

Sir Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: September 12, 2024
Venue: Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2024

		Present
Big Sir	John Klusener	Y
Little Sir	Bob Ford	Y
Secretary	Don Shaw	Y
Assistant Secretary	John Rexroat	Y
Treasurer	Mike Rothman	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Tom Amann	Y
Director 3 rd Term	Ed Brands	Y
Director	Mark Curtis	Y
Director 2 nd Term	Randy Graham	Y
Director	John Alexander	Y
Director 3 rd Term	George Mon	Y
Director	Don Rhoads	Y

Other Attendees:

	Present
Ben Gleason	
Bill Holly*	Y
Bob Lucido	
Bob Spellman	Y
Bob Wilkenfeld	
Brad Hatcher*	
Brian McCarthy	Y
Bruce Borgman	Y
Dick DeVoe	
Doug Eisner*	
Frank Lucas	
Glenn Breslin	Y
Howard Goldsmith	
Jim Pope	
Ken Richter	
Mike Smith	
Paul Dubow	
Phil Lee	
Richard Hockenbrock	
Richard Lyon	
Ron Plachy	Y
Roy Hodgkinson	
Thom Degnan	
Steve Oki	
Steve Ybarra	
Thom Degnan	Y

Vern Rookh	
Walt Busenius*	

The Big Sir noted that we have a quorum and the meeting commenced at 9:00.

I Standing Reports

1. Branch Secretary

The call for comments on the Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2024 resulted in no additions or deletions. A motion for approval was made by Don Shaw and seconded by John Alexander. It was approved unanimously.

The approved Minutes were filed in the Branch records and sent to the Area Representative.

The Secretary reviewed various items from the Schedule of Branch Operations (SBO) and confirmed that all critical items were properly attended.

Treasurer: Confirmed that Form 28 was sent to AR and State SIR for last. month.

Membership Chair confirmed Form 27 was timely sent to State SIR last month.

2. Branch Treasurer

Treasurer reviewed Form 28. Don Shaw moved to approve Form 28, John Rexroat seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer report reflects partial lunch refunds for prior month due to Boundary Oak mistakes, resulting in a gain of \$865 for August lunch operations. Refunds have been offered to affected individuals.

3. Membership Chairman

George Mon reported on Form 27 that there were 3 new members in, bringing the total membership to 268. Don Shaw motioned to approve Form 27 and John Alexander seconded. Approval was unanimous.

George Mon reported 3 new membership applications (Fred McNeil, Elmer Bricca, and Ed Lichtig). Don Shaw motioned to approve, and Ed Brands seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Dues letter goes out in October and dues will be discussed in October after we receive cost information from State SIR regarding assessments and Boundary Oak regarding luncheon costs.

II Old Business

1. Recognition of Sponsors/New Members

Two individuals have been responsible for 3 new members each, and 7 individuals have been responsible for 2 new members each.

2. Gentrification Researcher

Big SIR is pursuing the idea of identifying an article explaining the benefits of social contacts as we grow older, with a view toward publicizing the article in local media as a way of generating interest in SIRs membership.

III New Business

1. Training for Incoming Officers

On line training for incoming officers is available.

2. Luncheon Meeting with Branches 8 and 116 Training for Incoming Officers

There will be a joint meeting between Branches 8, 116 ad 146, on the one hand, and Boundary Oak to discuss improving lunches for 2025. Ideas: Salad entrees, buffet service, theme lunches.

IV Other Reports

1. RAMP Committee (Recruiting, Activities, Member Relations, Publicity)

A Recruiting- Randy Graham

Not much has changed. Considering recruiting presence at various organizations and events.

B Activities – Glenn Breslin

Glenn presented this summary of activities:

Activity Summary

Total Activities	48
Total Co-Ed Activities	29
Percent Co-Ed Activities	60%
Total Unique Activities	30
BR146 activities shared with other branches	12
Other SIR Branch Groups Activities Shared with SIR146	15

SIR Theater

- 46 people attended the Elton John/Billy Joel Tribute show at Leshar
- 16 people are scheduled for the 9/28 Arsenic and Old Lace at Leshar
- 2 new Tribute shows, at Leshar reserved for 1st quarter.
 - One new show to be announced in late September
 - The other show to be announced in early November

C Member Relations - Ed Brands

No Report

D Publicity –

Recruiting cards are available.

2 Luncheon Chair- Steve Oki

No report. See Treasurer’s report for information.

3 Honoree Committee – Walt Busenius

No report

4 Nomination Committee – Bob Wilkenfield

No report

As proposed at the August BEC meeting, these candidates were submitted to a quorum of members at the luncheon following today’s BEC meeting and these candidates were unanimously elected by voice vote at the luncheon to serve in 2025:

Elected Offices	2025 Candidate	Term #
Big Sir^	Bob Ford	1
Little Sir	Thom Degnan	1
Secretary	Don Shaw	2
Assistant Secretary	John Rexroat	2
Treasurer	Mike Rothman	2
Assistant Treasurer	Tom Amann	2
Director*	Jim Crites	1
Director*	Mark Curtis	2
Director*	Randy Graham	2
Director*	John Alexander	2
Director*	Mike Davidson	1
Director*	Don Rhoads	2

Bob Ford, as the 2025 Big Sir has appointed the following 2025 Committee positions:

Appointed Chairmen##	2025 Candidate
Recruiting	Randy Graham
Activities	Glenn Breslin

Membership	George Mon
Membership Assistant	Open
Member Relations	Ed Brands
Publicity	John Alexander
Sunshine	Brian McCarthy
Honoree	Walt Busenius
Sir Call	Clint Collier
Travel	Glenn Breslin
Nominating	John Kluesener
Auditing	John Alexander

5 SIR Call Editor – Clint Collier

No report

6 Travel – Glenn Breslin

SIR Travel

- Currently sending SIR Travel questionnaires to SIR146 members and to other SIR Group’s members
- Objective is to match up in-common travel destinations
- Contact all SIRs that match in-common travel destinations to determine if how they want travel also matches up (e.g., Cruise, Land, 4 star, 5 star etc.)
- Then, based upon in-common travel destinations and how SIRs want to travel, schedule multiple SIR Trips.

7 Sunshine Chair – Brian McCarthy

Name	Badge	Comments	Mention in Invocation
“Bud” Marshall Pearce	180	Bud has Guillain-Barre syndrome. He continues to improve. He is more mobile. His next evaluation with the doctor will be in October.	Yes
Pat O’Keefe	19	Pat has prostate cancer and is going through chemo therapy until the end of September.	Yes
Norm Baietti	172	Norm has inoperable esophageal cancer. He is undergoing his second chemo treatment this week.	Yes
Richard Hockenbrock	279	Richard is in the hospital (9/5) with a flare up of chronic lung condition. (non-COVID)	Yes

8 **Branch Historian** – Mark Curtis

No report

V **Little Sir** – Bob Ford

September speaker: Beverly Lane, local historian

October speaker Emily Boyd, Brookfield Development, Concord Naval Weapons Station development plans

November speaker Chuck Kohler, Pearl Harbor survivor

December Diablo Vista Chorus quartet

VI **Big Sir** – John Klusener

Way Forward Meeting in Lafayette on September 24.

VII Adjournment

Don Shaw motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, and John Rexroat seconded. Approval was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45.