Sir Branch 146

Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2026 - Venue: Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2026

		Present
Big Sir	Thom Degnan	X
Little Sir	Jim Pope	X
Secretary	John Rexroat	X
Assistant Secretary	Mike Davidson	X
Treasurer	Mike Ball	X
Assistant Treasurer	Paul Jones	X
Director 1st Term	Bob Lucido	X
Director 1st Term	Jim Crites	X
Director 2nd Term	Mark Curtis	X
Director 2nd Term	Glenn Breslin	X
Director 2nd Term	John Alexander	X
Director 2nd Term	Vacant	

Other Attendees:

*Past Big SIR	Present
Ben Gleason	
Bill Holly*	x
Bob Ford*	X
Bob Spellman	X
Bob Wilkenfeld*	
Bob Yolland*	
Brad Hatcher*	X
Brian McCarthy	X
Bruce Borgman	X
Carl Mason	
Dick DeVoe*	X
Doug Eisner*	X
Ed Brands	
Frank Lucas	
George Mon	X
Henry Thatcher	
Howard Goldsmith	
John Klusener*	
John Elstead	
Jim Barry	X
Mike Rothman	X

	Present
Ken Richter	
Paul Dubow	X
Phil Lee	
Richard Hockenbrock	X
Richard Lyon	
Ron Plachy	X
Roy Hodgkinson	X
Steve Oki	
Steve Ybarra	
Vern Roohk	
Walt Busenius*	X

9:26 AM Call to Order-Big Sir; Introduction of guests. Call for any amendments to the Agenda.

Standing Reports

1. Review of Minutes of the preceding meeting-Secretary   John Rexroat
   a) Minutes from Thursday, January 8, 2026

The call for comments on the Meeting Minutes for Janaury 8, 2026, resulted in no additions or deletions. Upon motion by John Rexroat, seconded by Mike Davidson, BEC unanimously approved the Minutes as submitted.

   b) Critical items from the Schedule of Branch Operations

We are still in need of one more director.
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2. Branch Treasurer-   Mike Ball
   a) Form 28 – review and motion for approval Form 28

Upon motion by Mike Davidson, seconded by Paul Jones, the BEC unanimously approved Form 28 as presented.

   b) Treasurer's Report – for information. The Treasurer's Report will be attached to these Minutes.

   c) Upon motion by Tom Degnan, seconded by Joh Alexander, the BEC unanimously approved the appointment of John Alexander as the lead for the Audit Team.

3. Membership Chair –   George Mon

Upon motion Mike Davidson, seconded by Jim Pope, the Monthly Branch Membership Report, and the Membership Chairman Report for January were unanimously approved. A copy will be attached to these Minutes,

  a) Vote to approve any new members   Steve Newburn   His wife is Candace

  b) Curnt count is 243.

II Old Business

III New Business

   A. Recruitment Committee Update - Glen Breslin
   B. The committee consists of Glenn, Thom Degnan, Jim Pope, and Mike Davidson.

IV Other Reports
   A. Ramp Committee

      a. Recruiting – Glenn Breslin, see Recruitment Committee Update under New Business
      b. Activities and Travel – Glenn Breslin
      c. Member Relations – Mike Davidson No report
      d. Publicity – John Alexander No report

B. Luncheon Co-Chair Steve Oki
      a. Luncheon attendance and guests

We have 110 sign-ups for today's lunch.

Lunches will be the same contract as last year
Thom moved we sign the contract. Second by Mike Davidson
Passed Unanimously

C. Honoree Committee – Walt Busenius No report

D. Nomination Committee – John Kluesener No report

E. SIR Call Editor – Clint Collier No report

F. Branch Historian – Glenn Breslin   No report

G. Sunshine Chair – Brian McCarthy – See attached.

V. Little SIR –   **Jim Pope**
A. Today's and Future Speakers and Other

Today's speaker is John McNulty who will speaking about the regional airports and their impact upon our communities.   .

. The Speaker's Committee (which consists of Jim Pope, Glenn Breslin, Jim Crites and Thom Degnan) solicits suggestions for interesting speakers.

VI. Big SIR -   **Thom Degnan**

Brad Hatcher reminded us that monthly luncheon themes are a SIR tradition and encouraged us to give them greater visibility.

Other discussions.
There was a long discussion about the state of our finances, with the concern that we have too much money.
The number of $10,00 was put forth, which stimulated discussion as to what we would do with it.
Replace Laptop
$2500 for recruitment
Free Lunch or support for members who need assistance.

Will continue this subject at our next meeting.

Upon motion by Thom Degnan, seconded by Jim Pope, the BEC unanimously approved adjournment at 10:40.

New Members - February

CT Date Status Ref Badge First Nickname Last Email Phone City Company Spouse Sponsor Comments

1 1/26/2026 New 260001 12 Steve Newby Newburn srnewburn@att.net 925-550-3668 Danville Webcor Builders Candice Jabuka Bocce, Fishing

Resigned Members - February

CT Date Status Ref Badge First Last Reason

1 2/12/2026 Resigned 250004 94 Joe Ambriz No Response

2 2/12/2026 Resigned 200053 186 Lee Clark Branch 2

3 2/12/2026 Resigned 210022 215 Stephen George Not playing golf

4 2/12/2026 Resigned 240011 166 Scott Graham THEGRAHAM4@YAHOO.COM No Response

5 2/12/2026 Resigned 200099 291 John Gray THEGRAYMAN@COMCAST.NET No Response

6 2/12/2026 Resigned 200127 127 Charles Kahsen CWKAHSEN@GMAIL.COM No Response

7 2/12/2026 Resigned 230004 25 Pete Salgado PDSAL123@YAHOO.COM No Response

8 2/12/2026 Resigned 210011 174 Jim Saller GRTRUCK1958@GMAIL.COM No Response

9 2/12/2026 Resigned 200243 286 Edward Smith MMS121246@aol.com No Response

Deceased Member - February

CT Date Status Ref Badge First Last Reason

1 1/2/2026 Deceased 200041 71 Jim Browning Peacefully at home

1 Form 27 needs approval = 243

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T-CELL Information

A t-cell, or telecoil (t-coil), is
a tiny copper wire receiver built into many hearing aids that acts as an antenna to pick up magnetic audio signals directly from sound systems in public venues, landline phones, and neck loops. It bypasses background noise to deliver clearer sound directly to the ear, significantly improving speech understanding.

Key Aspects of Telecoils in Hearing Aids:

- **Functionality:** They allow users to connect to Hearing Loop (or induction loop) systems found in theaters, churches, airports, and lecture halls.
- **Advantages:** They provide a superior signal-to-noise ratio, making it easier to hear in noisy, crowded, or reverberant environments.
- **Usage:** They are activated by a switch or button on the hearing aid, via a remote control, or through a smartphone app.

- **Compatibility:** While common in Behind-the-Ear (BTE) and Receiver-in-Canal (RIC) models, they are often too large for tiny Completely-in-Canal (CIC) or Invisible-in-Canal (IIC) devices.
- **Installation:** If not built-in, some, but not all, hearing aids can be retrofitted with a telecoil.

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Telecoils are not obsolete despite the rise of Bluetooth, as they offer direct, low-latency access to public, ADA-compliant audio systems. They are often considered essential for accessing hearing assistive technology in public spaces.