George Mon reported on **Form 27** that there were no new members and one resignation bringing the total membership for the Month of May to 247. John Alexander motioned to approve Form 27 and Jim Nelson seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**5 Old Business:** A motion was made by Bob Wilkenfeld to approve the updates to the Branch 146 regulations to include the waiver for 3<sup>rd</sup> party meals and events that matches the state SIR waiver. It was seconded by Bob Ford. The motion carried unanimously. **Action Bob Wilkenfeld**  
– Send the document to Ron Plachy

The results of the State SIR's recent question on women members were reported. Over 50% of branches voted no to women in their branch with a slight majority voting to allow women in other branches. So, the state has said no to women members in general and will work with the one branch that currently has women members to allow them to continue but they cannot transfer to other branches.

**6 New Business:** The Area Representative asked that we use \$10/member for Branch 146 recruiting activities. Per the area representatives request Bob Wilkenfeld made a motion to use \$10/member for recruiting. It was seconded by George Mon. It was noted in discussion that this was 40% of our annual dues. It was also discussed that we already have funds budgeted for recruiting. There were 3 Yea's, 5 Nays and 1 abstention. The motion did not carry.

Bob Wilkenfeld asked if we should have a picnic with a caterer that would be open to members, their wives and guests. This would not replace an existing luncheon. It was noted some other branches do this. A committee was formed to flesh out the idea. The volunteers are: John Alexander, Bob Lucido, Joh Klusener, Larry Kaye, Bruce Borgman and Paul Dubow

#### **7 Other Reports:** RAMP Committee

**Recruiting:** Larry Kaye said that he talked to a person in Rotary about how their recruiting is going. They said they were facing similar difficulties in attracting new members. They said they believed Covid had taken away the motivation to meet in person.

**Activities:** Glen Breslin recapped the activities report. There are 27 activities, 8 of which are shared. There are also 14 other activities that other branches are sharing. Glen mentioned that there was a request to form a Walking activity. Bob Wilkenfeld made a motion to establish a walking Activity. It was seconded by Ed Brands and passed unanimously.

**Publicity:** Nothing to report

**Member Relations:** Nothing to report

**8 Luncheon Chair:** Steve Oki reported that 106 members were planning to attend the luncheon. There was discussion about the recent decline in the quality of the food. **Action Item:** Bob Wilkenfeld, Paul Dubow and John Alexander to schedule a meeting with Boundary Oak manger to discuss food quality.

**9 Honorees:** Nothing to report

**10 SIR Call Editor:** It was requested that we move up our SIR Call publication date by one week. It was agreed that we would do this on a trail basis for September, October and November.

**10 Travel Report:** Glenn Breslin reported that for the Portugal trip 6 people had paid and 4 more we considering it. He also proposed a new WWII memorials trip. Bob Wilkenfeld made a motion to approve the trip and Bob Ford seconded. It was approved unanimously.

**10 Sunshine Report:** Nothing to report

**11 Branch Historian:** Nothing to report

**11 Little SIR:** John Kluesener announced for speakers we have ABC News in July, Chinese Group in Aug and that he is considering a speaker less lunch.

John presented the idea of non-speaker lunches like trivia contests or small group presentations. He asked that any feedback on this idea be passed on to him.

**12 Big SIR:** Bob noted that John Klusener would be filling in for him as Big Sir at the July meeting

John Kluesener made a motion to adjourn and Larry Kay seconded. It was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:02