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Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting January 10, 2017 Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: None

Directors: Jeff Phillips, Jim Botto, Bill Lobdell, Mike Nolan, Rich Rinaldi, Roger Swartz and Rex Page

Not Present: None

Committee Chairmen: Pinochle Bob Morrison, Membership Jeff Phillips, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Rex Page, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Propane Marty Martin, and Golf Paul Padavana.

Not Present: Bowling Bert Abreo, Theater Monty Youngborg, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Public Relations Ray Bailey, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, Dale Decker

Big Sir Danny Laureta called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

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

Danny Laureta asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda. None were presented.

Big SIR- Danny Laureta gave new board members their new silver badges for 2017.

Danny reported that we had 224 people at our Christmas Luncheon and it was a great success. The flowers that were presented to her at the luncheon impressed Jerry Strain's wife. We had an income of \$6,726 and expenses of \$6,823 for a net expense of \$97. The August picnic generated an income of \$1008 that helped offset the Christmas luncheon expense.

Danny reported that Monty Youngborg has requested inactive status due to a serious illness with his wife. He will pay his 2017 dues.

Danny reported that Rex Page would be our RAMP Chairman for 2017.

Eddie Toews asked about the status of Otto Bullich. Jeff Phillips responded that Otto is inactive as of January 2017 and does not know if Otto will pay his 2017 dues.

Danny announced that Dale Decker would head the nominating committee for 2017.

Danny announced that positions are open for Lunch Tickets, Media Exchange and Theatre and Dinner Group.

Little SIR – Paul Squeri reported that 2017 dues are collectable starting this meeting.

Paul announced that the Special Events committee has added 2 new members besides Dick Aberle. Jake Parsons, Rex Page and John Vierra. They are Steve Heath and Steve Beluchi. Paul said that the Ladies' Day luncheon would have the same menu as 2016, with Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon with Rice, and Rib eye with Potatoes. Paul also suggested leaving out the music as it is a \$300 expense and people did not dance and did not listen to the music at the Christmas luncheon. We will have 28 tables again. Eddie Toews suggested that we forgo the table snacks at the Ladies' Day, which cost \$60. Danny also suggested eliminating some of the prizes that the branch donates. Phil VanSwoll suggested cutting down on the cash prizes that the branch gives away. Danny suggested eliminating the red ticket cash prizes and asked Paul to make a note of this idea.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the November and December Treasurers reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for November of \$6642.56 and \$250 cash on hand and for December an ending balance of \$4969.83 and \$250 cash on hand.

A motion to approve the November's Treasurer's Reports was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion was passed by the BEC.

A motion to approve the December's Treasurer's Reports was made by Rich Rinaldi and seconded by Mike Nolan. The motion was passed by the BEC.

(New Business) - Eddie Toews made a motion to stop giving free lunches for birthdays and badges. Roger Swartz seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny asked Treasurer Eddie Toews if he had the branch annual financial audit ready to go. Eddie said that he would get in touch with Bill and try to have the audit done in the next 2 weeks. If Bill was unavailable Eddie will get someone else and have it done by the end of the month.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the November, 2016 BEC Meeting for approval. Bill Lobdell made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and was passed by the BEC.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the December, 2016 BEC Meeting for approval. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dick Aberle and was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Report – Jeff Phillips presented the January membership report. We have 5 new members that have been approved for installation. They are Barney Barnes, Bob Grimm, Ed St. Laurent, Jim Hamilton and Brian Derodeff.

We have 220 active members and will have 225 after the meeting if all show up. A motion was made by Bill Lobdell and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille to accept the January membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Danny Laureta reported that we had 220 members at the end of 2016. One member went inactive today so we will have 224 members after today. Our 2017-year end goal will be 226 members.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth - Rex Page said that we have a goal of 226 members in 2017. We will be at 3 community events this year to promote SIR.

Activities – Mike Nolan asked for guidance in his new activity director position.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi said he would get together with Paul to get started in his new position. He said that he will work with Rex Page in his membership activities. Rex also said that the RAMP committee should have it's own meetings.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Golf - Paul Padavana said that the greens fees at Mountain Springs will go up by \$2 this year. Paul also ask to present activity reports during the general meeting.

Public Relations – Bill Lobdell reported that we have had an awful lot of rain.

Bowling – Danny reported for Bert that they still need a few new bowlers. There is an upcoming tournament in Napa on Jan 25th and in Carson City on April 10th to the 12th.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto thanked all who sent their reports on time.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi reported that all cars are in the garage resting and staying dry. In a few months they will organize a car show.

Chaplain- Steve Gregory was not present. Steve's wife is in the hospital.

Fishing- Chuck Simons was not present.

House- We still need a new house chairman to take over for Jerry Erath.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille had no report.

Media Exchange- We need a new media exchange chairperson.

Luncheon Drawing – Bert Maxwell was not at the meeting.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10 players this last month.

Poker- The poker group is full for now.

Propane – Marty Martin reported that we have 115 members in the coop. We have a cap of 125 members.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen said the RV group will meet on February 7th at the Garden Café, at 9am, for a morning breakfast meeting to discuss the 2017 outings. There is a waiting list to join the RV Group with 2 people on it.

SIR Merchandise – Cecil Steen had no report.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll reported that there has been no response to him for interest in the group. Danny suggested that Phil talk to Len Jaques who has experience with this activity in the old Murphys SIR branch.

Dinner/ Theater- Monty Youngborg was not at the meeting. It was suggested that we merge our Theatre/Dinner group with Twain Harte branch 172. Our group has had a very poor response while they have a very popular group going.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

Rex Page suggested to ask some of the new members inducted in 2016 to chair some of the committees that we need new chairmen for.

Danny Laureta asked for a motion to set the lunch cost at \$14. Dino raised our lunch cost \$1. Rich Rinaldi made a motion and Jeff Phillips seconded a motion to set the lunch cost a \$14. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Next BEC Meeting – February 14th, 2017 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.