



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting April 12, 2022 Minutes
In person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Phil VanSwoll, Little SIR Gene Bettencourt, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Jim Botto, Rex Page, George Cocores, and Marty Martin.

Not Present: Stan Enos and Rick Bronner.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Kayaking Sol Robin, Membership George Cocores, Propane Marty Martin, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Car Club Rick Bronner, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, Dale Decker, Paul Squeri and Jim Botto.

Region 2 Director Dale Decker

Area 5 Governor: Paul Squeri.

Big SIR Phil VanSwoll called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Eddie Toews wanted an addition to the agenda to consider his request for more outings for the RV Club. The amended agenda was approved.

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

Secretary's Report – The minutes of March 8, 2022 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the March 2022 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending checking account balance for March 2022 of \$18,078.66 and \$300.00 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts during March of \$1,043.00 and disbursements of \$413.21. There were Custodial Fund receipts of \$2,258.00 and Custodial Fund disbursements of \$1,175.00. The report was accepted as presented. He read off the names of members who have not yet paid their dues, and asked BEC members to contact any of these individuals that they know.

Expenditures:

1. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by George Cocores to have Branch 136 pay for the lunch for the State President and his wife who will attend the Ladies Lunch in May. Also to pay for roses for his wife.
2. A motion was made by Marty Martin and seconded by George Cocores to purchase a wireless microphone for \$135.
3. A motion was made by Jim Botto and seconded by George Cocores to bring back the free birthday lunch by returning the \$19 he had paid for lunch.
4. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Bill Burnes to have Branch 136 donate \$500 to the SIRS Foundation.
5. A motion was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Marty Martin to spend \$150 for flowers for the Ladies Lunch.
6. A motion was made by Gene Bettencourt and seconded by Eddie Toews to spend up to an additional \$150 for the Ladies Lunch. The Ladies Lunch committee will decide what to spend the money on.

All of these motions were approved by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Reports – George Cocores presented a Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report for February. We started March with 166 members, added 2 new members, and lost 3 members. We ended March with 165 members. The report was approved. There is a discrepancy of one member between this report and Form 27. This will be checked out and straightened out.

Big SIR Report – Phil VanSwoll acknowledged the passing on March 27 of John Bristow, a former Big SIR. There will be a celebration of his life on May 14 from 1PM to 3PM at the Church of the 49ers. If you plan to attend, bring an appetizer or dessert.

Little SIR Report – Gene Bettencourt stated that there will be information at the lunch tables today about Katy Peacock and Interfaith. He will also have information on the tables about possible travels. He would like to have a list of people who are willing to volunteer when called for something. He will make such a request at the lunch meeting.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities Director – No report

Membership Relations & Growth – No report.

Publicity and Image- No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS – Sol Robin stated that kayaking is starting up again in May.

Old Business – Phil VanSwoll stated that Branch 77 has the SIRS booth at the Home and Garden Show nearly fully staffed. They might need a little help on Sunday April 24.

New Business – Dale Decker has been nominated for State Vice President. A motion was made by Gene Bettencourt and seconded by Eddie Toews to nominate Paul Squeri for Region 2 Director to replace Dale. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie Toews presented his request for re-starting of the Branch 136 RV activity. Planned outings are Oct 16 – 20 to Casa de Fruta RV Park in Hollister, CA and a Christmas dinner at The Peppery Bar and Grill in December, date to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Next BEC meeting – June 14, 2022 at 10 am at the Elks Lodge.

Bill Burnes
April 21, 2022