

Sir Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: August 8, 2024
Venue: Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2024

		Present
Big Sir	John Klusener	Y
Little Sir	Bob Ford	Y
Secretary	Don Shaw	Y
Assistant Secretary	John Rexroat	Y
Treasurer	Mike Rothman	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Tom Amann	Y
Director 2 nd Term	Ed Brands	N
Director	Mark Curtis	Y
Director 2 nd Term	Randy Graham	Y
Director	John Alexander	Y
Director 3 rd Term	George Mon	Y
Director	Don Rhoads	Y

Other Attendees:

	Present
Ben Gleason	
Bill Holly*	Y
Bob Lucido	Y
Bob Spellman	Y
Bob Wilkenfeld	Y
Brad Hatcher*	
Brian McCarthy	
Bruce Borgman	Y
Dick DeVoe	
Doug Eisner*	
Frank Lucas	
Glenn Breslin	Y
Howard Goldsmith	
Jim Pope	
Ken Richter	Y
Mike Smith	
Paul Dubow	Y
Phil Lee	Y
Richard Hockenbrock	
Richard Lyon	Y
Ron Plachy	
Roy Hodgkinson	
Thom Degnan	
Steve Oki	Y

Steve Ybarra	
Thom Degnan	Y
Vern Rookh	
Walt Busenius*	Y

The Big Sir noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:00.

I Standing Reports

1. Branch Secretary

The call for comments on the Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2024 resulted in no additions or deletions. A motion for approval was made by Don Shaw and seconded by Mark Curtis. It was approved unanimously.

The approved Minutes were filed in the Branch records and sent to the Area Representative.

The Secretary reviewed various items from the Schedule of Branch Operations (SBO) and confirmed that all critical items were properly attended.

Treasurer: Confirmed that Form 28 was sent to AR and State SIR for last. month.

Membership Chair confirmed Form 27 was timely sent to State SIR last month.

2. Branch Treasurer

Treasurer reviewed Form 28. Don Shaw moved to approve Form 28, George Mon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary confirmed that approval to purchase hats had occurred at the July BEC meeting.

Note, Ladies Day luncheon costs are a little higher than other months (\$39), and the amount charged to members for lunch does not fully cover the cost of the lunch, resulting in different financial results for Ladies Day luncheon months.

The plan for working capital remains to maintain a minimum balance of roughly \$20,000.

3. Membership Chairman

George Mon reported on Form 27 that there were 3 new members in, 1 member who reactivated membership, and 2 members out, bringing the total membership to 265. John Kluesener motioned to approve Form 27 and Mike Rothman seconded. Approval was unanimous.

George Mon reported 3 new membership applications (Lloyd Bracewell, John McDonald, and Mike Kimsal). Mike Rothman motioned to approve, and Don Shaw seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Dues letter goes out in October and dues will be discussed in September after we receive cost information from State SIR regarding assessments and Boundary Oak regarding luncheon costs.

II Old Business

1. Business Cards

John Alexander distributed new recruiting cards.

2. State Way Forward Responses

There was discussion of responses to State SIR regarding proposed ideas for revitalizing the SIR organization, with no action taken. If an Activity Chair is identified, the branch could have a community service oriented activity (without however changing the purpose of SIR, which is social activities).

3. Historian Update

Mark Curtis is the new Branch historian.

III New Business

1 Little SIR Speaker Committee

Bob Ford and Bob Wilkenfeld will serve on the Speaker Committee and new members will be solicited in the SIR Call and at the luncheon.

4. Other Reports RAMP Committee (Recruiting, Activities, Member Relations, Publicity)

A Recruiting- Randy Graham

Randy would like to report back with a survey probing areas where we could improve recruiting.

John Alexander motioned to approve a budget allocation of \$100 for recruiting incentives for 2024, and John Klusener seconded. Approval was unanimous.

B Activities – Glenn Breslin

Glenn presented this summary of activities:

Activity Summary

Description	Totals
Total Activities	47
Total Co-Ed Activities	28
Percent Co-Ed Activities	60%
Total Unique Activities	30
BR146 activities shared with other branches	11
Other SIR Branch Groups Activities Shared with SIR146	15

Theater Summary – At Leshner Theater

- Piano Man: Generations - Elton John and Billy Joel Tribute Concert
 - Date: Sat, August 24, 2024 - 7:30 PM
 - 46 people have signed up
- Arsenic and Old Lace
 - Date: Sat, September 28 - 2:30 PM
 - 14 people have signed up

C Member Relations - Ed Brands

No Report

D Publicity –

No Report

2 Luncheon Chair – Steve Oki

July Luncheon: Boundary Oak guaranteed luncheon attendance was 104 and we ended up with a total count of 108 attendees (101 members, 4 Guests, 2 speakers, 1 Visitor).

August Luncheon (Projected): Guaranteed Boundary Oak Attendance is 115 (110 Branch Members Attending)

Speaker - CA Department of Water Resources

Fernando Ramirez

Guests

John McDonald (Sponsor: Bruce Kimmis)

Bill Roberts (Sponsor: Cleo Bolen)

Bart Bright (Sponsor: Phil Lee)

New Members

Lloyd Bracewell (Sponsor: Phil Lee)

Eric Finson (Sponsor: Jim Rowland)

3 Honoree Committee – Walt Busenius

Today's Honoree

Charles Eichten, Senior SIR Award

4 **Nomination Committee** – Bob Wilkenfield

The committee has candidates for all positions, including Little SIR (Thom Degnan) and new Directors (Jim Crites and Mike Davidson). Election will be next month.

5 **SIR Call Editor** – Clint Collier

No report

6 **Travel** – Glenn Breslin

Travel Summary

1. Many SIRs have already traveled or for health reasons are unable to travel
2. To mitigate this SIR Travel challenge, SIR8, SIR116, SIR98 and SIR146 have joined together to plan travel.
3. A travel questionnaire for those interested in traveling with other SIRs has been sent out.
4. I will evaluate the questionnaire input and track in-common travel interests.
5. SIR Travel can then plan SIRs group trip(s) or individual SIRs can just join up with one another and travel together outside of SIRs.

7 **Sunshine Chair** – Brian McCarthy

Jim Passaglia wants the Branch to know that his wife Lillian passed early Monday afternoon with family members present. Funeral services will be held at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church on August 22, 2024.

If you know Jim, he will appreciate your call. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

8 **Branch Historian** – Mark Curtis

Past members of BEC volunteered to help our new historian get started.

V **Little Sir** – Bob Ford

August Speaker - CA Department of Water Resources

Fernando Ramirez

VI **Big Sir** – John Klusener

Way Forward Meeting in Lafayette on September 24. Numerous ideas were presented at various stages of today 's meeting.

VII **Adjournment**

Don Shaw motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Mike Rothman seconded. Approval was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 10:20.