



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting August 11, 2020 Minutes Virtual Meeting using Zoom

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle and Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Chris Methot and George Cocores.

Not Present: Phil Baylis, Tom Neiderer, Bill Guenza and Marty Martin

Committee Chairmen: Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Activities Director Bill Lobdell, Bulletin John White, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker and Paul Squeri.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the June 2020 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for June 2020 of \$15,365.34 and

\$250 cash on hand. There were no transactions during June. He also presented the July Treasurer's Report. We ended July with a checking account balance of \$14,989.92 and \$250 cash on hand. The June and July reports were approved as presented.

Secretary's Report – There were three changes to the June 17, 2020 minutes. First, Paul Squeri was in attendance. Second, the luncheon speaker (Sean Burke of Franklin Templeton by Zoom) was announced by Gene Zanoni, Big Sir, and not by Paul Padavana, Little Sir. Third, George Parsons was listed as not present, but should not have been, because it was reported last February that he terminated his membership in SIRS. There were no changes to the July 17 minutes. The reports were approved as presented.

Big SIR- Gene Zanoni said four items will not continue to be presented in our bulletin. They have now been removed in order to not lose readership interest. They are: "I'm Doing My Part," "Member Survey," "Join SIR" recruitment flyer and "Annual Home and Garden Show" booth recruitment reminder. No additional "Request for Restarting Branch 136 Activity" have been received and that all SIR state golf tournaments for the remainder of 2020 have been cancelled. Big SIR wants there to be greater membership participation in providing input on what they would like to see happen in our branch. He introduced Paul Squeri who is acting Little SIR, which position is currently vacant because Little Sir Paul Padavana resigned. He will be acting Little SIR until we find someone to fill the position for the remainder of 2020. A motion was made by Gene Zanoni and seconded by George Cocores regarding this important matter. The motion was passed by the BEC. There was nothing to report for installation of new members or monthly birthdays recognition.

Little SIR This position is currently vacant, since Paul Padavana has resigned.

Attendance/Membership Report – Gene Zanoni presented a combined Attendance/Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report. We started June with 200 members, we added 4 (2 transfers in and 2 new members) and we lost 1 member. So we ended June with 203 members. There was no change in July. August is projected to go down by 2 members, due to the resignation of Paul Padavana and one member moving out of the area. The reports stand as approved.

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 – No reports.

Old Business – Gene announced that the virtual luncheon meetings have been discontinued due to low attendance. Gene also reminded that the minutes are posted on our website.

New Business:

- 1. Nominations for 2021 Branch Officers:** Gene indicated that as of now, there are numerous board positions open for 2021. All interested members should contact Jim Botto, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for details.
- 2. Nominations for 2021 Area 5 Governor:** Gene made an executive decision to appoint Paul Squeri as our nominee for the Area 5 Governor position, since he remains our sole candidate. There was general concensus that Paul is an excellent candidate. Dale Decker, the current Area 5 Governor said that Paul Squeri had been elected by all 6 branches in our area.
- 3. Both Gene and Paul stressed that they are very open to new ideas from the membership, and both stressed the desire that members should come forward with ideas and suggestions.**

Next BEC meeting – (Tentative) September 8, 2020. It will be done virtually using Zoom.

Bill Burnes
August 14, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.