

SIR BRANCH 146 BEC MEETING MINUTES September 13, 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 August, 2018 BEC minutes which were prepared by Richard Hockenbrock, and posted on the website, were approved. (ATTACHED)

Officer Reports

BIG Sir's REPORT (Bruce Borgman)

Various solutions to reduce/eliminate luncheon meeting noise were offered. Bruce will now use a bell (rather than a gavel) to get the attention of the members. In addition, a change in the schedule of the luncheon will be implemented. Now, business and announcements will be conducted after the lunch entrée is served and consumed. It is hoped that the change will allow conversation at the tables to ensue right after the pledge and prayer. In turn, that will, hopefully allow business to proceed with less table talk interference.

There was a discussion of reporting of new members. Bruce and Membership Chair Dave Pierce agreed that to be counted as a new member, they must be "*inducted*". Meaning that they have been voted upon, introduced at the luncheon and have attended the after-lunch induction conducted by the Membership Chair.

Bruce commented that at a SIRs activity, two members became agitated as a result of a political discussion. He will remind our branch of our commitment to exclude controversial topics in our social discourse in his next Big SIR comments in SIR Call.

Today's luncheon is "Team colors" day. An independent judge will select the best wearer and a bottle of wine will be given as a gift.

The State required Form 20 was filed by Brad Hatcher. He indicated it was not complete but will be amended shortly now that the Recruitment position is filled. It was noted that Ron Lew will take on Membership. Frank Pandolfi will be Recruitment Chair and Max Hinkle will take over Sunshine Chair.

Bruce mentioned that a note on each luncheon table will ask that two seats be designated as "saved" for late or new member arrival. This is an attempt to lessen the takeover of a whole table being reserved by various cliques of friends.

The State President sent out a letter asking for each branch to review 24 proposals as a part of an effort to continue to improve SIRs. Walt Busineus and Bill Holly commented on a portion of the proposals after attending the State Board meeting on 9/12. Both Big and Little Sirs also provided a draft response (which is ATTACHED). Recommendations were briefly discussed.

LITTLE Sir's REPORT (Jonathan Korfhage)

Jonathan indicated that today's speaker is an old friend Dr. William Hosfield. He will speak about training the brain.

Jonathan reported on the August luncheon No-shows. Of the 21 who did not call in, five did not respond to calls or letters. Those were referred to the Member Relations chair for further follow-up. The remainder had various outcomes which did not require payment.

The October speaker will be Jane Adams and her topic will be Sand Hill Cranes.

Jonathan indicated the Dinner Dance on 2/16/19 is going forward. He believes that between Branch 146 and Branch 8, there will be adequate attendance to cover costs.

As a part of the effort to manage the Luncheon meeting, Jonathan has researched various microphones and additional sound speakers to add to the audio equipment provided by Boundary. One wireless lavalier microphone has been purchased and his report indicates options for purchase of additional equipment (report ATTACHED).

A motion to spend up to \$1,200 for additional enhanced audio equipment was moved, seconded, and approved by the BEC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Brad Hatcher)

Brad thanked the Assistant Secretary for filling in at the last BEC and getting the minutes posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Steve Ybarra)

Form 28 and the Monthly Treasurer's Report presented and approved and sent to State. (ATTACHED). Steve indicated we were close to showing a balance of less than \$25,000 as the annual payer amounts are being drawn down.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Jerry Kaplan)

Jerry noted that we were at 47 activities. He indicated the Walking Group was likely to disband as the attendance has waned and the activity chair was giving up the post. He will ask for a volunteer to take over the job at the luncheon.

Jerry indicated there are two new activities being considered for formation: Hearts and Jazz band. He will mention both at the luncheon.

BIOGRAPHIES AND FISHING COORDINATOR (Paul Dubow)

Paul was on a cruise but reported to Big Sir that we now have 213 biographies.

COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL (Richard Hockenbrock) No Report

GREETER (Bob Lucido) No Report

HISTORIAN (Gary Brown) No Report

HONOREES (Dennis Hallett)

Dennis will honor Ron Plachy with the Certificate of Appreciation and Richard Hockenbrock will be honored as Branch Honoree.

LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE (Rob Melrose) (ATTACHED)

Rob was not in attendance. However, it was reported that there are 5 guests coming to the luncheon. He also reported, prior to the meeting, the usual luncheon attendance numbers. It is anticipated that 224 members will attend the lunch and the mix of entrees will be 55% fish and 45% meat.

MEMBERSHIP (Dave Pierce)

Form 27 presented (ATTACHED)

The New Members, approved by BEC vote are:

Ross Hallberg sponsored by Steve Dinning

Keith Feiring sponsored by Howard Charlop

Lewis Chapman sponsored by Dick Richmond

Jitu Patel sponsored by Joe Fuchs

Mike Wallace sponsored by Max Hinkle

Marc Fong sponsored by Paul Dubow (Marc did not attend the meeting).

Dave indicated we have received 3 resignations.

MEMBER RELATIONS (Pierre Mebane) No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Alan Elnick) No Report

PUBLICITY (Bob Mehus) No Report

RECRUITMENT (Bill Schultz)

Bill indicated we have had another guest next month who came via the Website.

SUNSHINE (Cal Tucker) Report (ATTACHED)

Sympathy cards were circulated to the Board and audience.

TRAVEL (Milt Smith)

Milt briefly updated on events. He indicated the Day at the Races Sirs event will be on Saturday (not the usual Friday) October 20. Cost is \$41.00.

E-COMMUNICATIONS & WEBMASTER (Ron Plachy)

Ron reminded the BEC that he has sent the report via E-mail.

REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS

Bruce Borgman – Chair of Song Sirs – indicated the group size is declining.

CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON

Several

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

NEXT B E C MEETING

Thursday, October 11, 2018: 9:00 am at Boundary Oak Clubhouse.

The luncheon event will celebrate the anniversary of Chartering of the Branch and recognize past Big Sirs

ADJOURNED (at approx. 10:28 AM)

Respectfully Submitted: Brad Hatcher, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS

August, 2018 BEC Meeting Minutes
September 2018 BEC Meeting Attendance Roster
August 2018 Treasurer's Reports
August Form 28
September Luncheon Manager's Report
Membership Report and Form 27 for August
September Sunshine Report
September Luncheon Agenda
August Sir Call (electronic)
Branch 146 Activities List