

**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
SIR BRANCH 125
MAY 21, 2024**

Listed below are the Branch 125 Officers and Directors. Those present are listed in **bold**.

Bill Ries	Big Sir	Dennis Carelli	Director
Bill Hubka	Little Sir	Ron Handley	Director
Pat Boudreau	Secretary	Terry Eto	Director
Terry Drobay	Asst. Secretary	Bob McCord	Director
Frank Gire	Treasurer	Dan Matya	Director
Dave Gord	Asst. Treasurer	John Roberts	Director
Roger Danielson, Larry Peck, Gene Pevyak		BEC Advisors	

BEC meetings occur regularly on the third Tuesday of each month except July (Branch BBQ for members and significant others) and December (Christmas party for members and significant others). The meeting was announced by Bill Ries via email. There were 28 SIRs present at this regular BEC meeting. In addition to the above, the following members attended the meeting: George Bassi, Ray Gilcrest, Jerry Davis, John Feemster, John Figini, James Fouse, Daryl Jones, Alan Patmore, Paul Piligian, Ken Rose, Myron Sabes, Paul Schwabe, Chuck Waggoner, Lloyd Walker.

Call to Order: Bill Ries

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

Quorum and Minutes: Pat Boudreau

A quorum being present was confirmed. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Gire

May	Beginning balance	\$1286.40
	Ending balance	\$1073.40

The lower balance is due to the State's Assessment Fees on our members.

Big Sir Report: Bill Ries

Our picnic is all organized and much thanks to Gene and all of the volunteers helping to organize it. There are 90 openings and the tickets are \$35/ticket. We will be selling tickets today and at next month's meeting.

Bill said he had received a survey from the State to all our branches asking why they believed attendance was dropping. Asked us for comments. The following reasons were expressed:

1. We have fewer members. Some guys are moving away. Some have died. Some are now caregivers. Lunch choices not to their liking.
2. Some of our members now live in retirement centers and have great activities there so don't attend our luncheons.

3. Because of new ways to socialize, such as Zoom, some members prefer that avenue of interaction.

Myron said that the roster information seemed to have been well received. If anybody has issues, please contact him directly. He is trying to organize a photography trip at Shoreline. Will have more on that at our next meeting.

Little Sir Report: Bill Hubka

Bill will announce anniversaries and birthdays at our meeting.

Old Business:

The Award and Nominating Committees have been appointed. Will give an update at a later date.

New Business:

Membership Report: Larry Peck

Active members 114 with none on the waiting list.

Attendance Report: George Bassi and Ken Rose

Gave the restaurant 85 for today.

Sunshine Report: Lloyd Walker for Gary Schrader

Lloyd reiterated to please make him aware of any events that required him sending cards.

Bocce Ball: Grant Beech

Grant was not in attendance today but Larry said still very good with between 11-13 persons attending each session.

Programs Report: Gene Plevyak

Gene said all speakers have been approved through October. Our next speaker will be Dr. Jim Spohrer who will talk about AI.

Bulletin: Michael Cronk

No report.

Travel: Alan Patmore

No report.

Golf Committee: Jerry Davis

The Mountain Trip was very successful, still working on the fall schedule. Depending on when dates are established, they could conflict with our monthly meeting. Some members expressed concern that our focus seems more on golf than on the Branch itself. Jerry said he would be working with the Committee to see if they could avoid that conflict. Will report at our next