



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 14, 2017 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Danny Laureta, Little SIR Paul Squeri, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Not Present: None

Directors: Jim Botto, Bill Lobdell, Rich Rinaldi, Roger Swartz and Rex Page

Not Present: Jeff Phillips, Mike Nolan

Committee Chairmen: Public Relations Bill Lobdell, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Bowling Bert Abreo, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, RAMP Rex Page, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, and Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Rex Page.

Not Present: Membership Jeff Phillips, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Golf Paul Padavana, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, Dale Decker, and Bill Dunlavy.

Big Sir Danny Laureta called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille took roll call and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Danny Laureta asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda. None were presented.

Big SIR- Danny Laureta reported that Cecil Steen has had quadruple heart bypass surgery. He will no longer be able to do SIR Item Sales. We need to look for a new chairman.

Danny reported that Tom Newell would take over as the golf groups Skins Chairman.

Danny reported that Roger Swartz would continue to head the luncheon ticket sales with the help of John Miller and Jim Ollman.

Danny will take a tally of people who do not want corned beef and cabbage next month. They will be offered baked cod with rice pilaf instead. Dino will be informed of the changes.

Danny suggested dropping the Theater group due to lack of interest. Dale Decker made the suggestion that we make the Theater group one of our combined activities with Branch 172 since they have an active, successful group. Danny has talked to Branch 172 already but they have not got back to him yet.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the January treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for January of \$6,524.78 and \$300 cash on hand. A motion to approve the January's Treasurer's Report was made Paul Squeri and seconded by Dick Aberle. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie reported that the branch annual audit has been completed. Eddie Toews, Frank Taylor and Bill Burnes completed the audit on January 26 2017. A copy has been entered into the branch permanent records.

Little SIR – Paul Squeri reported that he sent out copies of the budget and flier for the Ladies' Day Luncheon. The tickets have gone up \$2 this year to \$25. Danny commented that cost increase is mainly due to the shrimp cocktails.

A motion was made by Roger Swartz and seconded by Paul Squeri to accept the proposed ticket price and budget. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Paul announced that our guest speaker would be Todd Simonson with Edward Jones. Todd will talk to us about financial matters.

Paul said that he has found a violinist that he would like to perform at the Ladies' Day Luncheon. The cost would be \$175 for this entertainment. Dale suggested that Paul look at the budget again with an attendance estimate more in line with past attendance figures. A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Jim Botto to approve

the \$175 cost of the violinist at the Ladies Day Luncheon. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny mentioned that we had 2 members pass away this last month. They were Tom Costello #28 and Jeremiah Calef #84. Chaplin Steve Gregory said that he would send the families cards.

Attendance/Membership Report – Dale Decker presented the February membership report for Jeff Phillips. Dale started a discussion about members who do not call in when they miss the luncheon. It was decided that no harm is being done to SIR so no action will be taken at this time.

We lost 2 members who passed away, Tom Costello, #28 and Jeremiah Calef, #84. We will have 221 active members after the BEC meeting.

A motion was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Rich Rinaldi to accept the February membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the January, 2017 BEC Meeting for approval. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dick Aberle and was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Danny Laureta reported that we had 224 members at the end of 2016. Our January active membership count is 223. Our 2017-year end goal will be 225 members.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP - Rex Page said that we are signed up to participate in the April 2017 Home and Garden Show in Sonora. Rex will send letters to the other local SIR Branches to try and get them involved in assisting us at the show. Next month Rex will begin asking for volunteers to man the booth at the show. Jim Botto agreed to add a report, written by Rex, on the event in next months bulletin.

Activities – Mike Nolan was not present. Danny reported that Mike was working on organizing a baseball game trip this summer.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi reported that he had a meeting with Rex Page this last week. They discussed helping out with the membership drive at the Home and Garden Show. Rich also talked to Paul about member surveys. Rich has added some

activities to the last survey to gauge member interest. Rich said the first survey would probably be at the Ladies' Day Luncheon.

Public Relations – Bill Lobdell reported that he submitted an article to the Union Democrat about the upcoming meeting. It was suggested that Bill add the luncheon menu to his articles.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto mentioned that several activities did not submit reports for the bulletin. He asked if he should mention these activities in the bulletin. Danny said to not include them if there is no report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling – Bert reported that they still need a few new bowlers. There are upcoming tournaments in Stockton on February 21st, in Concord on March 20th and 22nd, Carson City on April 10th to the 12th, and Grass Valley on April 25th and 26th. Bert attended the State SIR Bowling meeting. He said that our local tournament at Black Oak would include doubles in all groups.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi reported that he is looking for new members to the Car Club. He will work with other local groups to expand the club.

Chaplain- Steve Gregory has been gone so he asked if there were any members who needed his attention.

Fishing- Chuck Simons was not present.

House- We still need a new house chairman to take over for Jerry Erath.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille had no report.

Media Exchange- Danny said that he is considering dividing the medi exchange into two separate groups. He would like to see a media exchange and a book exchange with 2 separate chairmen.

Luncheon Drawing – Bill Dunlavy said Bert would conduct a drawing today

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10 players this last month. Bob said that he came in first at the last meeting.

Poker- George Parsons was not present. Danny mentioned that the poker group is full for now.

Propane – Marty Martin reported that we have 118 members in the coop. We have a cap of 125 members.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen said the RV group met on February 7th at the Garden Café, at 9am, for a morning breakfast meeting to discuss the 2017 outings. Knute turned in and read the 2017 RV Outing Schedule. 6 outings are planned so far in 2017. The schedule was entered into the branch permanent records. A motion was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri to accept the RV Outing Schedule for 2017. The motion was passed by the BEC.

SIR Merchandise – Cecil Steen was not present and due to medical reasons and has resigned as the Merchandise Chairman. We need to find a replacement for Cecil.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll had no report due to lack of interest.

Dinner/ Theater- We are going to explore combining our Dinner group with Branch 172.

Old Business -
None reported.

New Business – A new roster is in the planning stages. Todd Simonson has agreed to partly sponsor the roster. It was suggested that we print fewer rosters than last year, most likely 225 for this year.

Next BEC Meeting – March 14th, 2017 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.