



Contra Costa Branch 146
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Concord Hilton-Tilden/Chabot Room

April 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Big Sir Bill Holly called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, welcoming 10 BEC members, and committee chairmen and 6 guests with 6 additional joining later.

BEC ROLL CALL/QUORUM

A quorum was present as 11 of 12 officers and directors were in attendance. Secretary Alan Elnick was excused. Six committee chairmen and six guests were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the March 30, 2015 BEC meeting were approved as submitted, motion by Brad Hatcher, seconded by Corrie Oranje.

BIG SIR'S REPORT (Bill Holly)

- A message was received from Charles Kroeber that Congressman Swalwell of district 15 has invited all Veterans of the Korean War to apply for the Korean Ambassador for Peace medal from the South Korean government. It was noted that we are in district 11, but these veterans are also eligible and that time for submission is tight. A DD-214 (certificate of release or discharge) must be submitted by May 14, for the ceremony on May 29. A message from Charles Koeber will be sent out concerning this. It was noted that a DD-214 regarding your service could be obtained on line.
- There was further discussion about the request from the State SIR President to solicit possible vendor support for the annual State SIR meeting on Aug. 3rd at the Hilton at a cost of \$200 per table. It was noted that rule 13 regarding solicitation was confusing but the State Board is embarking on an effort to rewrite rule 13 to enable this to happen. Ed Benson already has lined up some vendors willing to purchase some tables. Our branch is still has limited interest in pursuing this.
- At the March BEC meeting a question was asked whether the high balance in our general account put our non-profit status in jeopardy. Bill looked into this and found that there was a restriction in the total amount of revenue generated rather than the amount held in the general account. There is not an issue with larger balances in our general account, which may be due to temporary deposits by various activities, particularly golf and travel. Our average monthly balance of \$25,000 covers the monthly lunches and other operating

expenses. State SIR recommends that funds for high expense activities like golf be kept in custodial bank accounts with two signatories; however, not all activities have separate bank accounts, so their funds are deposited into the general account under the heading of Custodial Accounts.

- Bill proposed the purchase of an additional projector since we are vulnerable with a single one. The technical aspects and costs of the new devices were discussed. Bill requested a motion; it was moved by John Pearl, and seconded by Brad Hatcher that \$600 plus sales tax be allotted for Bill to purchase a second projector. The motion was passed.
- According to the SIR Schedule of Branch Operations we were to provide a BEC candidate for Area Governor. However, Ed Benson has just recently filled that position. It was noted that this should be the responsibility of the nominating committee, and it was referred to that group. Ed Benson will be at our branch BEC meeting in June.
- Paul Dubow raised a discussion regarding the exclusion of water sports from the SIR liability insurance. One option might be to not support fishing as an authorized activity since it may be difficult to find a company to cover this. It was noted that since there are many fishing clubs, coverage presumably might be provided by the individual, or by the boat owner. Another option proposed was to charge each participant a small fee to cover the insurance. A letter will be sent to the State organization to clarify this issue.
- It was noted that the time to submit Application Form 73 to become the Assistant State Treasurer has been extended.

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT (Walt Busenius)

- Today's Speaker is Joseph Campbell, a Director and President of the Contra Costa Water District.
- All the no-shows for the March luncheon have been resolved.
- The June speaker will be Matt Maiocco – the Comcast SportsNet's Bay Area Insider for the 49ers.
- The May entertainment for the Ladies Luncheon is HouseBlend – a men's a cappella quartet. Their fee is \$350. Walt requested \$350 for the December entertainment, which was voted on and approved.

SECRETARY REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

- Attendance sheets for both the March and April meetings are being circulated for signature.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Rob Melrose)

- The Treasurer's Report (Form 28) showed a cash balance of \$17,273.25 as of the end of March since the money on deposit for the Book of Mormon is not on the books anymore.
- Costs for the lunch are included with a deficit of \$767, which includes \$200 for the AV, and the extra dollar for the lunch cost, and other extra Hilton charges.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Travel (Bob Spellman) No report

Activities (Jerry Kaplan)

- We are back up to 41 activities with a Book Group chaired by Chuck Campbell. Terry Marchione is the new chair of the Couples Bridge 2 activity.

Biographies (Paul Dubow)

- We now have 141 Bios from members, which is more than half the membership. We will do another email blast in June with the form.

Communications (Jeff Baily) No Report

Historian (Pete Gates) No report

Honorees (Dennis Hallett)

- We had one member scheduled to be honored, but he is not here today.
- There are several scheduled to be honored in June, when our Area Governor will be here. However it is best that these honorees be recognized by our branch leaders, rather than the state officers.

Ladies Day Luncheon (Steve Dawkins – in absentia)

- We have twelve tables reserved. There are just two weeks left to reserve. Entrée choices are NY strip steak and cannelloni.

Luncheon Attendance (Max Hinkle)

- Attendees were 205 in February and 197 in March.
- Guarantee for today is 200 with a no-show allowance of 8.5%. If there are 18 no-shows, we will be fine.

Membership (Ben Gleason)

- One new member transferred from Santa Rosa. Five new members were approved, as listed.
- 2 Resignations – Steve Conte and Mal Hendry. Ben Gleason will ask Steve Conte if he would rather go inactive.
- Active membership count is now at 277.

Member Relations (Brad Hatcher)

- A reminder that Brad's telephone number has been added along with Corrie Oranje's telephone number for information at the bottom of the branch website home page in the event that Corrie is away.

Recruitment (Corrie Oranje)

- We have three guests with one of our new members bringing a guest.

Publicity (Al Munayer) No report.

Sunshine (John Pearl)

- There continues to be six names on the list

Webmaster (Ron Plachy) No report

Reports from other Chairs None

Chairmen wishing time on Luncheon Agenda

- Bruce will announce the next Couples Dining Out activity in May.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Renovations at Boundary Oak are ahead of schedule and there will not be a problem for the May Ladies Day Luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The Report of the Nominating Committee (Doug Eisner, Terry Marchione, and Jim Burk) presented the slate of candidates for the 2016 BEC.
- The report was accepted with the thanks of the BEC
- The next year's Nominating Committee will consist of Doug Eisner, Terry Marchione and Bill Holly - it was recommended that the committee start their deliberations no earlier than March 1st.

NEXT MEETING: There will be no BEC in May; the next BEC will be Thursday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m., at the Boundary Oak.

(Submitted by Assistant Secretary Bruce Borgman)

Attachments:

1. Attendance Roster April 20, 2015
2. Luncheon Count for April 2015
3. Treasurer's Report and Form 28 (Melrose)
4. Membership Report and Form 27 (Gleason)
5. Luncheon Agenda April 20, 2015
6. Activities List (Kaplan)
7. Sunshine Report (John Pearl)