

SONS IN RETIREMENT
SONORA Branch 136
Branch Executive Committee Meeting
December 9, 2013 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Board Members: Big Sir Phil Van Swoll, Little SIR John Bristow, Secretary Jim Johnson, Asst. Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, and Treasurer Frank Taylor, Asst. Treasurer Blair Abbot . **Directors:** Herman Eaton, Jerry Erath, and Dale Decker.

Committee Chairman: Attendance/Membership Dale Decker, Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin/Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Golf Jeff Phillips, RV Travel Jim Botto, and Pinochle Bob Morrison.

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon and Baci Frecceri.

Little SIR John Bristow called the meeting to order at 10:15am. A quorum was present. Big SIR Phil Van Swoll joined the meeting at 10:30am due to icy road conditions.

Secretary – Secretary Jim Johnson presented the minutes, which were previously distributed to the BEC, of the November 12, 2013 BEC Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurers Report for November, 2013 which showed a monthly ending checking balance of \$6,040.67 and \$200.00 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Herman Eaton. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Little SIR – Little SIR John Bristow suggested a committee be appointed to plan and coordinate the three annual Ladies Day Functions. He will bring suggested committee members back to the board at a later date. He also reported he is looking for nominations for the 2014 Nominating and Audit Committees.

Attendance/Membership – Attendance/Membership Chairman Dale Decker, presented the December Attendance/Membership Report, which was previously distributed to the BEC,. There are two new applicants proposed for membership: Gene Deaver (sponsored by Jim Simmons #035) and Bill Barth (sponsored by Ben Teal #311). Two members were placed on Inactive Status due to illness, Neil Williams #206 and Ed Daly #150. Three members are dropped from membership due to attendance, James Annand #055, Bill Cashman #295 and Mike Smith #320. One member is deceased, Jack Holt #097. The current membership stands at 215- active and 9-inactive members. A motion was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Herman Eaton to approve the Attendance/Membership Report . The motion was passed by the BEC. Dale reported Director Angelo Costanza will be the new Attendance/Membership Chairman effective January 1, 2014.

Bulletin/Internet – Jerry Bellefeuille, Bulletin/Internet Chairman reported he needs the January bulletin articles by January 3, 2014

Chaplin – No Report

Bowling – Bert Abreo reported the bowling group has one new member and is half way through the bowling season.

Travel – No Report

RV Travel – Jim Botto reported the RV Group will be dark in January and will have their annual planning breakfast meeting in February.

Golf – Jeff Phillips reported the average tournament participation in 2013 was 30 members.

Fishing – No Report

Internet – No report

SIR Merchandise – No Report

Pinochle – Bob Morrison reported the Pinochle group needs to increase its membership and requested permission to give a short presentation to the general membership at the January luncheon meeting. In a joint effort with Branch 77, he also requested permission to have a few of his committee members provide a pinochle demonstration at one of the tables during the social hour prior to January's Luncheon Meeting. His request was approved by the BEC.

House – Jerry Erath reported even though his term as a Director has expired, he will still be participating in the BEC meetings as the House Committee Chairman.

New Business: The 2014 annual Branch 136 RV Group schedule was approved by the BEC. The 2014 Golf Group's schedule was approved in September. The fishing Committee will provide their 2014 schedule when it is finalized.

The next BEC Meeting will be on January 14, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:13am

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Jim Johnson December 31, 2013

