



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 10, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Board Members: Big Sir Jim Johnson, Little Sir Dale Decker, Asst Secretary Angelo Costanza and Treasurer Frank Taylor

Not Present: Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille

Directors: Jake Parsons, Mariano Garces, Rex Page, Dick Alberle, Ray Bailey and Danny Laureta

Committee Chairmen: Membership Angelo Costanza, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Golf Danny Laureta, Luncheons Rick Bacon, RV Jim Botto, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Pinochle Bob Morrison, House Jerry Erath, Bulletin Jim Botto, Bowling Bert Abreo, HLM Al Limon, Travel Rich Lundin, Fishing Jim Nuzum, Public Relations Ray Bailey, Asst. Chaplain Bill Dunlavy, Photographer Steve Belochi and John Bristow, Sr. Member Awards

Not Present: Secretary/Internet Jerry Bellefeuille,

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy, Don Banchemo, Phil Van Swoll, John Bristow, and Jim Nuzum.

Area Governor: Jerry Morrow-not present

Visitors: Bert Maxwell

Big Sir Jim Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

A Roll Call of Officers, Directors and Chairmen present was made. A quorum was present.

Big Sir Jim Johnson announced that Blair Abbott had stepped down as assistant treasurer and replaced by Eddie Towes. This left a Director position open which was filled by Danny Laureta. The BEC approved the new Director Danny Laureta and Asst. Treasurer Eddie Toews. Wherein Al Limon swore Danny in.

Treasurer –

Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2015 which showed a beginning checking account balance of \$4204.01 and an ending balance of \$6560.60 with cash on hand of \$200.

We took in \$3363 in annual dues. (134 members) last month.

The Audit Committee completed our Branch audit last month and all was in order. We passed 100%. And this also included the RV and Golf Club's accounts (Audit report on file).

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Annual Audit was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Angelo Costanza. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Little SIR - Little SIR Dale Decker reported that our speaker, today, James Sullivan, NCOA, who would be presenting our WWII Veterans with the Patriot Medallion of Honor and Remembrance.

Secretary –Asst. Secretary Angelo Costanza presented the January 14, 2015 minutes, which were previously distributed, to the BEC for the January Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Jake Parsons. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza presented the February 2015 monthly report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC.

We had no new applications for approval this month.

Today Matt Clay will be installed.

We lost two members; Sandy Grover passed away and Tom deHaas has moved.

Angelo mentioned that we have been moved from Region 3 to Region 2 with Director Russ Salazar.

A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Ray Bailey to approve the Attendance & Membership Report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Newsletter Report- Jim Botto discussed being the Newsletter Editor and upon a suggestion from Little Sir, upgraded his Publisher software and was requested reimbursement in the amount of \$99.99 from the Branch.

A motion was made by Angelo Costanza and seconded by Mariano Garces. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Activity Reports:

Bowling - Bert Abreo reported Sonora Sir will host the 2015 Sir State Tournament on May 4, 5, and 6th at Black Oak Lanes.

Also a Branch 136 sponsored tournament will be held at Black Oak Lanes July 26,27 and 28.

Chaplin - Chaplin Paul Bullman reported that Bob Silver released from Hospital after 8 days, Sandy Grover had passed away and they had a celebration of life, and Diane Maxwell (Bert's wife) had passed away and they had a celebration of life for her also.

Paul mentioned that Frank Diggle has been diagnosed with cancer and Larry Singley has passed away.

A member came in to the Board meeting and announced that Baci had passed away at 9:30 this morning. Baci was one of the original Charter Members for Branch 136. Chaplin Paul Bullman lead the BEC in a prayer for Baci.

Archie Marston is in Avalon care center.

Little Sir mentioned that Donald Utt had planned to be at today's ceremony but could not attend due to his current illness.

Fishing - Jim Nuzum-Waiting on Branch 77 to schedule their Spring activities. We need more people with boats to join the fishing club. Basically setting things up for the 2015 season.

Golf - Danny Lauretta reported that they had their first tournament this year. The golf club has outings the first and last Tuesday of the month. (the schedule for this year was included in last months minutes)

House - Jerry Erath reported that all is ready for today's luncheon.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille not present.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported they had 11 to 16 players. The SIR Pinochle group meets every Monday starting at 12 noon at the Moose Lodge in Soulsbyville. It is a joint activity with the Twain Harte Branch.

Luncheon Drawing- Jim Nuzum and Bert Maxwell discussed the drawing, the prizes and the rules for the "non raffle" drawing.

RV Travel - Jim Botto reported that the RV group had their annual planning meeting to establish the 2015 schedule:

- March 16th – 19th Jackson Rancheria
- April TBD Pelican Point RV Park Half Moon Bay
- May 17th-21st Mariposa RV Park
- June 14th-17th Sugar Barge RV Park
- July TBD Tahoe Valley RV Park
- August Dark Month
- September TBD Laguna Seca
- October 14th -17th Lodi Grape Festival
- November –October 18th –November 2nd Sedona extended trip TBD
- December- Annual Christmas Party-Sonora Hills

The BEC approved the 2015 RV Schedule

Big Sir Jim Johnson got a call from Marin Branch 47 RV Club wanted to join in some of our outings. The Branch 136 RV Group took a vote and it was approved for them to join us on some of our outings.

RV Club has 3 openings remaining (25 Max)

SIR Merchandise - Cecil Steen reported he is going to order some long sleeve shirts to have for sale at the future luncheons.

Travel - Rich Lundin reported he is organizing the Travel Club schedule for this year. There are a few vacancies left for the Snow Train/ Reno trip. Also working with Storer Transportation on a Mama Mia trip to Modesto.

Rich is trying to organize a Travel Club so they will have deposit money available for reservations.

Tom Harrington has come forward and has agreed to be Travel Club asst.

New Business – Jim Johnson will have a birthday drawing for January-February. Each month a name would be drawn from the people with birthdays and the next month the name drawn would get a free lunch if they are present.

Jim Johnson was asking for approval to have a drawing to see if member has the Branch Info Card with him with his name and phone number on it they get a free lunch at the next months luncheon. This will be done three times a year. A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Dale Decker. The motion was approved by the BEC.

Dale Decker said he was placing 3 rosters on the tables at random for membership to check for accuracy. We are getting ready to print the new Roster/directory.

Dale gave an overview of the Lady's Day Luncheon budget and costs. Dale said our menu for this year is Rib Eye Steak or Salmon for \$23. 192 tickets need to be sold to break even. The BEC Approved the menu and ticket price.

This year we will be offering a table reservation forms for 6 or more people.

The speaker next month is Frank Podesta, Battalion Commander, Cal Fire, Columbia Air attack Base.

The next Branch BEC Board Meeting will be on March, 10th at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Asst. Secretary
Angelo Costanza, February 14, 2015.

Copy to: Russ Salazar, Regional Director
Jerry Morrow, Area Governor