

**Addendum:**



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting January 12, 2016 Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Dale Decker, Little SIR Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

**Not Present:** Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza

**Directors:** Dick Alberle, Jim Botto, Rex Page, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell and Jeff Phillips.

**Not Present:** Monty Youngborg

**Committee Chairmen:** Membership Bill Lobdell, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Golf Paul Padavana, Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, House Jerry Erath, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Activities Jeff Phillips, Member Relations Paul Squeri, House Jerry Erath, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon

**Not Present:** Bowling Bert Abreo, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Theater Monty Youngborg, Senior Award Larry Webster

**Past Big SIRs:** Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy, Phil VanSwoll

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille called roll and informed the Board that a quorum was present.

**Big SIR** – Dale Decker mentioned that all BEC members now have silver badges, which provide visibility for officers and directors. Members will be encouraged to communicate with them about their needs.

Dale said that we have a new Chaplin, Steve Gregory. He had Steve present a card that the Chaplin can use to express Branch sympathy for people we have lost. A motion was made to buy 100 cards at a cost of \$86. The motion was made by Jim Botto, seconded by Jeff Phillips and passed by the board.

Dale said that Jim Botto is the new SIR State RV Chairman. Jim said that they were working on a possible State Jamboree.

Dale said that we had a sell out Christmas Luncheon and it was a great success. The BEC donated shrimp cocktails and bar snacks. We ended up with a very respectable net loss of \$195.

**Little SIR** – Danny Laureta said that the 2016 dues are now due and will be collected at the meeting today.

Danny said that the Ladies Day Luncheon would have 3 entrees. He has the tickets and fliers started.

**Secretary** – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille asked for corrections to the November meeting minutes, none were reported. A motion to approve the minutes was made Jeff Phillips and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jerry then asked for approval of the December minutes notice. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the Treasurer's Report for November which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$9940.68 and cash on hand of \$400. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Bill Lobdell. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie also presented the Treasurer's Report for December which showed a ending checking account balance of \$4662.75 and cash on hand of \$250. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dick Aberle and seconded by Jim Botto with a correction that changed the wording from raffle to drawing. The motion was passed by the BEC.

With our new 2016 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) it was pointed out that we need to update the signature cards for those officers that are approved to sign checks. In light of this a motion was made by Danny Laureta and seconded by Paul Squeri to add the following officer's names to the signature cards: Eddie Toews, Frank Taylor, Dale Decker, Danny Laureta and remove Jim Johnson from signature card.

The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership** - Attendance & Membership Chairman Bill Lobdell presented the January Membership report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC. We lost 9 active members last month. 4 people resigned, 2 people transferred out, 2 people went inactive and one member passed away.

We have 213 active members and 6 inactive for a total of 219 members.

A motion to approve the membership report was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale Decker asked Phil VanSwoll if all the members were in place on the nominating committee for this year. Phil said they were close and that they would be ready by next month.

Dale asked if the audit committee had completed the year-end audit. Eddie said that they would do it in a week or so.

Dale asked for a report on the membership growth committee from Rex Page. Rex asked questions about the brochures that we have. Ideas were exchanged for future recruiting efforts.

Dale asked for a report from Paul Squeri on member relations. Paul reported on the responses from the Christmas Luncheon satisfaction survey.

Dale explained that SIR now has a new Form 27. Dale explained about the form and the requirement that he review the form at each BEC meeting.

Dale asked for a report from Jeff Phillips on activities. Jeff told about the new media exchange table and how it worked.

Dale asked for a report on public relations from Ray Bailey. Ray said that the Union Democrat had an article on our branch. Ray reported on ad prices in local media.

**Bulletin** - Jim Botto asked for bulletin reports to be in before the January 31st deadline. He also said that he used the Times New Roman 10 font in the bulletin. He also encouraged the activities chairmen to send more pictures for the bulletin. Danny Laureta said that his phone number in the bulletin is supposed to be 586-4567.

### **Activity Reports:**

**Bowling** - Bert Abreo was not at the meeting. Dale Decker reported that the bowling league is half way through their schedule. The winning team is No Excuses - Tom Newell, Knute Kleinen, Frank Meyers and Dale Decker. Bert will present our 2016 SIR Bowling schedule at our February BEC meeting for approval.

**Chaplin** - Chaplin Steve Gregory reported that no one was ill or died.

**Golf** – Paul Padavana reported that the first tournament of 2016 will be February 16<sup>th</sup>. The first skins tournament will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul will present our 2016 SIR Golf schedule at our February BEC meeting for approval.

**House** - Jerry Erath reported that the drawing was too long and that past Big SIRs were not introduced. Jerry said we were ready for lunch.

**Internet-** Jerry Bellefeuille reported that he sent out reminders about the meeting to all of our email members.

Dale asked if our website could include 'bulletins' to get into a monthly RV Club, Bowling League and Golf Newsletter sections (by month) like we have for our bulletin. Jerry said he would look into doing this.

**Luncheon Drawing-** Ticket sales were discussed and the drawing will continue.

**Pinochle-** Bob Morrison reported that the Pinochle group had an average of 11 players in December.

**RV Travel-** Knute Klienen reported that on February 8<sup>th</sup> the RV group would have their 2016 planning meeting. Their first outing will be March 21<sup>st</sup> to Jackson Rancheria.

Knute will present the 2016 RV Club travel schedule at our February BEC meeting for approval.

**SIR Merchandise-** Cecil Steen showed the new SIR sweatshirt that is now available. It was decided that he will give a price list to put in the next bulletin.

Dale asked Cecil to show the new SIR sweatshirt to all our members during the luncheon when called upon.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.**

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.