

## **Pleasant Hill Branch 146**

### **Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting**

**August 9, 2012**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Big Sir Jim Burk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed Area 2 Governor Ron Smith, 9 Committee Chairmen, and 9 other members.

#### **BEC ROLE CALL/QUORUM**

Secretary Dick DeVoe announced that the quorum was met. All twelve BEC members were present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **BIG SIR'S REPORT (JIM BURK)**

< Alternative Luncheon Location Update- The City of Walnut Creek is not expected to move on our current luncheon location for at least a year and probably longer. Negotiations for 2013 with CourseCo will begin shortly to include priority on food quality and service as well as price, plus acknowledgement that location alternatives are continuing to be monitored. An e-mail to the general membership will outline the current situation.

< Annual Meeting of SIR, Inc. Corporation Held 8/6/12 in Vallejo- Big Sir Jim Burk attended as a member of the Corporation. State President (and Br. 146 member) Jim Stedman presided over a well-organized and communicative meeting of 150+ participants. Branch Secretary Dick DeVoe was elected to the State Board of Directors as State Secretary.

< Leaders Training Session 10/16/12- to be held in Vallejo for certain 2013 branch officers.

#### **LITTLE SIR'S REPORT (Terry Marchione)**

< Today's Speakers- Branch 146 Member Gary Schaub and National Park Superintendent Tom Leatherman will talk about Contra Costa County's four National Park Historic sites.

< September's Speaker- Jim Barnett, Golden State Warriors television analyst/ color commentator will speak from his 27 years experience in that role.

< Unexcused Absences- Terry continues to make necessary contacts on members who have not met their luncheon payment obligations.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Dick DeVoe)**

< Branch Name Designation Review- Our branch was incorporated as "Pleasant Hill Branch 146", which has been confusing to some non-Pleasant Hill local news journals. The issue expanded to identifying locations of our members: 54% from Walnut Creek, 15% from Concord, and maximum 4% from any other specific city. A name change would require a signed form plus a fee estimated at \$30 to the CA Secretary of State, to amend the Articles of Incorporation. Big Sir Jim, Secretary Dick and Director/Publicity Chair Bill Hoban will recommend at the next meeting whether to change the designation, and if so, to what name.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Dick Woodman)**

< June Cash Balance: \$15,273 start; \$14,490 month-end.

< Year 2012 Donations- 26 members have not contributed (corrected no. from past months).

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Computer Classes (Lo McCarley)** A new laptop and its software will be needed, projected for purchase in 2013. Instruction class fees are planned to pay for the cost, but only over time (estimated minimum 2 years). It was m/s/a to place \$1000 in the 2013 budget, recognizing that the actual cost is not possible to know at this time. The \$1000 amount plus approximately \$700 in the computer account from fees by year-end 2012 provides a reasonable amount for purchase consideration next year.

### **Membership (Steve Sprague)**

< Inductions (4)- The following were m/s/a- Tom Drew, Paul Fama, Tony Greco, and Max Hinkle.

< Losses (5)- John Harkin (to inactive); Harold Ruby and Joe Himsl (resigned); Jeff Davis (transferred to Br. 19); Joe Schild (passed away).

< Actives- 272.

< Inactives- 13.

**Travel (Bob Spellman)-** It was m/s/a for a Presidents Cruise on the American Queen from Memphis to New Orleans June 1-9, 2013.

**Member Relations (Ben Gleason)-** A member survey will be sent via e-mail to the membership at least 2 weeks prior to the September meeting, for possible completion before that meeting. On-line or mailed responses will be requested.

**Attendance/Luncheon (Bob Mehus)** Today there will be Guests 2, Excused 53, Speaker + Visitor 2, Total count 224. Guarantee to CourseCo 202.

**Sunshine (Walt Busenius)** There are now 14 members on the Sunshine list.

**Dinner/Dance (Vince Rettew)-** The next event will be October 10th at Zio Fraedo's.

**OLD BUSINESS and NEW BUSINESS-** None reported.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44am. Next BEC meeting: Thursday, September 13 at 9:00am.

(Submitted by Secretary Dick DeVoe)

### **Attachments:**

- (1) Attendance Roster
- (2) Treasurer's Report and Form 28 "Monthly Cash Report" (Woodman)
- (3) Membership Report and Form 27 (Sprague)
- (4) Sunshine Report (Busenius)
- (5) Lunch Count (Mehus)
- (6) New Computer Budgeting Request (McCarley)
- (7) Form 52 Travel Event Financial Report- Romance of the Rhine & Mosel Rivers
- (8) Form 53 Approval Request for Presidents Cruise on the American Queen