

SIR BRANCH 146
BEC MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2017

OFFICERS

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/QUORUM – Big Sir Alan Elnick called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Big Sur mumbled that those not wearing green today at the luncheon should be ‘pinched’.

MINUTES – February Minutes were approved (ATTACHED)

BIG SIR’S REPORT (Alan Elnick)

- Letter from Ed Benson regarding Project 2016 Results – Alan reviewed this letter including state SIR plans for 2017 including projects to improve our PR image, strengthening leadership roles, SIR videos, training, and other projects. His letter is on file with these minutes. (ATTACHED)
- Alan reported that Pete Gates has submitted our 2016 history; it will be filed in our archives after board approval next month.

LITTLE SIR’S REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

- Bruce announced today’s Speaker Paul Deanno, KPIX Meteorologist
- The April Speaker will be on the subject of ‘audiology’.
- Bruce gave an update on No Shows from last month – it was suggested that annual payers need to be reminded to check in upon arrival. There are 39 annual payers.
- Bruce gave an update on his speaker’s committee.
- There was a Discussion regarding adding additional time for Song Sirs at the luncheons – the concerns discussed were lack of a block of time (15-20 minutes) on the agenda and the possibility of performing at Ladies Day Luncheons. More to follow.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Jonathan Korfhage) – no report

TREASURER’S REPORT (Roy Hodgkinson)

- Form 28/Monthly Treasurer’s Report were submitted. (ATTACHED)
- Update on dues payments – almost everyone has paid.
- It was noted that there is \$30,000 in our general account divided into different line items. One account of \$10,000 is for annual payers. Without that, we would likely stay under the \$25,000 cap that the state SIR leadership would like.
- It was also noted that a discrepancy was ‘fixed’ regarding different totals by the audit, the bank, and our treasury.
- A discussion will be scheduled for next month’s meeting regarding the possible allocation of funds or changing the way the branch designs its accounts. Possible topics for discussion:
 - New members not needing to pay dues until next year
 - Reducing the dues
 - Guests or their sponsors not having to buy their lunch

STATE BOARD (Dick Devoe, Assistant Secretary)

Dick reported on the changes at the state level:

- Some branches are struggling with few members.
- Many branch officers and board members are not being fully oriented or trained. They have trouble filling positions.

- Our branch is in 'top shape'.
- There are 126 branches.
- State is reducing the number of Area Governors from 26 to 19.
- The state is reducing the number of regions from 10 to 5.
- The Area Governor is expected to visit a branch only if there is a special purpose.
- The Regional Director will rarely visit a branch.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Jerry Kaplan)

- Reported progress on resumption of Explore and Eat activity
- Pinochle – 11 members interested so far.
- It was reported that the golf activity is losing members.
- There was a discussion about developing the bowling and pickle ball activities.

BIOGRAPHIES AND BIG FISH (Paul Dubow, excused)

- It was reported that we now have 191 member biographies.
- Big Fish – no report

PUBLICITY (Al Munayer, Bob Mehus) – no report

GREETER (Bob Lucido) – no report

HISTORIAN (Gary Brown) – report was given earlier in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS-SIR CALL (Rich Hockenbrock) – no report

TRAVEL (Milt Smith) – Mare Island trip was excellent. Hamilton trip has 40 people attending

HONOREES (Doug Eisner) – two awards will be presented today

LADIES DAY (Steve Ybarra/Steve Dawkins) – no report

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE (Rob Melrose) Report given and ATTACHED

- 4 New members today
- 2 guests today

MEMBERSHIP (Dave Pierce)

- Form 27 – (ATTACHED)
- Offer new members to BEC for approval of admission to membership: (APPROVED)
 Brion Beetz sponsor Jim Battersby
 Roger Meyer sponsor Bill Schultz
 Ray Minahan sponsor Dan O'Sullivan
 Walter Harrower sponsor Larry Gray
- 291 branch members as of today. Average age is 77.5

MEMBER RELATIONS (Steve Sprague) – no report

- There was a discussion regarding making new members comfortable at the luncheons. Unresolved. Generally, the responsibility lies with Big Sir, Member Relations Chair, & Luncheon Attendance Chair. A suggestion was made to have CourseCo set two extra tables, to be sure that members could actually find a seat.
- Steve reported that he has been contacting sponsors to explain their duties for their sponsored members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Walt Busenius) – no report

RECRUITMENT (Bill Schultz)

- 2 Guests and 4 New Members,
Bob Netter guest sponsored by Brad Hatcher

SUNSHINE (Cal Tucker) – report ATTACHED

E-COMMUNICATIONS & WEBMASTER (Ron Plachy) – no report

REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS

CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME ON TODAY’S LUNCHEON AGENDA? --- Jerry Kaplan

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion about an old laptop belonging to the branch. Question arose about depreciation. Alan will take care of it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pickle Ball was named in honor of a dog named ‘Pickle’

NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, April 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at Boundary Oak Golf Course.

ADJOURNED

Jonathan Korfhage, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS

- 3-9-17 BEC Meeting Agenda
- 3-9-17 BEC Meeting Attendance Roster
- February Minutes
- State Results of Project 2016 Memo
- February Treasurer Report
- February Form 28
- Explore & Eat Flyer for April 5th
- March Luncheon Manager Report
- Membership Report & Form 27 for March 2017
- March Sunshine report
- 3-9-17 Luncheon Agenda
- March Sir Call