

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting February 8, 2022 Minutes
In person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Phil VanSwoll, Little SIR Gene Bettencourt, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Stan Enos, Rick Bronner, Rex Page, and George Cocores.

Not Present: Marty Martin and Ray Starkey.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Car Club Rick Bronner, Membership George Cocores, Pinochle Bob Morrison, RV Travel Eddie Toews, and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Not Present: Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Photographer Steve Belochi, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, Dale Decker, Paul Squeri Jim

Botto, and Gene Zanoni

Region 2 Director Dale Decker

Area 5 Governor: Paul Squeri.

Big SIR Phil VanSwoll called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none, and the agenda was approved as presented.

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

Secretary's Report – The minutes of January 11, 2022 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the January 2022 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending checking account balance for January 2022 of \$16,010.30 and \$250.00 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts during January of \$2,968.00 and disbursements of \$769.76. There were Custodial Fund receipts of \$1,056.00 and Custodial Fund disbursements of \$1056.00. The report was accepted as presented.

Membership Report – George Cocores reported that we started January with 178 members and 14 members transferred to Branch 77, leaving us with 164 members on January 31. It was decided by the BEC that we should retain any dues the 14 members paid. Eddie Toews has a number of 167 members at the end of January. He and George will get together to reconcile the numbers.

Big SIR Report – Phil VanSwoll reported that our member Larry Matteson passed away this morning from cancer.

Little SIR Report – Little Sir Gene Bettencourt repeated the prior BEC decision that there is not going to be a free lunch for birthdays. He would like to set up committees for planning our events, and asked for help. There was some discussion about what price to charge for Ladies' Lunch, in view of ever increasing costs. It was decided that the Ladies' Lunch committee should set the price.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities Director – No report

Membership Relations & Growth – George Cocores stated that the upcoming Home and Garden Show has been a good venue for getting new members.

Publicity and Image- No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS – None.

Old Business: The BEC received re-start proposals for Pinochle and RV. A motion to accept the proposals was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Rick Bronner stated that although our branch does not currently have a golf or bowling chairman, those activities have a chairman in Branch 77, and our members can participate in those events and they receive notices of times and dates. The chairmen are Mike Coe (bowling) and Danny Laureta (golf). Rick presented the state bowling trophy that our Branch 136 won.

New Business: A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by George Cocores to vote out Ray Starkey as one of our directors for continued non attendance at BEC meetings. The motion was passed by the BEC. Also, a motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by George Cocores to replace Ray Starkey with Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Next BEC meeting – March 8, 2022 at 10 am at the Elks Lodge.

Bill Burnes

February 12, 2022