



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 13, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: None

Directors: Rodger Swartz, Steve Heath, Larry Matteson, Serge Peluso, Gene Zanoni.

Not Present: Rich Rinaldi.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Steve Huff, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Membership Dale Decker, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, Fishing Chuck Simons.

Not Present: Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Golf Paul Padavana,, Photographer Steve Belochi, Media Exchange Sol Robins, and RAMP Rex Page.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll, Danny Laureta and Jim Johnson.

Area 5 Governor: Jim Johnson.

Big SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

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

Paul Squeri informed the board that Mike Nolan has resigned as Activities Chairman due to moving out of the area. He will continue to be a member for the rest of 2018. Paul informed the board that under Robert's Rules of Order the chair of the board has the right to make a motion just like any other board member. Paul Squeri asked the board if there were any changes or deletions to today's agenda. Dale Decker mentioned that the Membership report is for February, not January as stated in the agenda. Paul Squeri asked for a motion to approve the BEC meeting agenda. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Dick Aberle to approve the agenda. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the January treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for January of \$10,866.18 and \$250 cash on hand.

A motion to approve the January Treasurer's report was made by Steve Heath and seconded by Dick Aberle. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Paul told the board that we have revived our participation with Branch 172 on the Dinner/Theater group. Emails about the events will be forwarded by Jerry Bellefeuille to all of our members with email. Paul also mentioned that we need new chairmen for Bowling, Membership, Theater and Activities.

Jerry Bellefeuille asked Paul Squeri whose insurance covers our members at the events that we participate in that are organized by other branches. Jerry also asked if these types of events need to be approved by our board and entered into our branch minutes. It was decided that we need to research the issue further. Jim Johnson said that he would put a motion together.

Little SIR – Jim reported that he is making progress on the Ladies' Day Luncheon. He has a tentative budget for the event. Jim printed the tickets himself and saved considerable money. Singing Steve Johnson will provide music during the event. Ron Long has made 30 birdhouses for the table centerpieces.

Jim said the Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Foundation would be the speaker today.

A motion was made to approve the budget for the Ladies' Day Luncheon by Larry Matteson and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jim also told the board that he has booked speakers for the rest of the year.

In November the Console General from the Korean Consulate will speak and give certificates to all who qualify by filling out a DD2-14 form. Jim asked if the board would like to ask members of branches 77 and 172 to participate in this event. Issues were discussed and Jim will meet with the other Big Sirs and then report back to the board.

Attendance/Membership Report- Dale Decker reported that we will be installing 3 new members today, Lance McVey, Steven Salnick, and David Jeppson. Dale also reported that an inactive member Ed Limon has moved and resigned. Our membership will be at 224 after today's meeting. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve the membership report. The motion was seconded by Steve Heath and was passed by the BEC

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the January BEC Meeting for approval. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve Heath and was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Paul Squeri reported that we would have 224 members after today, which are 2 behind our goal.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth – Larry Matteson said that we are planning on having a booth at the April Home and Garden Show. He will put out a signup sheet at next month's meeting for volunteers to man our booth.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi was not present.

Activities – Mike Nolan was not present.

Public Relations – Steve Heath got his first article published in the Union Democrat.

Bulletin Report – Steve Huff said that he would like to put pictures of Officers, in the bulletin, as well as new members.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling –The bowling chairmanship is open.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi was not at the meeting.

Chaplain- Steve said that John Bristow got a new pacemaker. Danny Laureta added that Paul Hammond is having back surgery and that John Gleason's wife is waiting for a heart transplant.

Fishing- Chuck reported that you can find the fish but that you cannot catch them.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille thanked his assistant Danny Laureta for his help.

Media Exchange- Sol Robin was not at the meeting.

Luncheon Drawing –Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner were out selling tickets for today's drawing.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 9 players.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews reported that the group will have a Kickoff Breakfast on February 20th, at My Garden Inn, to plan the events for 2018.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that adding our branch name on the SIR merchandise would cost \$1. Fred also said that sales are slow.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll is looking into 2 different wineries for a possible trip in May.

Old Business – Paul asked Danny to talk about the 25-year pin but Danny had left the room.

Paul informed the board about the plans for our entry into the Sonora Mothers' Day Parade. It is proposed that we have 2 members carrying a banner followed by an antique car and an RV. Paul proposed a budget of \$165 to \$200. Paul made a motion and Eddie

Toews seconded it to adopt the parade proposal as presented. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Steve Heath presented the information he has gathered about promotional bags for the branch to hand out. 50 bags would cost \$458.50. It was suggested to keep looking for better deals. Dale Decker also suggested having a sponsor on one side of the bag. Paul Squeri made a motion to table the idea for a while and look into it further. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

New Business- Paul mentioned that we have a few veterans certificates to still give away. Paul made a motion to give out the remaining certificates in March. Jerry Bellefeuille seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie Toews read a resignation letter from James Hackbarth. Hi wife is sick and they are moving out of the area.

Next BEC Meeting – March 13th, 2018, 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Jerry Bellefeuille
February 15th 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.