

SIR Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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	N
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 nd Year	Larry Kaye	Y
Director 1st Year	Randy Graham	Y

Other Attendees:

Rich Lyon*, Richard Hockenbrock*, Doug Eisner*, Walt Busenius, Roy Hodgkinson, Steve Oki, Bob Spellman, Bruce Borgman, Brad Hatcher*, Bill Holly*, Brian McCarthy, Ron Plachy, Jay Gordon
 Note: Past Big SIR *

1 Agenda: Big Sir Bob Wilkenfeld noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:06.

2 Branch Secretary: The call for comments on the **Meeting Minutes** for February 9th resulted in no additions or deletions. A motion for approval was made by George Mon and seconded by John Alexander. It was approved unanimously.

Critical Item: A question was raised as to whether or not an individual who has been a guest at our luncheon can come as a new paying member to a succeeding luncheon before the BEC has officially approved his membership application. The BEC agreed that since we have never rejected a potential new member based on his application we should allow them to attend the luncheon. Bob Wilkenfeld agreed to review our By-Laws to see if it will be necessary to modify them to allow this process. **Action Bob Wilkenfeld**

3 Branch Treasurer: John Alexander reported that **Form 28** shows that the luncheon and payment for book storage were the only expenditures for the month of February. Our current ending cash balance is \$35,100.67. A motion to approve was made by Bob Wilkenfeld and seconded by Jim Nelson. It was carried unanimously.

4 Membership Chairman: George Mon reported on **Form 27** that we added five new members and one of our members was deceased bringing the total membership for the Month of March

to 245. So far this year we have added 9 new members. George motioned to approve Form 27 and Ed Brands seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Form 65 was updated with new member information and corrections of existing member contact information. George reviewed the applications for the new members and requested approval of the new members by the BEC and Ed Brands seconded. Agreement was unanimous.

It was noted that some of the pictures of individuals in the Branch 146 web page need to be updated. At times when people have gone to member pictures to refresh themselves on an individual who has passed they found that the picture and name had already been removed. It was noted that this occurs because the picture and name have been placed in the In Memoriam section under the Member heading.

5 Old Business: Two activities will require approval as they entail travel locally by group to the events: 1) Train travel from the Martinez station to Sacramento to attend the Train Museum and 2) Car pool from the Shadeland Park and Ride site on Mitchel Dr. to Sacramento to view a play. Form 64 must be submitted. **Action Glenn Breslin** A motion was made by Bob Wilkenfeld to approve the travel and seconded by John Kluesener. The motion carried unanimously.

6 New Business: The State SIR President has recommended that the individual branches have a protocol to deal with situations where an individual tests positive after having attended a SIR event, whether the covid was contracted at the event or before the SIR event. After much discussion the decision was made to have the individual activity chair whose member became sick contact members of the group who were present and inform them of the individual's health issue. **Action Bob Lucido** notify the activity chairs of the decision.

7 Other Reports: RAMP Committee

Recruiting: Larry Kaye will be meeting with a veterans group at Denny's Restaurant on Willow Pass that have expressed an interest in what SIRs can offer. The group has something like 175 members.

Activities: Bob Lucido reported no changes this month

Publicity: Randy Graham suggested we might consider adding a Ham Radio group if there was interest and a Sailing group activity. Given the insurance concerns for boating activities, Randy should check with State Sir insurance chair, Craig Hoffhines. Randy also suggested that we place "table stickers" at the Diggers Diner in Concord as there are a number of individuals in the SIRs age group that eat and meet there for ham radio and other events. Rich Lyon will send a link to last year's flyer to Randy as a possible "sticker" to put under the table Plexiglas. **Action Rich Lyon**

Member Relations: Ed Brands distributed Branch 146 "business cards" inviting prospective members to contact the named individual on the card if interested in exploring the benefits of a SIRs membership.

8 Luncheon Chair: Steve Oki reported that 128 have signed up for the luncheon and that 92% of them indicated what they wanted for a meal. Clint stated that we now have a link on the SIR Call web page that will allow a member to click on the link to indicate that they plan to attend the luncheon and it will allow them to select their preference for lunch.

9 Honorees: No awards this month but next month there will be DSA awards.

10 Sunshine Report: Brian McCarthy reported that he is not getting input regarding deceased individuals or those who are sick due to the new luncheon signups. Bob Wilkenfeld suggested that Brian speak to the assembled lunch group to solicit information on sirs who might be ill.

11 Little SIR: John Kluesener reminded the BEC that the speaker for the day would be Ms. De Vine describing the power supply/demand process of the California Independent Operating System (CAISO). In April we will have Dr. Jon Haveman of the National Economic Education Delegation to speak on the state of our economy and in May we have a Banjo Group coming for entertainment. In June we will hear from John Muir about the future of Healthcare and in July we have someone from ABC Channel 7 to inform us about scams, especially those directed at seniors.

12 Big SIR: No additional information