

SONS IN RETIREMENT  
SONORA Branch 136  
Branch Executive Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2013 Minutes

**In Attendance:**

**BEC Board Members:** Past Big SIR Baci Frecceri, Little Sir Phil Van Swoll, Secretary John Bristow, Treasurer Frank Taylor, and Assistant Treasurer Blair Abbot. **Directors:** Herman Eaton, Keith Kofoed, Dale Decker, and Bert Maxwell.

**Committee Chairman:** Attendance/Membership Jim Johnson, Bowling Bert Albreo, Bulletin/Website Jerry Bellefeuille, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Golf Jeff Phillips, Luncheon (Temp) Rick Bacon, RV Travel Bill Lobdell, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen and Pinochle Bob Morrison.

**Past Big SIRs:** Dusty Rhodes, Al Limon and Wil Reich.

**Area 27 Governor:** Ed Nissen

Past Big SIR Baci Frecceri called the meeting to order at 10:03am. A quorum was present.

**Secretary** - Past Secretary John Bristow presented the minutes, which were previously distributed to the BEC, of the December 11, 2012 BEC Meeting. No changes were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Kofoed and seconded by Herman Eaton. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurers Report for December, 2012 which showed a monthly ending checking balance of \$1,384.76 and \$200.00 cash on hand. A detailed account of the 2012 Christmas Luncheon collections and expenditures was presented. The agreement with Mother Lode Answering Services for the “call-in line” is up for renewal for 2013. The cost for the service is \$8.95/month. A motion to approve the two Treasurers Reports and the Agreement with Mother Lode Answering Services was made by Herman Eaton and seconded by Keith Kofoed. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Little SIR** – Little SIR Elect John Bristow reported he had completed discussions with Dino, the current monthly luncheon meeting caterer, for the 2013. The menu and current price of \$10.00/meal charge for the regular meeting months will not change for 2013. The members will continue to pay \$12.00/meal, except for the Ladies Day and Christmas Luncheons. John suggested the Branch enter into the agreement as presented for 2013. The catering agreement was approved by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership** – Jim Johnson, Attendance/Membership Chairman, reported there are seven new members ready for installation at the luncheon meeting and one member requested to be dropped from membership because he moved out of town. The current membership stands at 226-active and 9-inactive members.

**Bulletin/Website** – Jerry Bellefeuille, Bulletin/Website Chairman, stated the Branch 136 Website is up and running. A current membership roster is maintained on the website. Any Branch 136 member can access the website. Jerry has provided Al Limon an updated list of members and necessary member information to publish the new Branch 136 Membership Directory. Al Limon stated the New Branch 136 Membership Directories will be back from the printers by the February meeting. He ordered 275 copies. Jerry also indicated he needs a little more room for the monthly bulletin and requested those turning in reports to save space, if possible.

**Bowling** – Bert Abreo reported the bowling league has started on Mondays and could use more bowlers.

**Travel** – Will Reich reported the local SIR branches have already booked 160-cabins for the Alaska cruise. A representative from Sonoma Travel will be the speaker at the February Luncheon meeting. She will be speaking about the status/strength of the travel industry and will be meeting with those that have signed up for the Alaska after the regular luncheon meeting. April 12 is the date for the trip to the horse races with more information to follow.

**RV Travel** - Bill Lobdell stated the RV Group has added an outing in March to Jackson Rancheria to the 2013 outing list.

**Golf** – Jeff Phillips reported the 2013 tournament schedule is posted on the Branch 136 Website and they have been averaging 22 to 26 players participate in the monthly golf activities.

**SIR Merchandise** – Cecil Stern reported he has received a new crop of hats, shirts etc.

**Luncheon** – It was reported that Noah Webster, Luncheon Chairman, has moved to the San Diego area and has asked Rich Bacon to temporarily assume the duties of Luncheon Chairman until Phil can appoint a permanent replacement.

**Pinochle** – Bob Morrison stated they are averaging 10 to 12 players attending each of the card events.

**New Business:**

Al Limon reported Area 27 Governor Ed Nissan will install the new 2013 Officers of Big SIR, Little SIR, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasure at today's luncheon meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:42am**

Minutes prepared by Jim Johnson