



Contra Costa Branch 146
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Concord Hilton-TildenRoom

February 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Big Sir Bill Holly called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, welcoming 10 BEC members, and 11 committee chairmen and guests.

BEC ROLL CALL/QUORUM

A quorum was present as 11 of 12 officers and directors were in attendance. Assistant Secretary Bruce Borgman was excused. Ten committee chairmen and eight guests were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the January 8, 2015 BEC meeting were approved as submitted.

BIG SIR'S REPORT (Bill Holly)

- Resignation of Area #2 Governor Rob Robinson. For Health reasons. Each Area #2 Branch should nominate a candidate and all the Big Sirs and Little Sirs will vote on the candidates.
- Area 2 Recruitment Meeting: notice of the proper date and time was not provided to our Big Sir and Little Sir, so they were not in attendance at the meeting. They sought to attend on the original date of notice. Area Governor apologized for the oversight.
- New Member Introduction and Guest Introduction Process: Branch 8 streamlined process of introductions and new member indoctrination. Discussion ensued about elements of our introduction process that might be modified. Ben Gleason, Cory Oranje and Brad Hatcher will convene as a committee to review our current process and recommend to the BEC any proposed revisions.
- State Insurance Coverage: Activities contracted by the branch are covered, members acting on their own or personally contracted activities are not covered. Certain parts of contracted activities may not currently be covered such as Fishing from a boat, or motorboat. The State is currently looking into clarification on this. Accidents should be reported immediately, late reporting may disqualify from coverage. Copy of the document showing the exclusions from coverage will be forwarded to Paul Dubow, Ken Richter and Jerry Kaplan and will be attached to the hard copy of these minutes.

- Sir Olaf Johanson passed away on January 12. A celebration of his life is being held today. A number of our members will be going today.
- How to handle the non-dues payer. Will discuss during Treasurer's report

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT (Walt Busenius)

- 17 members participated in the Embroidery and Moore sale of Sir merchandise last month. Items ordered are available for pick-up at today's luncheon.
- Today's speaker is Dr. Lou Bordisso, a psychotherapist, who will discuss his own experience suffering from younger onset (before age 60) Alzheimer's disease. He received the Diablo Magazine Threads of Hope Award for his work in this area.
- In March, our speaker will be Tim O'Keefe, Executive Director of Shelter Inc. who will discuss the efforts to prevent homelessness and help self-sufficiency.
- In April, journalist for Comcast Sportsnet, the 49er insider Matt Maiocco will be our speaker.
- Luncheon No Shows, November had 10 on the list 7 have paid, 2 were excused 1 resigned. One of those who paid went inactive. In January 23 No Shows, some showed they had submitted timely email notices, 14 paid, 5 were excused. All January No Shows now resolved. At January Luncheon 234 meals ordered 218 were served. Shortfall now resolved by payment from No Shows.

SECRETARY REPORT (Alan Elnick)

- The Secretary reported that he will be unable to attend the March and April BEC Meetings and Luncheons, and the Assistant Secretary, Bruce Borgman will fill in for him at those two meetings.
- Communications from State Sir concerning Statewide Bocce Tournament will be included with hard copy of these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Rob Melrose)

- The Treasurer's Report (Form 28) showed a cash balance of \$34,904.66 as of the end of January. Book Of Mormon Ticket sales accounts for the large increase from January 1 and for which we have only paid a \$500 deposit. Luncheon receipts showed a shortfall of \$340 because of No Shows.
- 22 members have not yet renewed by paying dues. Discussion on how to handle.
- Speed up check in. Having new members and sponsors with guests check in at the annual payers check in.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Audit Committee (Frank Rockwell)

- Report on 2014 Annual Audit: Did not find any errors or omissions. Suggested procedural recommendation to assure audit continuity that three Sirs be appointed to Audit Committee for staggered terms, one 1 year term, one 2 year term and one 3 year term. Audit committee to retain audit records, and pass the form 28 each year to the area governor

- It was moved by Ben Gleason, seconded by John Pearl to accept the report of the Audit Committee, and to adopt its recommendations to appoint an audit committee with staggered terms and, with responsibility to maintain the audit records to pass to their successors; and to submit the Form 28 to the Area Governor each year. Motion passed.

Travel (Ken Richter)

- Request approval for 4 trips: 1) Blue Angels Fleet Week 10/10/2015; 2) Poinsett Farm in Modesto 12/7/2015; These two already in place ask for approval. Moved (Spellman)/Second (Hatcher)/Carried to approve these two trips.
- 3) Transatlantic cruise Miami to Monte Carlo for March 2016 (dates not yet established); 4) Myanmar trip for 16 days in Oct/Nov 2016 (dates not yet established) request approval to pursue finalizing. Moved (Spellman)/Second (John Pearl)/Carried

Activities Coordinator (Jerry Kaplan)

- We now have 40 activities after dropping ROMEO and the dining out group for which there has been no activity.
- New Activities forming: Book Discussion Group; still forming Poker Group 7.

Biographies (Paul Dubow)

- We now have 126 Bios from members will have 4 more once new members are inducted,
- Make announcement at luncheon for members to submit.

Communications (Jeff Baily) No Report

Historian (Pete Gates)

- Important events in Branch History are gathered into a document and edited to readable version and then submitted to State.

Ladies Day Luncheon (Steve Dawkins)

- Scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Boundary Oak

Luncheon Attendance (Max Hinkle/Jim Burke) Max Hinkle

- Guarantee for today 224. 28 excused absences. Hotel commitment 234.
- 5 new members, 5 guests, 3 speaker guests.
- For March and April luncheons at Concord Hilton, a fish entrée will not be an option.

Membership (Ben Gleason/Brad Hatcher) Ben Gleason reporting.

- Five new members approved: Charlie Abrams (sponsor Jerry Kaplan), Loren DeLaurenti (Pete Gates), D. Jeffrey Morrow (Jim Saavedra), Randall Davis (Alan Elnick), Martin C. Harper (Roy Hodgkinson).
- 1 Resignation Noel Roberson
- 3 Members dropped from inactive list, no contact over two years.
- Active membership count now at 275.

Member Relations (Brad Hatcher) No Report

Nominating Committee (Doug Eisner)

- Committee has been in touch with most of BEC members to determine willingness to serve in positions next year. Will be looking for 2 Director candidates, one Assistant Secretary candidate and one Assistant Treasurer candidate.
- Committee will reconvene in about a week to review where everything stands and will report back to the BEC in March, hopefully, with a recommended slate of candidates to be presented to the Luncheon in April.
- Nominating committee was approached by Regional Director to see if there were any interested candidates for the position of Area Governor now vacant due to resignation for health reasons. No members of Branch 146 were interested in filling that role.

Publicity (Al Munayer) No report.

- Ron Binder's phone number is still used in newspaper notices of meeting. That will be changed.

Recruitment (Corrie Oranje)

- 5 Guests: Greg Caskey (sponsor Chuck Bates); Larry Gray (Ben Gleason); John Meade (Pete Bishop); Dr. Gene Voelkel (Russ Anderson); Frank Rotolo (Colin Holland)
- New inductees (named above)
- 1 resignation

Sunshine (John Pearl)

Sixnames on list, BEC received.

Webmaster (Ron Plachy)

- Google analytics sent out.

Reports from other Chairs None

Chairmen wishing time on Luncheon Agenda

- Colin Holland – March Couples Dining Out event will be Monday, March 16 at Jack's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Cost \$41.50 per person (all inclusive). Limited to 50 people.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Report of the Honorees Committee (Dennis Hallett) was heard in closed session, all guests and non-BEC members were excused. The report of the committee was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned @ 10:58 am.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m., at the Concord Hilton Hotel.

(Submitted by Secretary Alan Elnick)

Attachments:

1. Attendance Roster February 16, 2015
2. Lunch Count for February 2015
3. Treasurer's Report and Form 28 (Melrose)
4. Membership Report and Form 27 (Gleason)
5. Sir Form 53, Request for Approval Branch Travel Event: "Fleet Week on the San Francisco Belle" October 10, 2015, San Francisco
6. Sir Form 53, Request for Approval Branch Travel Event: "Holidays are Blooming in the Valley" December 7, 2015, Modesto, CA
7. Sir Form 52 Travel Event Financial Report: "Sebastiani Wine and More", February 13, 2015
8. Audit Committee Report 2014 Audit
9. Activity Report Jerry Kaplan
10. Luncheon Agenda February 16, 2015
11. Google Analytics 1/15-2/14 Ron Plachy
12. Honoree Committee Report (Confidential) Dennis Hallett
13. Correspondence from Dwight Sale from State Sir Insurance Committee Chair.
14. Rule 650 Unauthorized SIR Activities
15. Sunshine Report (John Pearl)
16. Correspondence from President Bob Hairston January 14, 2015 Membership Plus 1
17. Correspondence from Dwight Sale to Branch Treasurer Quarterly Assessment
18. Correspondence from Dwight Sale regarding Statewide Bocce Activity