

**Pleasant Hill Branch146**  
**Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting**  
**May 2, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Big Sir Jim Burk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed 5 committee chairmen/coordinators. (See Attendance Roster attached). Low member attendance was due to the meeting being held on a non-luncheon meeting date since the May meeting is Ladies Day.

**BEC ROLE CALL/QUORUM**

Secretary Dick DeVoe announced that the quorum was met. 9 BEC members were present, with 3 absent (Rich Ahlf, Bill Hoban, and Jim Saavedra).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April minutes were approved as revised, to include acceptance of an additional member that was approved by electronic vote after the meeting.

**BIG SIR'S REPORT (Jim Burk)**

< Status of Review of Prospective Meeting & Luncheon Locations- Director Bill Holly's study team will continue to work on identifying and reviewing qualified luncheon locations other than our current location as future possibilities. The current luncheon meeting contract runs through 12/31/12.

< 2013 Administrative Committee Chairs- Big Sir Jim and Little Sir Terry are making personal contacts preparatory to making these assignments for the coming year.

< Nominating Committee Report- Pete Gates will submit the report to Big Sir Jim by May 31, for presentation at the June BEC meeting.

< Luncheon Reception Area/New Bar Location- the trial is ongoing, with booths at Ladies Day to include Gardening, Travel, and Book Corner. Members with disabilities have access to the bar area.

**LITTLE SIR'S REPORT (Terry Marchione)**

< City of Walnut Creek Plans for the Boundary Oak Meeting/Restaurant Facilities- Little Sir Terry Marchione summarized that the options range from merely upgrading bathrooms to tearing down/rebuilding the facility. The earliest significant action to be taken is projected to be 2014.

< May Ladies Day Speaker is Michael Hingston, who will describe how he and his guide dog helped others escape from the 78th floor of tower #1 on 9/11/2001 when it was struck by American Airlines flight #11.

< June's speaker is Stephanie Asker, who will describe her and her family's long-term relationship and experiences with famous scientist Albert Einstein.

< July's speaker is former NBA star Jim Barnett, who is a broadcaster for the Golden State Warriors.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT (Dick DeVoe)**

< Proposal for Branch Option to Assess Members for Defraying Branch/State Expenses- The BEC continues to support this option, believing that the current policy is extremely unfair for the State to assess branches and yet to prohibit branches from assessing. (The 25 non-payers @ \$18 per head=\$450, resulting in a shortfall 1.7 times our 1st quarter State assessment). The BEC also believes that it is unfair for non-payers to get a free ride at the expense of those who contribute. Big Sir Jim will contact our Area Governor and Regional Director as the BEC's next step in moving the proposal forward.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Dick Woodman)**

< April Cash Balance: \$16,494.21 start; \$17,073.33 month-end.

< Year 2012 Donations- 25 members have not contributed.

< Luncheon Charges Unpaid- There are currently 3 members in arrears.

< Annual Donation Proration Plan- It was confirmed that an \$18 donation is requested through June for all members, and a \$10 donation is requested from new members after July 1.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership (Steve Sprague)**- Two new members were approved for induction: F. Richard Allen and David Cesio. Actives for Mar: 270. Inactives: 11, including Wiley Gilvin this month. No one resigned. Two members passed away: Ernie Dickson 4/15 and Bob Frankland 4/20.

April luncheon attendance: 201 members (74%), 213 total.

< Goals Status- Br. 146 is doing well regarding its goals, including maintaining membership and no. of guests (54 guests is annual goal; 26 attended by April).

**Attendance/Luncheon (Bob Mehus)**- Bob summarized the effect of using different percentages over/under the luncheon estimate. There was concurrence that the current percentage Bob uses is best at this time.

**Activities (Steve Dawkins)**- Steve emphasized that Ladies Day is an excellent opportunity to attract new members by inviting guests and their significant others.

**Sunshine (Walt Busenius)**- Walt still plans to work with Jeff Baily and Rich Ahlf regarding the best means to keep members informed of those with health issues. His Sunshine Report lists 14, including their current status.

**Website (Jack Hockel)**- Jack will be obtaining information from the website contractor/ consultant regarding the work she does each month to justify her invoices. He will then forward the approved amount to the Treasurer for payment.

**Emergency Evacuation (Bill Holly)**- Bill reviewed the plan, and will be updating its contents as appropriate, plus adding the Evacuation Plan to the branch website. He will also make a presentation at the end of the July meeting, and coordinate a drill consisting of attendees exiting the luncheon room at meeting's end using the zone exit routes in the plan.

**Bocce Ball (Martin Lyle)**- Secretary Dick advised that Martin is following on the City of Concord's request for evidence of liability insurance.

**Golf** Ray Weisz, the new Area Golf Chairman, was pleased to confirm that Branch 146 won the Governor's Cup. We had 24 participating members and 7 won prize money.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am. Next BEC meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 9:00am.

(Submitted by Branch Secretary Dick DeVoe)

### **Attachments:**

- (1) Attendance Roster-5/2/12 BEC Meeting
- (2) Treasurer's Report and Form 28 "Monthly Cash Report" for April (Woodman)
- (3) Membership Report and Form 27 for April (Sprague)
- (4) Sunshine Report (Busenius)
- (5) Emergency Evacuation Plan- Branch 146