

SIR BRANCH 146 BEC MEETING MINUTES June 13th, 2019

Officers

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/QUOROM – Big Sir Jonathan Korfage called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Copies of the BEC agenda were provided to the BEC members and guests.

The Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum present with all BEC officers and directors present except Milt Smith and Tony Greco. Bob Mehus was present for some of the meeting for the excused Frank Pandolfi who will be out for approximately 5 months.

Minutes – The April BEC minutes were approved. **ATTACHED 1**

A. BIG SIR'S REPORT (Jonathan Korfage)

1. Jonathan handed out copies of his prepared BR 146 self-evaluation form submitted for consideration to the State's Best Branch Award. **ATTACHED 2**
2. A letter from SIR President Ed Benson was read discussing the partnership established between UCSF Healthcare and the SIR organization to survey a large retired organization (SIR Inc) for senior health related issues. Every SIR member is being encouraged to participate in the survey which is completely anonymous. It is hoped that this relationship will bring new focus on SIR and help promote membership. **ATTACHED 3**
3. The BEC was alerted to an email being sent to SIR members by President Ed Benson regarding the need to ensure that food handlers and catering companies are approved in advance by SIR State on Catering Form 64 when food is served at SIR sanctioned gatherings. Jonathan asked the Activities Coordinator to alert all chairs of this concern. It was suggested that this topic be mentioned in the SIR CALL. **ATTACHED 4**
4. Jonathan advised the BEC, as Big Sir, he is responsible for evaluating the annual schedule of branch operations. He passed around June and July listed responsibilities for each BEC head and what was required. **ATTACHED 5**
5. **Attendance Policy: A motion was made by Jerry Kaplan and approved unanimously by the BEC to accept the revised Attendance Policy Regulation. This was previously approved at the April meeting but required changes. It will be posted on the BR 146 website in the coming weeks.** **ATTACHED 6**

B. LITTLE SIR REPORT: (Brad Hatcher)

6. **Today's Speaker: Budd MacKenzie – Founder of Trust in Education who will speak to us today about "Getting off the Couch and into the Hearts and Minds" of educating young children in Afghanistan.**
7. **No Show from two months ago—There are still two people who have not responded to Little Sir's emails and one is an annual payer. Little Sir will continue to pursue the person who has not paid for his missed lunch.**
8. **SIR Logo Clothing Tony de Losada from Branch 8 is chairing the program, but Little Sir has not had any contact with him to see how the program is going.**

9. Branch 146 Regulation 23 stated that BR 146 should pay our speakers a gratuity of \$25. Little Sir pointed out that he and the previous Little Sir have been paying speakers \$50. A motion was made by Max Hinkle and seconded to change the regulation to pay speakers \$50 rather than \$25 to bring the regulation into consistency with current practice. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
 10. Audience member and Past Big Sir Doug Eisner questioned the status of the Branch 146's 30th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for the October luncheon. Brad indicated that he is convening a group of past Big Sirs to recommend a program that will focus on celebrating the founding of BR 146 on December 19th, 1989. A suggestion that early members (Bill Rees was mentioned) could offer a running history of what the branch had done in its early years. Other Big Sirs who have led the branch will be called upon to reminisce events during their leadership years. We need to confirm that SIR President, Ed Benson, will come to the celebration.
- C. **SECRETARY REPORT** (Richard Hockenbrock) April Minutes were approved as reported previously. Richard brought it to the attention of the BEC that he has initiated digital filing of BEC minute attachments but has concern over protecting the privacy rights of information contained in these attachments. He is consulting with webmaster Ron Plachy and others to come up with a good solution and will keep the BEC informed.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Ben Gleason) Form 28 was distributed. There are still six members who have not paid their 2019 dues. Big Sir Jonathan asked that Member Relations (Pierre Mebane) consider putting forth a motion at the July BEC to proceed with termination following procedures outlined in the SIR Manual if no one can contact these individuals. **ATTACHED 7**

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

11. **ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:** (Jerry Kaplan) Jerry commented that the BTS (Behind the Scenes) program is proceeding along nicely and that Rob Melrose and John "Moose" Kelly will be recognized at the luncheon today for their efforts as Luncheon Chairman and assistant. Jerry reported that with the new activities approved today, we will be at 51 activities and that over half of them include spouses or partners. Jerry pointed out that the number of spouses and partner activities are understated by the published membership reports. As noted in the April minutes, two activities are currently on hold, Chess and Acoustic Musicians. Three activities tables are set up to promote specific activities in the bar area of Boundary Oak today. Bob Lucido is actively making a smooth transition to become Activities Coordinator as Jerry is in line to become BEC Secretary next year.
 12. **Bob Lucido presented a motion to approve two new groups that he would personally chair, Mexican Train 7 or Siete and Poker Group 7 plus a Cycling Group chaired by Larry Kaye. All three new activities were approved unanimously.**
- E. **BIOGRAPHIES AND FISHING COORDINATOR:** (Paul Dubow) Reported that he had 218 Bios from members.
- F. **COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL:** (Richard Hockenbrock) No report
- G. **GREETER:** (Bob Lucido) –Greeter and Seating program still going well.

- H. **HISTORIAN: (Gary Brown)** – No Report
- I. **HONOREES:** (Doug Eisner) One award will be presented today with Doug Eisner making the presentation.
- J. **LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE:** (Rob Melrose) 202 lunches were forecasted for June but unfortunately there were 8 members who missed the cutoff and reported late. A last-minute guest addition erased one of those missed lunches. **ATTACHED 8**
- K. **MEMBERSHIP: (Ron Lew)** – The attached Membership Report shows the following: Two new members up for approval, John Kendrick and Mike Navonne. A list of names recommended for removal, Al Meier, Angelo Costanza, Jim Battersby, Donald R Adolphson, and John Helgeson. Member Fred Reich recommended to be moved to Exempt Status. **A motion to approve the Membership Report was presented but Ben Gleason noted that Ike Kostal should not have been on the original list of deleted Sirs since he was made exempt at the April meeting. The motion passed to approve the report but with Ike's name taken off the list.** The corrected report is what is shown in the attachment. Ron agreed to start listing all exempt members at the end of each monthly Branch Directory. **ATTACHED 9**
- L. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** (Bruce Borgman) A list of 2020 candidates will be announced at the July meeting.
- M. **Member Relations** (Pierre Mebane) – Pierre is tracking six members who aren't attending meetings. After he talks to them, he will present their situations to the BEC to see if any of them qualify for exempt status. Exempt status is available to members who are taking care of someone, a serious illness, and residing out of the area. Big Sir asked the Membership Chair to expand the list of exempt members to include the following: member's name, reason for giving exempt status, and when their current exclusion date expires.
- N. **PUBLICITY** (Frank Pandolfi) – On leave for a total of 5 months. Bob Mehus attended a RAMP training meeting at Rossmoor on Frank's behalf.
- O. **RECRUITMENT:** (Paul Beretz) Not present, no report.
- P. **SUNSHINE:** (Max Hinkle) Jerry Kaplan pointed out that Br 8 provides carpool for their SIR members who can't drive to their meetings. There was discussion on how much information should be included about "sick" Sirs in the report due to privacy concerns. No consensus was reached but the Secretary took action to err on the side of safety and will no longer include it in future attachments. The BEC is reminded that they still receive the report via email sent by the Sunshine Chair. **NOT ATTACHED.**
- Q. **TRAVEL:** (Milt Smith) – No report.
- R. **E-COMMUNICATIONS & WEBMASTER:** No report
- S. **REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS:**
- T. **CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON:**
- U. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- W. **Executive Session: The Honorees Committee with Doug Eisner presiding presented their nominations for four Honorary Life Members. The BEC considered the facts presented and, by unanimous vote, approved the recommendation of the Honorees Committee for Branch 146's next HLMs.**
- X. **NEXT MEETING** Thursday, July 11th, 2019 at 9:00 am at Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Y. ADJOURNED at 10:39 for regular meeting and 10:52 for executive session

Respectfully Submitted: Richard Hockenbrock, Secretary

DIGITAL ATTACHMENTS FILED

-  ATTACHMENT 1 - BR 146 BEC MINUTES - APRIL 11 Rev 2 Published.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 2 - Best Branch Self Evaluation Form.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 3 - President Benson's email on UCSF & SIR regarding Men's Health.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 4 - President Benson's Email on Providing Food, Cooking and Handling Foo...
-  ATTACHMENT 5 - Schedule of Branch Operations Review for June & July.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 6 - Approved MEMBERSHIP REGULATION Changes 6-13_19 Rev 3.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 7 - Treasurer Form28 & Treasurer Report.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 8 - Luncheon Manager Report - June.pdf
-  ATTACHMENT 9 - MEMBERSHIP FORM 27, GAIN & LOSSES & BEC REPORT.pdf
-  Attendance Roster - June.pdf
-  Big Sir - BEC Agenda June.pdf
-  Big Sir - LUNCH AGENDA JUNE.pdf
-  Big Sir - Slate of 2020 BEC Officers.pdf

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