

**Sir Branch 146****Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes****Date: September 11, 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 <sup>st</sup> Term	Mike Davidson	X
Director 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	Jim Crites	X
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Mark Curtis	X
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Randy Graham	
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	John Alexander	X
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Don Rhoades	

**Other Attendees:**

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

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

9:30 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 Don Shaw
  - a) Minutes from Thursday August 14,, 2025

The call for comments on the Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2025, resulted in no additions or deletions. Upon motion by Don Shaw, seconded by John Rexroat, BEC unanimously approved the Minutes as submitted.

- b) Critical items from Schedule of Branch Operations

Election of 2026 officers and nomination of area representative postponed to October BEC and luncheon, pending more complete roster of nominees.

On-line Form 20 Branch Roster due August 31 postponed pending election of officers and directors.

Form 28 to be sent by 10 days after the end of each month. Mike Rothman confirmed compliance.

2. Branch Treasurer-
  - a) Form 28 – review and motion for approval

Upon motion by Mike Rothman, seconded by Don Shaw, BEC unanimously approved Form 28 as presented and attached to these Minutes.

b) Treasurer's Report – for information. The Treasurer's Report is attached to these Minutes. Treasurer reported that we will continue to facilitate luncheon payments using Zelle.

- c) 2026 Budget Discussion including what dues will be.

Treasurer presented and moved approval of (with a second from Don Shaw) a proposed budget, attached, including 4 recommendations relating to dues (keep at \$35), lunch price (raise to \$37, keep \$1 subsidy), solicitation of voluntary donations to Branch 146 (continue as in prior years), and recruiting (fund \$2,500 recruiting budget, with a plan for expenditures to be approved later). BEC unanimously approved the budget and all recommendations as submitted, while acknowledging that BEC might revisit the recommendation for lunch at a future time when lunch cost to be charged by Boundary Oak has been determined.

3. Membership Chair – George Mon

a) Form 27 - review and motion for approval

Upon motion by George Mon, seconded by Don Shaw, Form 27 (Monthly Branch Membership Report), and the Membership Chairman Report for September, copies attached to these Minutes, were unanimously approved.

b) Membership Report – approved along with the Membership Report and attached to these Minutes.

c) Vote to approve any new members

Upon motion by George Mon, seconded by Don Shaw, Andy Ford and Will Stratton were approved as a new members.

## **II Old Business**

A. Update on BEC Positions for next year

There are 3 positions needing to be filled for 2026:

**Big Sir Thom Degnan**

**Little Sir (open)**

**Secretary John Rexroat**

**Assistant Secretary – Mike Davidson**

**Treasurer Mike Ball**

**Assistant Treasurer - Paul Jones**

**Director (3rd Term) Randy Graham**

**Director (2nd Term) Mark Curtis**

**Director (2nd Term) John Alexander**

**Director (2nd Term) Don Rhoads (open)**

**Director (1st Term) Mike Davidson (open)**

**Director (1st Term) Jim Crites**

**Membership - George Mon**

B. Update the group on the scheduled picnic (Friday Sept. 26) and encourage additional sign-ups. - Bruce Borgman

Kinders will cater the picnic, which begins at 10:30, with food service at 11:30. Site is reserved for an estimated 40 to 60 attendees, with 42 current signups.

C. Update the group on the ongoing effort to find someone, or a small committee to take over the coordination of the Couples Dining Out activity. - Bruce Borgman

Bub Lucindo and Al Gusman have volunteered to work on a transition with Bruce, looking for an additional volunteer to step up and to facilitate Bruce stepping back.

### **III New Business**

A. Reimbursement, from the Branch, for the site reservation fee – Mike Rothman

Upon motion by Mike Rothman, seconded by Don Shaw, BEC unanimously authorized and directed the Treasurer to reimburse Bob Wilkenfeld for the actual cost of the site reservation fee.

B. Purchase 2 copies of standalone MS Office (professional plus) sometime around the middle of 2026. Currently, these are purchasable through Groupon for around \$25-40 for the 2024 version – Clint Collierbec

Upon motion by Bob Ford, secoded by Don Shaw, unanimously approved the purchase of 2 copies of standalone MS Office (professional plus) sometime around the middle of 2026 or sooner.

### **IV Other Reports**

A. Ramp Committee

a. Recruiting – Randy Graham - No Report

Discuss proposal to work at Halloween Event

b. Activities and Travel – Glenn Breslin No Report

c. Member Relations – Mike Davidson – The branch history has been updated.

d. Publicity – John Alexander – cards and broshures availale at sign in tables

C. Luncheon Co-Chair Steve Oki – No report

C. Honoree Committee – Walt Busenius - No report

D. Nomination Committee – John Kluesener - No Report

E. SIR Call Editor – Clint Collier - No Report

F. Sunshine Chair – Brian McCarthy See attached

### **V. Little SIR –**

**Thom Degnan**

A. Today's and Future Speakers

Today's speaker is a Captain from the San Francisco Harbor Pilots

In subsequent months we will have, an executive from John Muir, the Executive Director of Save Mt. Diablo, a former Top Gun Pilot. The Devil Mountain Chorus will return in

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

**VI. Big SIR -**

**Bob Ford**

A. Preparation for 2026 budget discussions – 2026 budget was approved.

B. Update on State Meeting

SIR has 79 branches in 14 Areas with a total of approximately 8,000 members. Membership appears to have largely stabilized, with a reduction of just 0.8% last year.

Upon motion by Don Shaw secconded by John Rexroat, the meeting adjourned at 10:10.