



Contra Costa Branch 146
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Boundary Oak Golf Club

SIR BRANCH 146
9:00 to 10:45 A.M. – VISTA ROOM- BOUNDARY OAK
Oct. 13, 2016

BIG SIR (Walt Busenius)

Walt Busenius called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with 12 officers and directors present and 11 committee chairmen and guests. The minutes of the September BEC meeting were approved as corrected.

BIG SIR'S REPORT (Walt Busenius)

For awards today a Branch Honoree award will be presented to Bill Roberts. The other Branch Honoree award will be presented next month as the recipient is out of the country.

A Super Senior award will be presented to Dominic DeMateo, which had earlier been presented at his home. It will be presented today again since he will be here for the luncheon.

Walt expressed appreciation to those responsible for the 2017 budget and the dues letter, which was mailed last Tuesday. The dues will remain at \$18, and the luncheon cost will stay at \$26. The annual payer amount for luncheons will be \$252.

The contract with CourseCo will be signed today.

Brad reported on the annual survey – and applauded the branch for the response to survey. At this time we have 218 responses, which is 50-60 more than last year. Many responses were complimentary to Richard Hockenbrock for the Sir Call. Brad will report on the complete survey results in November.

An update for the chairs for next year: all the RAMP positions have been filled with Jerry Kaplan as Activities Chair, Bill Schulz for Recruitment, and Jim Savaadra will continue for Publicity with Al Munayer filling in for the interim; and for Steve Sprague as the Member Relations Chair as well as a director. Jerry Kaplan will continue for a second director term, as will Steve Sprague. Dave Pierce will be Membership Chair as well as a director and Cal Tucker be the Sunshine Chairman, and a director. Bob Lucido will be the Head Greeter. Gary Brown will be our Historian. Only the Luncheon Chair needs to be filled and there are a few possibilities.

Walt indicated that he recently attended a regional meeting and noted that plans for director training are on track. The one for our branch will be December 7 at Rossmoor in the Creekside complex with 9am-noon designated for Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Membership chair. In the afternoon from 1-4pm RAMP positions will have their training, as well as the Nominating committee chairmen. Ben Gleason will be leading the membership group; Bruce Borgman the secretary group, and Dick DeVoe the member relations group.

LITTLE SIR REPORT (Alan Elnick)

The speaker for today is Mark DeSaulnier, Congressman for the 11th Congressional district. It will be a non-political talk. Next month we will have Steve Burchik, author of *Compass and a Camera: A Year in Viet Nam* – relating his experiences in Viet Nam. Walt noted that the November meeting will honor all veterans, not only those from a particular era. In December, for our Ladies Day luncheon we will have House Blend – a quartet we’ve had twice before.

Alan noted that we have a few Sirs who are caregivers for their spouses and suggested that they not be counted in the luncheon attendance list.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

Bruce noted that the revision of BR46 has been completed and has been posted on the branch website. He has passed along to the Little Sir the excerpt of rule 13 which will be given to any speaker.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Jim Barry)

Jim noted that we are back up to our normal balance. He noted that the annual assessment to the State organization has been paid - \$285, or \$1.25 per member, paid quarterly. A substantial portion of this money pays for insurance to cover and indemnify the entire SIR organization, including the Branches and its activities and officers.

Jim distributed Form 28 and the Treasurer’s report.

The Treasurer’s report was approved by the board.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Jerry Kaplan)

Jerry noted that we are still at 45 activities, although since the Dinner Dance will not occur, it was suggested that this activity be deleted. Jonathan Korfhage however said he would look into this activity and it will thus remain on the list. There was a discussion as to whether the branch should guarantee an expense shortage that an activity might incur. It was noted we have not done so as a practice in the past. Jerry noted that we may be adding pickleball as an activity. Jerry also reiterated that it is prudent to have a vice chair for each of the activities.

BIOGRAPHIES (Paul Dubow)

We have 190 biographies, and Paul expressed some frustration in getting biographies from some of our older members.

AREA FISHING (Paul Dubow) –

The fishing activity is going very well with many outings.

COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL (Richard Hockenbrock)

Richard thanked Rob and Jeff for picking up the Sir Call mid month while he was away.

GREETER (Dick DeVoe) – no report

HISTORIAN (Walt for Pete Gates)

Pete will work with Gary Brown for the transition.

HONOREES - no report

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE (Max Hinkle)

We have guaranteed 205 meals for members attending the lunch today. We have four visitors, including three from Branch 116, who are observing.

TRAVEL (Milton Smith)

The Day at the Races has been scheduled for Nov. 4, and sign-ups are encouraged. Form 53 was submitted and the board approved the event. Milt will have three additional international trips for approval next month, as well as two local events.

Gary Schaub has submitted a request for “Smokey Joe’s Café” at the Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette for next March 17. Tickets are \$25. The event was approved by the board. Ken Richter indicated that he will accept names for “Hamilton” for next year effective today – the priority list establishment was approved.

MEMBERSHIP (Brad Hatcher for Ben Gleason)

We have 287 members, no new members today. Walt noted that Baha Zarah originally had resigned, but will go on the inactive roster. This action was approved.

Steve Sprague noted that one member Bob Wheaton was contacted by Ben Gleason, and requested that he extend his inactive status for one more year due to health issues. After discussion, the board approved suspension of BR7, so that we can accede to Bob’s request to become inactive for the additional time. Walt mentioned Lynn Freeman who also requested to go on inactive status. It was pointed out that he is already an emeritus member.

MEMBER RELATIONS (Brad Hatcher) - survey response as noted earlier

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Bill Holly) – no report

PUBLICITY (Al Munayer for Jim Saavedra) – no report

Al requested in his capacity on the audit committee that the pertinent groups work on their books prior to the audit.

RECRUITMENT (Corrie Oranje)

We have two guests today – Bob White sponsored by Steve Sprague, and Robert Heimbucher sponsored by Charlie Kroeber.
Corrie noted that the branch video for recruitment would be worked on this next Monday with Bruce and Richard.

LADIES DAY – Steve Dawkins

Steve noted that requests for tables should be submitted.

SUNSHINE REPORT (John Pearl)

The Sunshine list has seven names of our ailing Sirs, submitted and attached. Dennis Hallett was added.

ANALYTICS (Ron Plachy) – report attached

REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS - none

CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME ON TODAY’S LUNCHEON AGENDA

Brad Hatcher for the Survey
Bruce Borgman for Couples Dining Out
Milt Smith for Travel

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding access to the Sir Call and making it more readily available to spouses. It was suggested that there be a more direct link from the email that it is available to the newsletter. The discussion was deferred.

Dick DeVoe noted that we should pursue having the books for the Book Nook stored somewhere at Boundary Oak. This has been pursued.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Boundary Oak.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Borgman
Branch Secretary

Attachments:

1. BEC Agenda
2. Luncheon Agenda
3. Revised BR 46 and State Rule 13 excerpt

4. Treasurer's report, Form 28
5. Membership Report and Form 27
6. Luncheon Attendance Chairman's Report
7. Sunshine Report
8. Google Analytics
9. Attendance Sheet
10. Forms 53 for Day at the Races & the Lafayette Theatre event.