



**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. – LAKEVIEW ROOM- BOUNDARY OAK**  
**Sept. 8, 2016**

**BIG SIR (Walt Busenius)**

Walt Busenius called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with 10 officers and directors present and 13 committee chairmen and guests. The minutes of the August BEC meeting were approved as corrected.

**BIG SIR'S REPORT (Walt Busenius)**

We will have two Branch Awards today – a Super Senior award to Dominic DeMateo – having achieved the age of 95 – a first for our Branch. A Branch Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to John Pearl.

Walt announced that Bill Holly will become our new area governor.

Walt noted that Jim Savaadra is improving, and hopes to be playing golf again and will therefore continue as director for 2017.

An update for the chairs for next year: for the RAMP positions – Jim Savaadra will continue for Publicity, Jerry Kaplan will continue as Activities Chair, and for Recruiting, Corrie Oranje will defer to someone else. Steve Sprague will be asked to be Member Relations Chair upon his return from France. Cal Tucker will take the Sunshine Chairman position. For Historian Pete Gates will defer to a new person, as well as a new Chair for the Greeter. We will need new chairs for Membership and the Luncheon responsibilities.

**LITTLE SIR REPORT (Alan Elnick)**

The speaker for today is Paul Zaentz, who has filled various roles in the production of some well known films, such as Amadeus, The English Patient, The Talented Mr. Ripley. Next month we will have Mark DeSaulnier, Congressman of the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The following month we will have Steve Burchik, author of Compass and a Camera: A Year in Viet Nam – relating his experiences in Viet Nam. His book will be available in the back of the room at the end of the luncheon. For December, we have offers of three groups of singers for our Ladies Day luncheon. One is House Blend – a quartet we've had twice before; the second group is Mark Richards trio or quartet. The former group is \$300, the latter \$500. A third option is a pianist. It was noted that several high schools group provide

holiday music as well. It was suggested that payment for the entertainment come out of the treasury rather than adding to the cost of the lunch.

Alan discussed the no-show list, and plans to provide the list to the check-in table as the individuals come in. There are two who have four no-show incidents.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

Bruce noted that discussion of the revision of Branch Regulation 46 has continued for three months with considerable discussion and input. He reported on his proposed modification of Branch Regulation 46. He proposed to delete a sentence related to the history of this regulation inasmuch as it is not pertinent. He proposed that the regulation include a paragraph to request the Little Sir to provide speakers with a copy of State Rule 13, as well as a written request of speakers to avoid sexual humor or innuendo. The motion to accept the revision was carried with the suggestion to insert the phrase "a pertinent excerpt of" prior to State Rule 13. Bruce also reported that as required he has submitted Form 20, which lists specific officers of the Branch to Dwight Sale, and Ed Benson.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim Barry)

Jim distributed Form 28 and the Treasurer's report.

He noted that payments for August Lunch and Fleet Week expenses were recorded in September. The apparent decrease to the monthly balance was explained. The bank balance is now actually \$21,158.21.

Jim distributed the budget for 2017 and explained various items. Expenses for the Hilton will not recur in 2017 and thus will result in some savings. His recommendation is that we keep the annual dues at \$18.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the board.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORTS

#### ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Jerry Kaplan)

Jerry submitted an updated report of our 45 activities. It was noted that likely the Monterey Mashers activity will not occur. Jerry also noted that it is prudent to have an assistant chair or backup for each of the activities.

#### BIOGRAPHIES (Paul Dubow)

We have 187 biographies. Bill Holly indicated that in reviewing the biographies, there are a number who are veterans, but not on Charlie Kroeber's list. He will forward these additional ones to Charlie.

#### AREA FISHING (Paul Dubow) – Fishing activities continue.

#### COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL (Richard Hockenbrock)

Richard indicated that the October issue will have the form to reserve the December luncheon.

GREETER (Dick DeVoe)

Bill is the greeter coordinator for this month and has three greeters from each of last three years of induction. The Board was asked to go by and commend the greeters.

HISTORIAN (Pete Gates)

Waiting for the year to end to complete this year's history.

HONOREES (Doug Eisner)

Two honorees as noted earlier.

LADIES DAY – no report

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE (Max Hinkle)

We have guaranteed 212 meals for members attending the lunch today, based on 26 no-shows.

MEMBERSHIP (Ben Gleason)

We will have 3 inductees joining today – Paul Beretz, Jerry Benoit and Robert Beitler. Two deletions from the roster – Mike Varner passed away, and Baha Zarah has resigned presumably due to his health. We will have 287 members, a gain of eight for the year. Ben noted that our average age has increased by six months. Ben indicated that Dick DeVoe is working on a job description for the Membership Chair, which will make this function uniform for all branches. Other job descriptions are being developed as well. The Board approved the new members.

MEMBER RELATIONS (Brad Hatcher)

Brad noted that the final version of the annual survey has been distributed to the board. The survey will be distributed to the membership sometime in the next week. Last year the response was 155 and Brad is hoping for a larger number this year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Bill Holly) – no report

PUBLICITY (Al Munayer for Jim Saavedra)

We now have the contacts for the pertinent papers.

RECRUITMENT (Corrie Oranje)

There are two guests today – Bob Fletcher sponsored by Jim Pope and Ray Martin sponsored Charlie Kroeber.

SUNSHINE REPORT (John Pearl)

The Sunshine list has six names of our ailing Sirs, submitted and attached.

TRAVEL (Milton Smith)

The Blue Angels outing is all set. Ken Richter is working on the musical Hamilton for some time next year.

Milt is working on three additional trips: a Sacramento Underground Tour (\$90-100), Spring Training Trip (5 days, 4 nights, about \$2100), and a Laguna Beach Art Show trip (overnight, in the fall).

He is working on three international trips – one to Africa -Botswana/Zambia or Tanzania/Serengeti, a second to Machu Picchu or a cruise around South America, and a third a cruise to the Norwegian fjords – all in the next 18 – 24 months.

The Day at the Races event has been requested and will be scheduled.

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

Charlie Kroeber for the Veteran’s luncheon

Jerry Kaplan for Activities

Milt Smith for Travel

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Boundary Oak.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Borgman

Branch Secretary

Attachments:

1. BEC Agenda
2. Luncheon Agenda
3. B.R. 46 modification and State Rule 13
4. Form 20 submitted to State Sir organization
5. Treasurer’s report, Form 28
6. 2017 Branch 146 budget
7. Membership Report and Form 27
8. Activities Report
9. Luncheon Attendance Chairman’s Report

10. Sunshine Report
11. Google Analytics
12. Attendance Sheet
13. Branch 146 – Final Member Survey