



Contra Costa Branch 146
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Boundary Oak Golf Club

SIR BRANCH 146
9:00 to 10:45 A.M. – LAKEVIEW ROOM- BOUNDARY OAK
July14, 2016

BIG SIR (Walt Busenius)

Walt Busenius called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with 12 officers and directors present and 13 committee chairmen and guests. The minutes of the June BEC meeting were approved as corrected. Bruce thanked Jon Korfhage for taking the minutes.

BIG SIR'S REPORT (Walt Busenius)

We will have two Branch Awards today – The Branch Honoree Award and a Certificate of Appreciation, which Doug will elaborate on in his report.

Walt reminded the group that the August meeting will be an Wear Your Favorite Team Colors to the luncheon. We are urged to wear the colors of your favorite team – school, college or pro.

The new 2017 slate of officers will be introduced at the luncheon by Bill Holly. Two members are out of town for the presentation. Walt noted that Jim Savaadra has suffered a stroke and his family has requested privacy. No action with respect to his nomination for the 2017 board will be taken. Al Munayer will be assuming the publicity chair responsibilities to the end of the year.

Steve Sprague will lead the annual evacuation drill at the end of the meeting today. Walt reviewed the State SIR meeting which was held on June 7 at Manteca Golf Club. The State Level leadership strongly supports RAMP's effort to re-vitalize the organization. All Big Sirs have expressed their support of Project 2016 and the RAMP effort, including some on –line training. The concept of self-assessment for branch leaders was distributed and is attached to these minutes. The State Rules Committee made a change to the Rule 107 relating to membership termination, which makes the termination of membership “kinder and gentler” as well as more manageable.

Training sessions, scheduled for officers later this year, will have Bruce Borgman and Ben Gleason leading some sessions – December 5, 6, and 7.

A number of Certificates of Excellence will be awarded to branches at the Annual State Meeting in Sacramento on August 1. We anticipate that one will be presented to our branch as 146 meets all the criteria. .

LITTLE SIR REPORT (Alan Elnick)

The speaker for today is Eric Ting, the artistic director of CalShakes – the Orinda Shakespeare Theater. He has an Obie award and experience as a director in New York and around the world. In August we will have a Financial Planner who will discuss the seven biggest mistakes retirees make. In September we will hopefully have Mark DeSaulnier, US Representative in the 11th Congressional District. We will have Kristin from the Embroidery and Moore next month selling SIR wear – polo shirts, jackets, hats, mugs and more. Progress with our no-shows is being made.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

Bruce reported on his work on creating guidelines for the branch for speakers and general guidelines for addressing the branch from the podium. Some proposed guidelines are attached from Bruce, which includes a new proposed for a branch regulation. After discussion, it was suggested that Bruce draft some guidelines to add to the present branch regulation relating to speakers.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Jim Barry)

Jim Barry had a minor change to item 206.1 on the report. A refund to Jim Savaadra for his luncheon advance payment was approved based on his wife’s request. The Treasurer’s report was approved by the board.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Jerry Kaplan)

We continue to have 44 activities. Jerry reported that the Dinner-Dance group continues to look for a chairperson. It was noted that the Away Golf group was not listed as an activity. The BEC advised Jerry that the Away Golf should be listed as an activity in the list he maintains. He will add it; this will bring the total number of activities to 45. An updated list of activities was distributed.

BIOGRAPHIES (Paul Dubow)

We have 178 biographies, and will be adding two more for 180. Two incoming board members do not have biographies and Paul will ask them to submit one.

AREA FISHING (Paul Dubow) – Fishing activities continue.

GREETER (Dick DeVoe) – no report: Dick will not continue in this

HISTORIAN (Pete Gates) – no report

COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL (Richard Hockenbrock)

Richard noted that while he is required to send a copy of the Sir Call to area 2 leaders, there is no clear list of their email addresses.

HONOREES (Doug Eisner)

A Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to Lew Thompson, and Dennis Hallett will receive the important Branch Honoree Award. Doug noted that the list of Honoree recipients is not displayed on the website. It was proposed that an appropriate online place be found to display a list of Honorees. A plaque to reflect this information was also suggested.

TRAVEL (Ken Richter for Milton Smith)

Ken noted that he has been able to get 40 tickets to “Hamilton” next April – and will send out an email when they are available. The travel request was approved.

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE (Max Hinkle)

We have guaranteed 213 meals for members attending the lunch today, this includes 4 visitors from Branch 116 which is considering Boundary Oak as a luncheon venue. We have three guests today. We continue to have 70% of our membership attending the luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP (Ben Gleason)

We will have 4 new members joining today, bringing our total membership to 284. We are on track for our goals. The new members and their sponsors are listed in the Membership report attached. The board approved acceptance of the new members. Lynn Freeman was granted emeritus status. This status is granted based on years in the branch, age and health status.

MEMBER RELATIONS (Brad Hatcher)

A draft of the annual survey will be presented next month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Bill Holly)

Bill Holly will present the 2017 BEC nominees at today’s luncheon.

PUBLICITY (Jim Saavadra) – no report

Al Munayer will fill in for Jim for the remainder of 2016.

RECRUITMENT (Corrie Oranje)

There are four new members today. Dick Bohling sponsored by Jonathan Korfhage, Paul Remack sponsored by Bill Klein, Michael Rose sponsored by Joe Stengal and John Fitzgerald sponsored by Rich Fiscina. We have three guests today.

SUNSHINE REPORT (John Pearl)

The Sunshine list has a number of names, submitted and attached.

ANALYTICS (Ron Plachy) – report attached

REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS - none

CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME ON TODAY'S LUNCHEON AGENDA

John George for Travel
Jerry Kaplan for Activities
Bruce Borgman for Couples Dining Out

OLD BUSINESS

Walt noted that Boundary Oak has indicated they do not have the room to store the books for the Book Exchange.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Boundary Oak.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Borgman
Branch Secretary

Attachments:

1. BEC Agenda
2. Luncheon Agenda
3. July 14 Minutes
4. Secretary's suggested Guidance for speakers
5. Treasurer's report, Form 28
6. Membership Report and Form 27 (corrected)
7. Activities Report
8. Luncheon Attendance Chairman's Report (amended)
9. Sunshine Report
10. Google Analytics
11. Member Relations Report
12. Attendance Sheet
13. SIR Leader Self Assessment form
14. Travel Form 53