

SONS IN RETIREMENT  
SONORA Branch 136  
Branch Executive Committee Meeting  
May 14, 2013 Minutes

**In Attendance:**

**BEC Board Members:** Big Sir Phil Van Swoll, Little SIR John Bristow, Secretary Jim Johnson, Asst. Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Frank Taylor, and Assistant Treasurer Blair Abbot. **Directors:** Jerry Erath, Keith Kofoed, and Dale Decker.

**Committee Chairman:** Attendance/Membership Dale Decker, Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin/Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Fishing Jim Nuzum, Golf Jeff Phillips, Travel Will Reich, and Pinochle Bob Morrison.

**Past Big SIRs:** Dusty Rhodes, Jim Nuzum, Bill Dunlevy, Will Reich, and Baci Frecceri.

Big SIR Phil Van Swoll called the meeting to order at 10:37am. A quorum was present.

**Secretary** - Secretary Jim Johnson presented the minutes, which were previously distributed to the BEC, of the April 9, 2013 BEC Meeting. No changes were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Kofoed and seconded by Jerry Erath. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurers Report for April, 2013 which showed a monthly ending checking balance of \$6,083.80 and \$200.00 cash on hand. Frank reported the second quarter SIR State Pro-Rata Assessment was paid in the amount of \$228.00. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Blair Abbot. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Little SIR** – Little SIR John Bristow reported there will be 158 attending the May Ladies Day Luncheon. He also reported the August 13, 2013 Picnic will be held at the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park.

**Attendance/Membership** – Attendance/Membership Chairman Dale Decker, presented the May Attendance/Membership Report. There are two applicants proposed for membership: James Schr (Sponsor – Michael #057) and Dan Cassaro (Sponsor – Tom Newell #109). One member, John Marrs #041, requested to be dropped from membership and one member, Otto Bertel #015, requested to be moved to inactive status due to health issues. The current membership stands at 231-active and 10-inactive members. A motion was made by Jim Johnson and seconded by Jerry Erath to approve the Attendance/Membership Report and the two applicants for membership. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Bulletin/Internet** – Jerry Bellefeuille, Bulletin/Internet Chairman, stated the articles for the June News Letter need to be received by May 28.

**Bowling** – Bert Abreo reported the Bowling League is over for the season, but there will be a tournament in August.

**Travel** – Wil Reich reported that 38-attended the horse races in April and a good time was had by all. He also reported there were 25-couples from the three Mother Lode Branches going on the Alaska Cruise in September and the final payment is due May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Wil also reported Rick Lundin #077 will be the new Branch 136 Travel Chairman starting in August, 2013.

**RV Travel** – No Report

**Golf** – Jeff Phillips reported, there are 21-golfers signed up for the Branch 136 Golfing Group 2013 Golf Tournament at the Carson Valley Inn and Genoa Lakes Golf Course, Minden on June 2 through June 5, 2013.

Jeff also reported Danny Laureta #036 will be the new Branch 136 Golf Chairman beginning January 1, 2014.

**Fishing** – No Report

**Internet** – No Report

**SIR Merchandise** – No Report

**Pinochle** – Bob Morrison reported thirteen players participated in April.

**Bridge** – No Report

**New Business:**

Big SIR Phil Van Swoll reported he had received a letter from Richard Dettmer, SIR State President informing the Branch's, among other issues, that effective July 1, 2013, the quarterly branch assessment will be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per SIR. Also effective July 1, 2013, HLMs will no longer be excluded from branch assessments. After a discussion, the BEC directed Secretary Jim Johnson to write a letter for the Big SIR to sign requesting justification and the rational of raising the branch assessments while the State SIR assets were \$94,000 for April, 2013. Also, to request clarification on raising the quarterly assessments by 20% without changing the State By-Laws to allow the branches to raise additional funds.

Dale Decker proposed the Branch 136 Member that sponsors a new member be given a complimentary lunch for the monthly meeting of the new member's installation. The motion was made by Dale Decker and seconded by Jerry Erath to approve the motion. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:20am**

Minutes prepared by Secretary Jim Johnson  
June 11, 2013

