



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 11, 2020 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Little SIR Paul Padavana, Secretary Bill Burnes, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle.

Directors: Chris Methot, Tom Neiderer, Bill Guenza, and Steve Huff.

Not Present: Phil Bayliss, Marty Martin and George Cocores.

Committee Chairmen: Activities Chairman Bill Lobdell, Bowling and Bulletin Steve Huff, Fishing Chuck Simons, Golf Paul Padavana, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Pinochle Bob Morrison, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Activities Director Bill Lobdell, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, Poker George Parsons, Propane Marty Martin, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, Bocce Ball Jerry Stefan and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker Danny Laureta, Paul Squeri, and Jim Botto.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Tom Neiderer and Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the January 2020 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for December 2019 of \$12,226.44 and \$250 cash in hand and an ending balance for January 2020 of \$14,032.16 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Steve Huff. The motion was passed by the BEC. The Form 29 2019 Audit Committee Report was presented to the BEC. A motion to approve the report was made by Tom Neiderer and seconded by Steve Huff. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – There no changes to the January 14, 2020 minutes. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Dale Decker. The minutes were approved by the BEC.

Big SIR- Gene Zanoni presented the RAMP membership status as follows:

Chairman:	Steve Aldridge
(R)ecruitment Director:	Open
(A)ctivities Director:	Bill Lobdell (temporary)
(M)embership Relations & Growth Director:	Phil Bayliss
(P)ublicity and Image Director:	Bill Guenza

Gene reported that we are still looking for individuals to fill the Recruitment Director, Activities Director and Bulletin Director positions. He announced that he and our Little SIR Paul Padavana and our Area 5 Governor Dale Decker will be attending the Town Hall Meeting on February 19 in Fairfield. Gene presented the Form 27 January results. We are at 214 members, which is down 2 members for the year and down 3 members from our Branch Goal for membership. We are down from our Branch Goal for Luncheon Attendance of 70% with attendance of 136, which is 64% in January. Dale Decker said he is not aware of any branch that reaches 70%. However, attendance of 136 is the 8th lowest in 10 years. Gene announced that 2020 dues are currently due and payable and shall be considered delinquent after the February meeting. All delinquent members shall be posted in the March Bulletin.

Little SIR Paul Padavana reported that two new members will be installed today: Jerry Fountain and Paul Slemmons. He said he will announce February birthdays and the winner of a free lunch at the Luncheon Meeting today. Our guest speaker for today's Luncheon Meeting is Debbie Bautista, Auditor Controller of Tuolumne County who will speak on the new voting model. Paul spoke about preliminary plans for the Ladies Luncheon and presented estimates of profit and loss for the luncheon. A loss of \$217.72 was estimated, and Paul proposed a price increase for the luncheon to eliminate a loss. After much discussion about the luncheon, and the amount of money in the treasury a motion was made by Tom Neiderer and seconded by Steve Huff to keep the price at \$25 and to increase cash prizes from \$300 to \$500 in order to give back more to the membership. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Report - The February Membership Report prepared by George Cocores was presented by Gene Zanoni. He reported that the 2 new members being installed today will bring our membership up to 216 members. These 2 new members come from the 7 guests we had in January. Tom Neiderer made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Steve Huff. It was passed by the BEC.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities Director – No report

Membership Relations & Growth – No report.

Publicity and Image- No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bulletin – Steve Huff reported that the new way of mailing the Bulletin (using envelopes rather than stapling) appears to be working. He will be leaving the area soon, and would like a successor determined soon so he can train him and “pass the baton.”

Bowling – No report.

Fishing – No report.

Golf –No report.

Internet – No report.

Luncheon Drawing – No report

Pinochle – No report.

Old Business – None.

New Business – The 2020 39th Annual Home and Garden Show is scheduled for April 18 & 19 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Hours are 10: 00am to 4:00 pm both days. Starting this luncheon, a signup sheet with the times to man the booth will be available for voluntary participation. For publicity/recruitment materials, a 4’x8’ 15 oz Outdoor Banner with Grommets at 1 for \$70.20, a small roll-up banner for \$22.75, and a 8.5”x11 Tri-fold Brochure at 25 for \$18.00 are available to us for purchase. A quantity of 200 was selected as ample to meet our needs. A motion to spend up to \$350 on banners and posters was made by Tom Neiderer and seconded by Bill Burnes. The motion was passed by the BEC. A motion was made by Tom Neiderer and seconded by Steve Huff to have the Little SIR handle the Christmas Lunch and the Big SIR to handle the Ladies Luncheon in 2021. The motion was passed by the BEC. It was previously decided by the BEC to have a special committee handle the BBQ in September.

Next BEC meeting – March 10, 2020

Bill Burnes

02/20/2020

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.