



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting April 12, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Dale Decker, Little SIR Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Not Present: None

Directors: Jim Botto, Dick Aberle, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell, and Jeff Phillips

Not Present: Monty Youngborg, Rex Page

Committee Chairmen: Membership Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Luncheon Rick Bacon, House Jerry Erath, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson,.

Not Present: Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Golf Paul Padavana, Public Relations Ray Bailey, Theater Monty Youngborg, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen.

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon, Phil VanSwoll, and Bill Dunlavy, Jim Johnson

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille took roll call and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Big SIR- Dale Decker reported that he has started a new classified ad section in our bulletin. This will be for members only. Ads will be for one month only, if the member would like to run the ad another month they must resubmit the ad for each month they would like it to run. See his Big Sir Notes in the April Bulletin for very specific

requirements and a SIR, Inc./Branch disclaimer.

The Home and Garden Show was a great success thanks to Rex Page. He got us into an indoor booth at no cost for a big savings. Several members helped man the booth.

Little SIR – Danny Laureta reported that the Ladies Day Luncheon has sold 100 tickets sold so far and he expects to sell at least another 85 tickets today. We will have 3 bartenders for the event. We will have shrimp cocktails as well as bar snacks.

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Dick Chimenti from Branch 172. He will speak to us about matters related to computers.

Danny sent out a cost analysis for the picnic for BEC review. Danny is suggesting that we do not use live music and instead use recorded music, which would save us money. Indigeny will be serving their drinks for sale. Indigeny will have tours of their facility before and after we eat, max of 40 for each tour, which will include tasting of their products. There was a question of whether we would or could serve beer, wine and Bloody Marys. Danny will check into it to see if it can be done. Ron Long will bring the BBQ. There will be plenty of parking so car-pooling will not be necessary.

It was suggested that the dance floor at the Ladies Day Luncheon be in the middle with tables on both sides. It was decided that this was the best idea.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the March 8, 2016 BEC Minutes for approval. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews reported that we had an ending balance for March of \$7510.47 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Report – Bill Lobdell reported that we have 2 new applicants that have been submitted for approval. They are Jim Rodriguez and Ernest Trutner. We had 2 members resign, James Rucker and Frank Kilpatrick. We now have 208 active members. A motion to approve the membership report and the new members was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Dale Decker reported that our year-end membership goal is 223 members and we now have 208 members (2 resigned but we will be installing 2 new members today). This means we are currently down by 15 members from our goal. However, the upcoming Home & Garden show that we will be participating in with Branches 77 & 172 should help us obtain some new members.

We have 4 members who we have not been able to contact regarding paying their 2016 dues. Several members volunteered to contact these members regarding paying their dues.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS Membership Growth - Rex Page is on vacation and did not report.

Member Relations - Paul Squeri reported that he is working with Jeff Phillips to put together a database of member interests. He is also looking for photos to showcase our activity groups.

Activities - Jeff Phillips reported that he is looking for feedback from wives at the Ladies' Day Luncheon on future activities.

Public Relations - Ray Bailey was not at the meeting but Dale Decker reported for him that the Chamber of Commerce wants \$130 per year to join them. Dale said that this is too much for us to spend.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto asked about the classified ads. Dale said he would put it all together and send one page for the bulletin. Jim asked Dale to try and shorten his future Big SIR reports.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS Bowling - Bert Abreo reported that the No Excuses team won the branch bowling league. Included on the team are Dale Decker, Tom Newell, Knute Klienen and Frank Myers. The State Tournament will be May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the Fremont Cloverleaf Bowl.

Bert is working on a coed bowling event.

House - Jerry Erath reported that they are ready to roll.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille that there is no news to report.

Luncheon Drawing – Bill Dunlavy reported that we will have a drawing today.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 12 players last month for Pinochle.

Propane – Marty Martin had nothing new to report.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen reported that they will go to Sacramento on Sunday the 17th through Thursday the 21st. A visit to IKEA is planned.

SIR Merchandise – Frank Taylor reported that he had ordered items from Cecil to distribute to 4 members.

Old Business

Phil VanSwoll reported that he will be the nominee for Assistant Secretary. A motion was made to by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jeff Phillips to accept Phil VanSwoll as the new Assistant Secretary. The motion was passed by the BEC

New Business

A vote was held to not have a BEC meeting in May due to the Ladies' Day Luncheon. Jim Botto made the motion not to have a meeting and Paul Squeri seconded it. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Phil VanSwoll announced that they would have a slate of officers and Area Governor from the nominating committee to be announced at the August BBQ. They will be voted on at our September meeting.

Chuck Simons will announce at the meeting today that on the 3rd Thursday of each month there will be a fishing event. The first event is May 19th at New Melones. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Bill Lobdell to approve the fishing schedule. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny Laureta said he would check our insurance for the BBQ in August at Indigeny.

Next BEC Meeting – June 14, 2016 10:00am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on April 19th 2016.