



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting April 9, 2019 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Jim Botto, Little SIR Gene Zanoni, Secretary Bill Burnes, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge .

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle .

Directors: Larry Matteson, Steve Huff and Marty Martin.

Not Present: Bill Guenza, John Moyer, and Serge Paluso.

Committee Chairmen: Membership George Cocores, Bulletin Steve Huff, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane Marty Martin, Bocce Jerry Stefan.

Not Present: Activities, Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, Fishing Chuck Simons, Golf, Paul Padvana, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Roger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Niederer, Photographer Steve Belochi, Media Exchange Sol Robins, Poker George Parsons, RV Travel Eddie Toews and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Past Big SIRs: Phil Van Swoll, Jim Johnson, and Dale Decker.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Big SIR Jim Botto called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Larry Matteson wanted to add getting a chip reader for members to pay for lunches, and Eddie Toews wants to add a vote on the RV schedule to the agenda.

Secretary Bill Burnes took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – Bill Burnes asked if there were any corrections to the March 2019 minutes. There was a correction to correct the spelling of a word in the RV Travel report. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Larry Matteson. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the March Treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for March of \$16,777.85 and \$250 cash on hand. He said he can now use reference to "raffle" in his reports. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Gene Zanoni. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Jim Botto informed the board that Steve Aldridge has agreed to be chairman of the RAMP Committee. The other members are Larry Matteson, Bill Lobdell, Phil Baylis, and Bill Guenza. Steve, Jim, Dale Decker and RAMP committee members met on March 26 to establish 2019 goals. Each RAMP member will have specific responsibilities and will develop a game plan to help grow our membership. The committee will meet after each BEC meeting. The Home and Garden Show is scheduled for April 13 – 14 at the Fairgrounds. Jim will have a signup sheet for volunteers at this event as well as the Friends and Neighbors Show on May 23. Jim reported that he sent out the propane rules last month. The next step is to find out who is on the propane program but is not attending meetings and what to do about it. Jim wants every member to carry a "What We Do" card and would like to give out a \$5 bill to the first 15 or 20 members carrying this card.. This has already been approved by the BEC, so no vote was needed.

Little SIR – Gene reported that there have been 63 ticket sales so far for the Ladies' Luncheon, and he passed out a revised budget which reflected a price of \$25 per ticket and a projected loss of \$369.50. Our guest speaker this month is Melissa Raby from Columbia College who will fill in for Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, President of Columbia College. We will install two new members this month: Robert Schuman and Denis Morrison. A third new member, Robert Stevenson is having medical issues, and will be installed next month. Gene only got back 12 Activities to Consider last month, so he is going to pass them out at today's lunch with pencils in hope of getting more replies.

Attendance/Membership Report George Cocores presented the March membership report. He reported that we ended last month with 221 members. Eddie Toews made a motion accept the report. It was seconded by Marty Martin and passed by the BEC. Eddie reported that one member (Bill Bonde) has not paid. Jim Johnson said to send him a letter telling him he will be dropped in the June meeting if he doesn't pay by then.

George reported that he sends out new member applications to the BEC for their review, and then the prospective new members are voted on at the BEC meeting. The BEC also voted to move Roland Canfield from Inactive to Active, since the Inactive category of members has been terminated.

Form 27 Report- Jim Botto reported that we expect attrition of 24 members, our average, for 2019. Our year end goal is 228 members. Jim Botto said we have a membership problem and discussed things to do with new members at the lunch meeting.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman - Steve Aldridge said his committee will meet after BEC meetings, and will stay in close contact during the year.

Recruitment – No report.

Membership Growth – No report.

Activities – No report.

Publicity - No report.

Bulletin Report – Steve Huff reported that we have a new logo. The BEC approved use of the new logo. A new directory with an orange cover is out and will be handed out today. It was printed by the UPS store, which is owned by Lloyd Boldemann, one of our members.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling –Steve Huff presented the bowling schedule. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Larry Matteson and passed by the BEC.

Bocce Ball – Jerry Stefan discussed getting members’ interest in bocce ball. Jim Botto wants to emphasize bocce ball as a new activity.

Car Club- No report.

Chaplain- No report.

Internet -No report.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 12 players in March.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews reported that the RV group went to the Jackson Rancheria last month. The 2019 RV schedule was passed by the BEC. The motion was made by Marty Martin and seconded by Bill Burnes.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll had no updates.

Old Business – Jim Botto has emailed and snail mailed Propane Rules and Procedures, and believes all propane members have received the letters. There will be extra copies at the meeting.

A motion was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Steve Huff to establish the same attendance standard for non-propane members: 4 luncheons in a rolling 12 months. Our 3 special events don't count. Relief can be made for long term illness, living part time out of the area and family situations. These members need to present their situation that prevents attendance to the BEC for consideration and approval. The motion was passed by the BEC. Therefore, the same rule now applies to all Branch 136 members.

New Business – The Home and Garden Show is coming up on April 13 & 14 and the Senior Expo (formerly The Friends and Neighbors Expo) on May 23. Volunteers are still needed, and sign up sheets will be made available at the lunch meeting. The BEC approved our involvement in both events. This vote had a motion by Eddie Toews and seconded by Bill Burnes. Consideration of a chip reader was put off to a future meeting.

George Cocores was installed as a director by Dale Decker.

Next BEC Meeting – There will be no BEC meeting in May due to the Ladies' Luncheon. This motion was made by Eddie Toews, seconded by Steve Aldridge and passed by the BEC.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Bill Burnes
April 22, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.