



Mt. Diablo Branch 8 – Region 5 - Area 16

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BEC Officers and Directors the 14 in attendance constituted a quorum (8 min.)

Name	Title	Term (Thru)	Present	Absent
Ron Cassano	Big Sir	2021	X	
Steve Schramm	Little Sir	2021	X	
John Meade	Secretary	2021	X	
Dan Kohlman	Assistant Secretary	2023	X	
Dan Smith	Attendance Secretary	2022	X	
Manuel Dominguez	Asst. Attendance Secretary	2022	X	
Dennis Mierzwa	Membership Secretary	2021	X	
Rich Knowles	Asst Membership Secretary	2021	X	
Dan Casella	Treasurer	2021	X	
Mike Loonin	Assistant Treasurer	2021	X	
Phil Scimonelli	Director	2022	X	
Leo Dominguez	Director	2021	X	
Martin Simmons	Director	2023	X	
Ken Main	Director	2022	X	

MEMBER VISITORS AND GUESTS

Dan Weller Branch 8 Member
Tony de Losada Branch 8 Member
Tom Mohrman Branch 8 Member

Derek Southern Branch 8 Member
Chick Lowry Branch 8 Member

New Members

Mark Evanoff MD-144
Rick McGuire MD-176

Sponsor

Jim Regan MD 289
Dave Davis MD-277



Call to Order

Big Sir Ron Cassano called meeting to order at 9:02 AM after a **Quorum** was established.

The February 8, 2021 BEC meeting was held on Zoom due to the coronavirus Pandemic (Covid-19). Attending members were on video-audio, via home computers, lab-tops, cell-phones, tablets, with good connections for the meeting.

1. Officer Reports

1.1 Secretary Report –(John Meade)

1. The February 8, 2021 BEC minutes **Motion by John Meade to approve minutes, Dan Kohlman seconded, approved.**
2. The February 25, 2021 BEC minutes **Motion by Dan Smith to approve minutes, Rich Knowles seconded, approved.**

1.2 Big Sir Report (Ron Cassano)

1. Ron welcomed the BEC members and guests to the meeting on Zoom.
2. The Sunshine committee: Chmn Larry Mersmann resigned.
3. A new Committee on Restarting in-person luncheons has been formed, with Dan Smith as Chmn. Need to get members involved in this. Gatherings are currently limited to (3) households.
4. Ron Cassano thanked John Meade for his service as Secretary for past year. His resignation is effective April 1. **Motion by Ron Cassano to approve, effective 4/1/2021, appointing Dan Kohlman, Sec., and Phil Sciminelli, Ass't Sec., Steve Schramm seconded, approved.**
5. Two new members are up for approval: **Mark Evanoff** (Jim Regan Sponsor) and **Rick McGuire** (Dave Davis, sponsor): **Motion by Dennis Mierzwa to approve, John Meade seconded, approved..**



1.3 Little Sir Report (Steve Schramm)

1. The speaker for Feb, Scott Williams, a world class hiker; generated a lot of positive feedback.
2. Today's speaker is Jim Knowlton, University of California Athletic Director:
3. The **April** speaker: Contra Costa Health Dept. has promised a speaker to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine, but yet to be announced. As a back-up, Guy Bjerke, Concord-Redevelopment Director for the Port Chicago Conversion Site, is available.
4. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for a new Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. Please contact Steve Schramm.
5. Recruiting: Have developed and placed info about SIR on the internet via "Patch" for Pleasant Hill, Concord, and Walnut Creek. There is a link to "newcomers" in the community as well.

1.4 Membership Secretary Report (Dennis Mierzwa)

1. Form 27 Monthly Membership Report- The statistics were discussed, with membership at 289 through February. **Form 27: motion by Dennis Mierza to accept, Ken Main seconded, approved**
2. There are 12 members yet to pay dues, but there are still dues coming in. It is premature to finalize the 2021 roster. Last year's cost to produce the hard copy was about \$1,000, FYI.
3. Roster Recommendation: At this time, it may be best to issue a final roster, and there is an option to issue the current roster as an email with an excel file or a PDF. Most members can print it as needed. Only about 62% of members open up the SIR e-mails sent to them, FYI. A team was formed to evaluate the creation of a secure Online Roster for the SIR Branch 8 Website. The team members include Rich Knowles, Derek Southern, and Dan Weller. This group will make their



recommendations to the BEC.

1.5 Treasurer Report (Dan Casella)

1. Dan presented Treasurer's Report through February with a balance of \$23,599.41. **Treasurers Report Form 28:motion by Dan Casella to accept, John Meade seconded, approved**
2. The dues have been received from 270 members,6 waived, with 14 outstanding. (1-paid, but deceased). Members who do not renew will be contacted later in 2021.

1.6 Attendance Secretary Report (Dan Smith)

1. The February Membership attendance for the ZOOM meeting was about 111 members. The meetings have seen about 100+ in attendance.
2. It was recommended that since we don't have luncheons, that the Attendance Report, and Delinquency reports be temporarily suspended:: **motion by Steve Schramm to accept, Ron Cassano seconded, approved.**

2.0 Committee Reports

2.1 Recruiting Coordinator (Steve Schramm)

1. The report was provided under Little Sir.

2.2 Activities Coordinator (Chick Lowry)

1. The "New Activity" **Sir in the Garden**, with Tom Mohrman, Chmn, Tony de Losada, Ass't Chmn. was discussed. This is at Heather Farms, Walnut Creek. **Motion by Phil Scimonelli to approve, Leo Dominguez seconded, approved.**
2. The activities count is 58 activities, 38 coed activities , 3 special events for



Branch 8. There are 12 activities via Zoom, 27 activities on “hold.”

2.3 Member Relations Committee (Dennis Mierzwa)

1. There have been 100 members attending some of the Zoom meetings.

2.4 Publicity and Images (Tony de Losada)

1. Tom Mohrman has accepted to be the new Chairman, but will be gone to NY in April. Tony is getting medical attention in June..

2.5 Hotline

1. No report.

2.6 Systems Support Team (Dan Weller)

1. The Team is providing efforts for fixes for activity updates. Class planned for Activity Chairmen for updating their activities.

2.7 New Business

1. (None)

2.8 Final Remarks (Ron Cassano)

1. Ron says **THANKS!** to the BEC members for the help and support!

2.9 Close and Adjourn

Big Sir Ron Cassano adjourned the meeting. The next regular BEC meeting will be on **April 12, 2020 @ 9:00 AM**

Respectfully submitted

John Meade, Secretary, Branch 8

