

**SIR Branch 146**  
**Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 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	John Rexroat	Y
Treasurer	John Alexander	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Nelson/Mike Rothman	Y
Director 2nd Year	Bob Lucido (Activities)	N
Director 2nd Year	George Mon (Membership)	Y
Director 2nd Year	Henry Thatcher	Y
Director 2nd Year	Ed Brands (Member Relations)	N
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Larry Kaye	Y
Director 1st Year	Randy Graham	Y

**Other Attendees:**

Walt Busenius\*, Steve Oki, Bob Spellman, Brad Hatcher\*, Ken Richter, Ron Plachy, Glenn Breslin, Ed Brands, Frank Lucas, George Carpenter, Brain McCarthy, Don Shaw, Bill Holly, Jay Gordon\*

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 cost of the new brochures were the most significant expenditure for the month of June. Our current ending cash balance is \$25,669.51. A motion to approve form 28 was made by Bob Wilkenfeld and seconded by Jim Nelson. It was approved unanimously. During the budget report John noted that if we continue at current expense and dues levels, we will be over budget by approximately \$1,000/year. He also noted that state assessment fees are likely to go up next year. He recommended that the BEC consider if expenses can be reduced or if an increase in dues will be required. The 2024 dues will need to be set by next month. Jay Gordon will ask the state to give their best estimate of assessment costs for 2024.

**4 Membership Chairman:** George Mon reported on **Form 27** that there were two new members bringing the total membership up to 247. John Kluesener motioned to approve Form 27 and John Alexander seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**5 Old Business:**

Bob Wilkenfeld presented the 2024 candidates for Branch Executive Board 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

\*Note: Jay Gordon approved the exception for George Mon's 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

Bob said that he would hold a vote at today's luncheon meeting. He will first ask if there are any other nominations. If so, a ballot vote will be held at the October meeting. If there are no additional nominations the vote will be held then.

Bob also presented the results of the online vote regarding today's presentation by the Dollar Devils was approved with one abstention.

**6 New Business:** Nothing to report.

**7 Other Reports:** RAMP Committee

**Recruiting** Larry Kaye said that everyone he has talked to in similar organizations is having similar issues recruiting new members.

**Activities:** Glenn Breslin reported that the activities count was a total of 43.

**Member Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Publicity:** Nothing to report.

**8 Luncheon Chair:** Steve Oki reported that 104 members and three guests were planning to attend the luncheon which was down slightly down from 114 last month. He also mentioned that he had received input that we should consider theme lunches.

**9 Honorees:** Nothing to report.

**10 SIR Call Editor:** Nothing to report.

**10 Travel Report:** Glenn Breslin reminded us about the state event at Golden Gate Fields.

**10 Sunshine Report:** Brian McCarthy reported that Bill Weinberg passed away and that Jim Barry was sick and may have a lengthy recovery.

**11 Branch Historian:** Nothing to report.

**11 Little SIR:** John Kluesener announced for today's speaker we have a lobbyist from Sacramento discussing how the process works. October's speaker will be from the Livermore Valley wine group and November's speaker will be John Elsted who will discuss his time in Vietnam. December is still open.

**12 Big SIR:** No other business.

John Alexander made a motion to adjourn and George Mon seconded. It was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.

**BEC Elections:** At the luncheon which followed the BEC meeting Bob Wilkenfeld noted that there was a quorum present. He presented the nominees for the 2024 BEC, as shown above, and asked if there were any additional nominees. There were none. Bob proceeded with the

vote. The vote was unanimous to elect the BEC candidates put forward.