

Sir Branch 146
Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: February 13, 2025
Venue: Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2025

		Present
Big Sir	Bob Ford	X
Little Sir	Thom Degnan	X
Secretary	Don Shaw	X
Assistant Secretary	John Rexroat	X
Treasurer	Mike Rothman	X
Assistant Treasurer	Tom Amann	X
Director 1 st Term	Mike Davidson	X
Director 1 st Term	Jim Crites	X
Director 2 nd Term	Mark Curtis	X
Director 2 nd Term	Randy Graham	X
Director 2 nd Term	John Alexander	X
Director 2 nd Term	Don Rhoades	X

Other Attendees:

*Past Big SIR	Present
Ben Gleason	x
Bill Holly*	x
Bob Lucido	
Bob Spellman	x
Bob Wilkenfeld	x
Brad Hatcher*	x
Brian McCarthy	x
Bruce Borgman	x
Carl Mason	
Dick DeVoe	
Doug Eisner*	x
Ed Brands	
Frank Lucas	x
George Mon	x
Glenn Breslin	x
Henry Thatcher	x
Howard Goldsmith	
Jim Pope	

	Present
John Klusener*	x
Ken Richter	
Mike Smith	
Paul Dubow	
Phil Lee	
Richard Hockenbrock	
Richard Lyon	
Ron Plachy	x
Roy Hodgkinson	x
Steve Oki	
Steve Ybarra	
Vern Roohk	
Walt Busenius*	x
Bob Yolland	x

The Big Sir noted that we have a quorum, and the meeting commenced at 9:30.

Standing Reports

1. Review of Minutes of the preceding meeting-Secretary Don Shaw

a) Minutes from Thursday January 9, 2024

The call for comments on the Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2025, resulted in no additions or deletions. Upon motion by Mike Rothman, seconded by Mark Curtis, BEC unanimously approved the January Minutes as submitted.

b) Critical items from Schedule of Branch Operations

Critical items include: (i) Big Sir to file Caterer Insurance Form 64 (underway), (ii) Little Sir verify the Branch Audit Report 29 along with December Form 28 are sent to Area Representative (done), (iii) Treasurer to send Audit Report Form 29 along with the December Form 28 to Area Representative (done), (iv) Treasurer to send Form 28 to State and Area Representative (done).

2. Branch Treasurer-

Mike Rothman

a) Form 28 – review and motion for approval

Upon motion by Don Shaw, seconded by Don Rhoades, BEC unanimously approved Form 28 as presented and attached to these Minutes, subject to reflecting one new member approved at this meeting.

b) Treasurer's Report – for information

The Treasurer's Report is attached to these Minutes.

c) Decide on how the golf and bowling accounts will be handled for audit purposes.

The proposal is as follows:

- 1 The BEC directs that the annual audit of branch activities cover only those directly run by the BEC and excludes those funded by member contributions directly to the activity. This would exclude golf, bowling, and similar activities from the audit.
2. The Treasurer is directed to remind activity leaders that any activity with a bank account needs to comply with the State SIR rules regarding use of the Branch EIN, Branch Name, and maintenance of two or more signatories.

The Audit Committee (Thom Degnan, Ben Gleason, John Alexander) presented a February 10, 2025, email setting forth their recommendations on this matter, which is attached to these Minutes.

Discussion was had and Bob Wilkenfeld will discuss the subject with Dave Steinberg. The sense of the meeting was that the US Bank golf account already complies with State SIR rules regarding use of the Branch EIN and Branch Name, and maintenance of two or more signatories, and that the B of A golf account should use the Branch EIN and Branch Name, and maintenance of two or more signatories. The email and attachments are attached to these minutes.

d) Audit report out and approval of Form 29

The Audit Committee presented the attached February 10, 2025, email with attached Forms 29 (Branch Audit Report 2024), 28 (Monthly Cash Report for the YE 12-31-2024), and Inventory of Branch Assets dated January 7, 2025. Upon motion by Mike Rothman, seconded by John Alexander, BEC unanimously approved Forms 29 and 28, the inventory, and the recommendations in the email, all of which are attached to these Minutes.

3. Membership Chair –

George Mon

a) Form 27 - review and motion for approval

Upon motion by Bob Ford, seconded by Mike Rothman, the attached Form 27 (Monthly Branch Membership Report), showing 263 members, and the Membership Chairman Report for February, showing 5 resignations and 7 inactive memberships, were unanimously approved.

b) Membership Report

Approved, as noted above.

c) Vote to approve any new members

Upon motion by Don Shaw, seconded by Mike Rothman, Mac Avery was approved as a new member.

d) Update report from Big Sir and Little Sir on contacting unpaid dues members.

No new report. Inactive members do not pay dues, get communications, or count toward Branch membership totals.

e) Decide on action for members who have not responded to requests for renewals.

7 members were categorized as inactive.

II Old Business

- Member relations role and candidate John Kluesener

No report.

III New Business

- None

IV Other Reports

A. Ramp Committee

a. Recruiting – Randy Graham

Randy will reach out to professional recruiters to see if they might be able to assist with recruiting.

b. Activities and Travel – Glenn Breslin

Glenn was not present but submitted activity and travel updates which are attached.

As noted in the approved January Minutes, BEC approved three trips at the January BEC meeting.

Fishing Calendar: Following the live meeting, Bob Ford motioned via email and Don Shaw seconded the approval of the 2025 SIR Area 16 Fishing Group Calendar Draft 3, which was circulated to and unanimously approved by all members of the Branch 146 BEC, the first page of which is attached to these minutes for identification purposed (the full version being deemed too lengthy to attach in full).

c. Member Relations – open

No report.

d. Publicity – John Alexander

No report

B. Luncheon Co-Chair Steve Oki

a. Luncheon attendance and guests

Steve was not present but submitted an update which is attached to these Minutes. There was considerable discussion of issues around reservations. The luncheon rsvp link in the email blast may be faulty.

C. Honoree Committee – Walt Busenius

No report.

D. Nomination Committee – John Kluesener (Replacement for Ed Brands as Member Relations)

No report.

E. SIR Call Editor – Clint Collier

No report.

G. Sunshine Chair – Brian McCarthy

Brian reminded BEC that he only reports on members when they or family approve.

F. Branch Historian – Mark Curtis

Mark outlined his approach to bringing the Branch history up to date.

V. Little SIR –

Thom Degnan

A. Today's and Future Speakers

Thom reviewed future speakers.

VI. Big SIR -

Bob Ford

A. Should we have a group picnic this year or possibly some other activity

There is a sense that a picnic or other activity would be a good thing, and this will be taken up at the March BEC meeting.

Upon motion by Don Shaw, seconded by John Rexroat, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:40.