



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 12, 2019 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Former Big SIR Paul Squeri (for Jim Botto), Asst Secretary Dick Aberle (for Little SIR Gene Zanoni), Secretary Bill Burnes, and Treasurer Eddie Toews .

Not Present: Big SIR Jim Botto, Little SIR Gene Zanoni (both at a state SIRS meeting), Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Bill Guenza, Steve Huff, John Moyer, and Larry Matteson, Bill Lobdell

Not Present: Marty Martin, Serge Peluso.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Steve Huff, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Membership George Corcores, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Senior Member Awards Fred Kehr.

Not Present: Bowling Bert Abreo, Golf Paul Padavana, Kayaking, Media/Book Exchange Sol Robin, Propane Marty Martin, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Luncheon Roger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll, Membership Growth Phil Baylis, and Poker George Parsons.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, and Paul Squeri.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Acting Big SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Secretary Bill Burnes took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda- There were no changes requested.

Secretary's Report- Secretary Bill Burnes presented the January minutes for approval. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved 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 \$13,394.66 and \$250 cash on hand. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the BEC. Eddie announced that the UPS Store was now printing our bulletin instead of Pac and Copy.

Acting Big SIR- Paul Squeri announced the new RAMP committee. They are Recruitment, Larry Matteson, Activities, Bill Lobdell, Membership Growth, Phil Baylis, Publicity, John Moyer. Paul also told the BEC that we still need a RAMP chairman. Any member of the RAMP committee can be the chairman. Paul said that Jim Botto, Gene Zanoni, Bill Lobdell and Dale Decker met with Big and Little SIRS of Branches 172, 77, and 152 to establish a joint calendar for all SIR activities. Paul stated that the annual member dues of \$25 are delinquent after the February meeting. The names of delinquent members will be printed in the bulletin. Members who pay in cash often forget whether they have paid or not, and have to ask to find out. Paul said he would talk to the Treasurer to see if we could put a list of those who have already paid at the front desk so they can check when they check in for lunch if they want to. Paul requested several activities directors to speak at the lunch meeting today.

Acting Little SIR – Dick Aberle listed the members on the Special Events Committee. A new member, Steve Holt will join us at the lunch meeting today. Plans for the Ladies Day Luncheon will be presented to the BEC next month. Today at lunch, each table will have activities surveys to be filled out by members. They will be collected and tallied and reviewed at the next BEC meeting and with the three other branches. The guest speaker for today will be Ricardo Jauregui, Correctional Lieutenant for the Cal Dept of Corrections at the Sierra Conservation Center.

Attendance/Membership Report – Our new Membership Chairman presented the February Membership Report. He indicated we are getting younger. Our average age was 77, but now it is 76.8. Four members have resigned. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve the report, and the report was approved by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- There was no Form 27 available for review. Membership at the end of 2018 was 227.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Recruitment – No report.

Membership Growth – No report.

Member Relations – Position is open.

Publicity – John Moyer is new to this position and said he doesn't know what to do and needs help to find out. Bill Lobdell said he will help.

Activities – No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling – No report.

Book Exchange – Jim Rodrigues was not at the meeting.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi said nothing is going on now, but there will be more information next month.

Chaplain- SIR member Ray Malispina died Feb 9.

Fishing- Chuck was not at the meeting. There is no activity now.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Internet – No report.

Media Exchange- No report.

Kayaking – No report.

Luncheon Drawing –Tom Turner was not at the meeting.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 14 players in January.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews was collecting dues so he did not present a RV report.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that there were no sales in January.

Wine Tasting- Phil Van Swoll was not at the meeting.

Old Business – A motion was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Bill Burnes to approve the letter written by Jim Botto to propane members who have low or no attendance at meetings. The letter says they have to attend 4 meetings in a rolling 9-month period or they lose the propane discount. There was some discussion about whether the letter should have said 12-month period, but no changes were made to the letter since Jim Botto was not present. Details of implementation will be ironed out next month.

New Business- There was a lengthy discussion of what the attendance standard should be for non-propane members and how to get members interested in coming to meetings. Paul Squeri stated he doesn't want to throw out members for low attendance. This subject will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There was no discussion of the Friends and Neighbors Expo on May 23.

Next BEC Meeting – March 12th, 2019, 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Bill Burnes
February 20, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.