



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 9, 2016 Minutes

### **In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Dale Decker, Little SIR Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

**Not Present:** Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza

**Directors:** Monty Youngborg, Jim Botto, Rex Page, Paul Squeri, and Bill Lobdell.

**Not Present:** Dick Aberle, Jeff Phillips

**Committee Chairmen:** Membership Bill Lobdell, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Golf Paul Padavana, Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Theater Monty Youngborg, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

**Not Present:** Bowling Bert Abreo, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Activities Jeff Phillips, House Jerry Erath.

**Past Big SIRs:** Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy, Phil VanSwoll, Jim Johnson.

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille called roll and informed the Board that a quorum was present.

**Big SIR** – Dale Decker reported that next month we would have corned beef and cabbage. Dale said Dino has agreed to provide Baked Cod with Rice Pilaf. Dale will take a head count to see how many people want Baked Cod and tell Dino. Dale mentioned that annual assessments are due today where you will receive a membership card.

Dale said that he has put together an Organization & Membership Application Packet to give to prospective members and guests. Dale would also like to give a package to recent new members also.

Dale also put together a Guest Sponsor Responsibilities document for all members sponsoring new members.

**Little SIR** – Danny Laureta said he emailed Ladies Day Packets to the BEC including a budget for the event. The final menu, music and food were discussed with final details to be decided before the next meeting. Eddie Toews said that we could spend \$800 more than last year and still be ok for now. Danny said the ticket price would remain at \$23. A motion was made to approve the Ladies' Day agenda by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Secretary** –Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille asked for corrections to the January meeting minutes, none were reported. A motion to approve the minutes was made Eddie Toews and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jerry reported that he would submit a roster to SIR before the end of February, as required yearly by SIR.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the Treasurer's Report for January which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$7463.19 and cash on hand of \$250. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Monty Youngborg. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale mentioned that the Treasures Report lists contributions instead of assessments. He asked Treasurer Eddie Toews if assessments could be listed separately.

Eddie talked about the Form 53 for the SIR baseball game trip to the Giants and Cubs game on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is required to be approved by the BEC for insurance purposes. The form was given to Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille to be entered into the Branch permanent record and minutes. A motion to approve the trip was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Bill Lobdell. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie Toews reported that the audit was done and all came out good and balanced.

A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Bill Lobdell to approve the audit report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership** - Attendance & Membership Chairman Bill Lobdell presented the February Membership report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC. We have 4 members that are ready to be installed pending approval of the BEC. They are Serge Peluso, Tom Turner, Mike Ross and Tom Neiderer. One member resigned, Bill McEntire #162.

We have 213 active members and 6 inactive for a total of 219 members. The forecast for the coming month is 216 members, with the 4 new members and the one resignation.

A motion to approve the membership report was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Monty Youngborg. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale went over the Form 27. He said we get 1 member for every 1.3 guests. We are at 71% average for lunch attendance, which is above our 70% goal.

Dale asked Phil VanSwoll if the nomination committee was in place. Phil responded that the committee was in place. They are looking for an assistant secretary at the current time.

**Program Director** – Rex Page reported that he is working on a tri-fold. He has put copies at the Senior Center, Library and other places.

Rex reserved a spot at the Home and Garden Show, which he is hoping to get for free. He is talking to the other branches to see if they are interested in helping to man the booth.

Rex asked what kind of budget he has for the year. It was suggested by Dale Decker to spend in the \$300 to \$400 range.

**Member Relations** – Paul Squeri reported that feedback cards were on the tables today.

**Activities Program Director** – Dale gave the report for Jeff Phillips who was not at the meeting. He reported the media exchange was a resounding success.

**Dinner – Theatre** – Monty Youngborg reported that he has picked 4 performances for this year starting with My Fair Lady on April 13<sup>th</sup> followed by Charlie Daniel Senior in May at the Fallon House. There will be no organized dinner associated with the theatre.

**Public Relations** - Ray Bailey reported that he has initiated contact with the Weekender. He has also been in contact with the Union Democrat.

Ray also mentioned that he corrected the article that gave the Elks credit for the SIR Branch 136 Christmas donations.

Dale Decker announced that Jim Johnson would take over Senior Member Awards from Larry Webster.

### **Activity Reports:**

**Bowling** - Bert Abreo was not at the meeting. A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Danny Lauretta to approve the Branch bowling activity for every Monday at Black Oak Casino with the last game April 11th. The new season would start in September. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Golf** – Paul Padavana submitted the golf schedule for 2016. A copy of the schedule was given to Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille to be entered into the Branch permanent records. A motion to approve the 2016 golf schedule was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Danny Laureta. The motion was approved by the BEC.

**RV Travel-** Knute Klienen presented the 2016 RV Schedule. A copy was given to Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille to be put in the permanent branch records. A motion was made to approve the 2016 RV Schedule by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**New Business** – Dale Decker has started a new membership approval method to alleviate previous wait times of up to 120 days to be installed. The new process should take no longer than 45 days from application to installation. A motion was made to approve the new process by Jim Botto and seconded by Danny Laureta. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale also mentioned that new members who have turned in applications will be able to participate in branch activities.

Dale announced that Al Limon will now be the assistant propane chairman and that Marty Martin will be the new chairman.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.**

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.