

**SIR BRANCH 146
BEC MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2018**

Officers:

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/QUORUM – Big Sir Bruce Borgman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM sharp, welcomed those in attendance and the Secretary confirmed to him that there was a quorum present.

Minutes – The February, 2018 BEC minutes were approved. (ATTACHED)

BIG SIR'S REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

As a result of discussion from last month, the checking account for the Bowling activity has had signature change implemented (but it was a difficult process).

Bruce reminded attendees to wear green today.

Bruce reviewed the successful Activity Chairs Breakfast Meeting. He congratulated Activity Coordinator Jerry Kaplan for his part in planning and executing the outstanding event. The audience joined the BEC in significant applause for Jerry's well-done job.

There is a Big Sirs meeting at Rossmoor, sponsored by State, on March 26. Bruce will be out of town and Little Sir is celebrating his birthday on that date. Thus, Secretary Brad Hatcher will attend as Branch 146 representative.

For the record, to be covered by State SIR insurance, all activities must be approved every year. The list of Branch 146 activities (47) was approved by vote of the BEC. (ATTACHED)

Treasurer Steve Ybarra reviewed the status of Annual Dues. He indicated 17 had not paid; however, that number is reduced by HLM's and others not required to pay. So, the outstanding number is between 4 and 8. He indicated the check in desk has the names and will endeavor to collect dues.

As a result of comments during the above discussion, a wider discussion regarding what constituted attendance ensued. Some felt the standard of attendance (5 out of 10 meetings) meant being at the luncheon. Another group felt that if the individual paid for the lunch, but did not attend, that still constituted attendance for purposes of counting for the 5 of 10 requirement.

A motion to count payment, even if not physically attending, as attendance was moved, seconded and approved by a 7 to 5 vote.

The SIRs Area Governor commented that the motion appears to be in conflict with State SIR rules. He suggested that if Branch 146 wanted to change the rules, the branch should petition the State for a specific change in the State attendance rules.

Members of the BEC felt that a sub-committee should be formed to further review non-compliance with both the attendance and dues rules. A further motion was moved, seconded and passed to suspend the effectiveness of the previous motion. The sub-committee will consist of Big and Little Sir and the Membership Chair and the Member Relations Chair.

Rob Melrose requested up to \$200 for a one-time software update to support the Branch website. The BEC approved the allocation.

Bruce indicated there has been requests by widows of deceased members to remain on the mailing list. Discussion ensued. After discussion, the recommendation is to make sure the widows knew of the website and that the SIR Call monthly newsletter is available to all for reading and keeping current.

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT (Jonathan Korfhage)

Today's speaker is Jane Fowler from Guide Dogs for the Blind (and her service dog and her driver).

Jonathan reported on luncheon No-Shows for both January and February. He has sent our 18 letters to those who failed to notify us of their absence prior to the luncheon attendance cut-off. He awaits responses from most of those who received the letters.

Jonathan reported on efforts to continue the dinner dance. He indicated it was still likely to be held in October. However, the possibility of moving the date close to Valentine's Day met with some enthusiasm. He has had discussion with other SIRs branches for possible participation to help cover costs. He also indicated he has had preliminary discussions with Rossmoor as a possible site as it might be less expensive than the prior site. An audience member asked if it might make sense to hire a DJ rather than a band. Jonathan will report further as more information is gathered.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Brad Hatcher).

Brad indicated there had been no amendments to the February minutes suggested from the BEC members and they were posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Steve Ybarra)

Form 28 and the Monthly Treasurer's Report presented and approved. (ATTACHED).

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Jerry Kaplan)

Jerry provided a paper summary (ATTACHED) of the Activity Chairs Breakfast Meeting and recommendations there from. Cost was \$896+ and 43 activity chairs attended. He thanks those who helped and recommended the Big Sir mention and thank those who provide services to the branch (such as luncheon check-in desk folks, etc.) for their service. Jerry requested approval, which was granted, for a new Mexican Train Dominos group.

BIOGRAPHIES AND FISHING COORDINATOR (Paul Dubow)

Paul indicated we now have 203 bios and two more are in progress.

COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL (Richard Hockenbrock) - No Report

GREETER (Bob Lucido) No Report

HISTORIAN (Gary Brown)

A summary of 2017 has been submitted for review. (ATTACHED)

HONOREES (Doug Eisner) Mr. Eisner is travelling.

Walt Busenius reported in Doug's absence.

Those being honored today are: Doug Harris and Larry Mitchell – both for 20 years of membership. Their awards will be presented by Walt and Bruce at each member's home.

A HLM nominee will be provided soon as Branch 146 is allowed to have 5. The death of HLM Chuck Bobinecz provides an opening.

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE (Rob Melrose) (ATTACHED)

Luncheon attendance is expected to be 219. The food mix is 60% meat/40% fish (corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick celebration) for this luncheon.

Guests

Agnello Braganza (sponsor Joe Fuchs)

Byron Nelson (sponsor Bob Spellman)

Dave Svoboda (sponsor Dan Holland)

Jack O'Neil (sponsor Jim Pfohl)

George Radke (sponsor Jim Kohl)

Brian McCarthy (sponsor Bill Holly)

Herb Wilson (sponsor Russ Anderson)

MEMBERSHIP (Dave Pierce)

Form 27 presented (ATTACHED)

Two inductees were proposed for induction. They were both approved by voice vote. They are William Stan U'Ren sponsored by Jim Whitsett and Roger Rivers sponsored by Steve Siljestrom.

A motion to move Al Zamola to "Emeritus" status was seconded and approved.

There are standards stated at the State level as who may become a SIR were included on the back page of Dave's Membership report. It is requested that BEC Board Members acquaint themselves on those rules for a pending discussion of attendance at a coming BEC meeting.

MEMBER RELATIONS (Pierre Mebane) No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Alan Elnick)

Alan asked that the BEC hold an executive session in April to hear from the nominating committee on 2019 Board and officers.

PUBLICITY (Bob Mehus) No Report

RECRUITMENT (Bill Schultz)

Bill indicated he is aware that there were some likely guests who will attend in April.

SUNSHINE (Cal Tucker) Report (ATTACHED)

Sympathy cards were circulated to the Board and audience.

TRAVEL (Milt Smith).

Milt indicated he will be at the travel desk prior to the luncheon. He plans to bring Travel requests to the April meeting.

E-COMMUNICATIONS & WEBMASTER (Ron Plachy) Report was E-mailed

REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS N/A

CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON

Jerry Kaplan, Milt Smith and perhaps two others.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 2018: 9:00 am at Boundary Oak Clubhouse

ADJOURNED (at approx. 10:35 AM)

Respectfully Submitted: Brad Hatcher, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS

February 8, 2018 BEC Meeting Minutes
March 2018 BEC Meeting Attendance Roster
March Treasurer's Report
March Form 28
March Luncheon Manager's Report
Membership Report and Form 27 for March
March Sunshine Report
March Luncheon Agenda
March Sir Call (electronic)
Activity Chairman's Report on Activity Chair Breakfast
2017 History Summary
Branch 146 Activities List