



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting April 14, 2015 Minutes

### In Attendance:

**BEC Board Members:** Big Sir Jim Johnson, Little Sir Dale Decker, Treasurer Frank Talyor, Asst. Treasurer Eddie Toews, Asst. Secretary Angelo Costanza

**Not present:** Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille

**Directors:** Mariano Garces, Dick Aberle

**Not Present:** Rex Page, Ray Bailey, Jake Parsons, Danny Laureta

**Committee Chairmen:** HLM Al Limon, Bowling Bert Abreo, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Asst. Chaplin Bill Dunlavy, Fishing Jim Nuzum, RV Travel and Bulletin Jim Botto, Membership Angelo Costanza, House Jerry Erath, Senior Member Awards John Bristow

**Not Present:** Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Travel Rich Lundin, Photographer Steve Belochi, Golf Danny Laureta, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison

**Past Big SIRs:** Al Limon, Jim Nuzum, Bill Dunlavy, John Bristow, Phil VanSwoll

**Area Governor:** Not Present

**Visitors:** Bert Maxwell

**Big Sir** Jim Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

A roll call of officers and directors was made. A Quorum was present.

Big Sir Jim Johnson discussed an issue involving perspective Directors nominations. He suggested that before any names are decided on for nomination their attendance should be considered. If they do not have good attendance they should not be considered Also once a list is made the prospective directors should be asked if they are willing to be a chairperson of an activity group. If they are not interested in a chairperson or committee position then they should not be considered for a Director nomination. Directors should also be required to be computer literate and have email.

Big Sir Jim Johnson brought up that we lost 2 charter members recently, Dusty Rhodes and Baci Frecerri. Jim asked the board if we should retire their 2 badge numbers, #50 and #120 in their honor. The vote on the matter was unanimous in favor.

**Little Sir** Dale Decker reported that we have sold 124 Ladies Day tickets and there are 68 remaining. Ticket sales are expected to be considerable today.

Dale reported that our guest speaker for today will be Jeff Jardine, a columnist for the Modesto Bee.

Dale put together a packet for the BBQ in August. BBQ ribs are on the menu. Kids 12 and under are free and will get hot dogs and ice cream. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Dale also presented a budget for the BBQ. A motion was asked for to set the price of tickets at \$12 and kids 12 and under are free. The motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Dick Aberle. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza asked for approval of the March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 BEC meeting minutes. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Mariano Garces to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** –Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report for March which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$8981.77 and cash on hand of \$200. Frank said only 5 members had yet to pay their dues. It was brought up that the bowlers had no treasury of their own. They use the branch treasury for their funds. It was also brought up by Jim Johnson that Russ Salazar our District Director will be at the Ladies Day Luncheon and he is the vice chairperson for the State SIR Bowling League. Bert Abreo was made aware of this. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Dale Decker and seconded by Angelo Costanza. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership** - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza presented the March report, which was previously distributed to the BEC. Angelo reported that Bob Thomas will have knee surgery and will be away for 4 to 5 months. Angelo asked if we should make him inactive. It was suggested that we make Bob inactive. Angelo also reported that we are losing 4 members due to resignation, they are Steve Happel, Phil Hubbs, Guido Mandoli and Bill Moeckel. Bob Ferraro was placed on the inactive list due to medical issues. Angelo reported that our active membership stands at 214 as of today. 4 new member applications have been received from Krag Brotby, Jim Lee, Tony Mallard and Joe Zertuche.

A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Eddie Toews to approve the Attendance & Membership Report, including the applications of the 4 new members. The motion was passed by the BEC. 1 of the new members approved will be installed today so they don't have to wait until June. His name is Tony Mallard. Also Manny Brager will be installed today, who was previously approved by the BEC.

**Bulletin** - Jim Botto reported that we mailed 81 bulletins for April. Jim wants reports in by April 30<sup>th</sup> for the May bulletin.

## **Activity Reports:**

**Senior Member Awards** -John Bristow reported that we will present a President's Award today.

**Bowling** - Bert Abreo reported that the Sonora SIRS bowling league finished yesterday. The Team Misfits won the league championship. The league will resume around Labor Day. Sonora SIR is the host for the 2015 State Tournament at Black Oak Lanes on May 4,5 &6. Sonora SIRS Branch 136 is also hosting a tournament on July 26, 27 & 28, and is open to all SIR members and their guests. It was also brought up that Black Oak Casino gives the bowlers a 10% discount. Ways to get a bigger discount were discussed including emailing Ron Patel.

Jim Johnson stated the he and Bert Abreo will attend the meetings of the other 2 local SIR groups and pitch our bowling group.

**Chaplin** - Chaplin Paul Bullman reported that he has 3 names of sick members. Charles Cook has A-fib and is in the ICU at the hospital. Bob Ferraro has had a stroke and is recovering in Avalon. Jack and Rosie Walls adult daughter Lisa has passed away.

**Fishing** - Jim Nuzum reported that Bert Kronnick is the overall chairman of all the fishing groups. Jim and Bert are trying to arrange a fishing trip to the delta sometime in May to fish for stripers. Jim needs to know how many people are interested for planning purposes. Jim Johnson will make an announcement during the meeting concerning the fishing trip.

**House-** Jerry Erath reported that we are ready for lunch.

**Luncheon Drawing-** We will have a drawing today. Jim Johnson forgot our new spinner. We made \$72 on the drawing last month.

**RV Travel** - Jim Botto reported that 17 rigs went to Jackson Rancheria. They had corned beef and cabbage. In April they will go to Pismo Beach for 4 nights, April 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be 12 rigs or more for this outing. A member of the Marin SIR branch will join them. In May the RV group will go to Mariposa.

Big SIR Jim Johnson asked the board to approve a motion to not have a BEC meeting in May due to the Ladies Day Luncheon unless we need to meet briefly before the luncheon to review and approve new member applications. Mariano Garces made the motion and Angelo Costanza seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**New Business-** Frank Taylor suggested that Past Big Sir John Bristow be removed as someone who could sign branch checks. Now Jim Johnson, Frank Taylor, and Dale Decker can sign checks. Frank Taylor suggested that Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews be added to the list of approved signers. Frank asked for motion to approve removing John Bristow and listing Jim Johnson, Dale Decker, Frank Taylor and Eddie Toews as approved check signers. Mariano Garces made the motion and Angelo Costanza seconded it. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.**

Minutes prepared by Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza and  
Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

Copy to: Russ Salazar, Regional Director  
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