



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting January 9, 2018 Minutes

### **In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Paul Squeri, Little SIR Jim Botto, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews .

**Not Present:** Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

**Directors:** Rich Rinaldi, Mike Nolan, Steve Heath, Larry Matteson, Serge Peluso, Gene Zanoni.

**Not Present:** Rodger Swartz.

**Committee Chairmen:** Golf Paul Padavana, Bulletin Steve Huff, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Membership Dale Decker, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

**Not Present:** Bowling Bert Abreo, Fishing Chuck Simons, and Photographer Steve Belochi, Media Exchange Sol Robins, and RAMP Rex Page.

**Past Big SIRs:** Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll, Danny Laureta and Jim Johnson.

**Area 5 Governor:** Jim Johnson.

Big SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

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

Paul Squeri informed the board that he would like to add an item to the agenda under new business. He would like to discuss retiring former HLM Bill Dunlavy's number. Paul said that he would also like to discuss a request by Nuncy Patania to be put on the inactive list.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the November and December treasurer's reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for November of \$12,548.00 and \$250 cash on hand. In December we had an ending balance of \$7,338.81 and \$250 cash on hand.

A motion to approve the November and December Treasurer's reports was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Dick Aberle. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Paul Squeri asked for a motion to approve the BEC meeting agenda. A motion was made by Steve Heath and seconded by Rich Rinaldi to approve the agenda. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Big SIR-** Paul informed the board of the financial status of the Christmas Luncheon. Paul stated that the 2018 nominating committee would be chaired by Danny Laureta, and assisted by Dale Decker and Jim Johnson.

Paul stated that Fred Kehr and Mike Ross would be on the audit committee along with Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Paul handed out copies of the Branch Assessment forms and went over the 6 responses that he got.

Paul stated that we just paid our latest quarterly dues to the state at a rate of \$1.50 per member.

Paul reminded everyone that yearly branch dues are now due and payable. Anyone who does not pay their dues by the end of February will have their name published in the April bulletin.

**Little SIR** – Jim reported that we would have a drawing for a free lunch for one of the members present whose birthday falls in January.

Jim said that he has assembled a special events committee consisting of Rex Page, Gene Zanoni, Bill Guenza, Scott Lewis, Dick Aberle, and John Vierra and they will meet today with Dino to discuss the Ladie's Day Luncheon. Jim said that we would probably have rib eye instead of the more expensive prime rib. He asked for preferences between chicken cordon bleu and chicken picatta.

Jim discussed the possibility of having a speaker talk about her father the Tuskegee Airmen. He also talked about other speaker possibilities for 2018, with 3 speakers confirmed, 2 pending and still looking for 3 more.

Jim congratulated Steve Huff for a great job on the bulletin.

**Attendance/Membership Report** – Paul Squeri reported that our new membership chairman John Lang has resigned his membership in SIR.

Dale Decker presented the January membership report. He reported that we ended last year with 225 members. Dale said that we have one new member and one transferring in. They will be inducted next month when we have their badges.

Steve Heath made a motion accept the report. It was seconded by Jim Botto and passed by the BEC.

It was brought up that the 3 members who failed to pay their 2017 dues are to be voted out today. A motion was made by Jim Botto to drop Lee Warford, Mike Silva and Bob Ferraro for failure to pay their 2017 dues. The motion was seconded by Dick Aberle and passed by the BEC.

It was also brought up by Dale that he talked to Bill Bowcutt. Bill told Dale that he had resigned. Dale will follow up and call Bill to confirm this.

**Secretary's Report** – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the November BEC Meeting for approval. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Dick Aberle and was passed by the BEC.

Rich Rinaldi made a motion to approve the notice of their being no meeting in December. The motion was seconded by Dick Aberle and passed by the BEC.

**Form 27 Report-** Paul Squeri reported that we expect attrition of 23 members, our average, for 2018. Our year end goal is 226 members.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Membership Growth** – Larry Matteson said that we are planning on having a booth at the April Home and Garden Show. He will begin recruiting members at next month's meeting.

**Member Relations** – Rich Rinaldi said that he will do another survey in the next few months.

**Activities** – Mike Nolan did not have anything to add to what was reported already.

**Public Relations** – Steve Heath is in the process of setting up publicity with the Union Democrat.

**Bulletin Report** – Steve Huff thanked those who got their reports in on time. Steve requested help finding the SIR State officers on the website. Steve suggested adding a calendar of events to the bulletin.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

**Bowling** –Bert Abreo has resigned as bowling chairman. We are currently looking for a replacement.

**Car Club-** Rich Rinaldi said that he would like to organize a tour sometime this year.

**Chaplain-** Steve said that there was a full house for Arlene Taylor's memorial. SIR was well represented at the event.

Bert Maxwell was in the hospital but is here today at the BEC meeting.

**Fishing-** Chuck was not at the meeting.

**Golf** - Paul Padavana presented the 2018 golf schedule. A motion was made by Rich Rinaldi and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille to approve the schedule. The motion was passed by the BEC. The 20128 SIR 136 / 77 / 172 Golf schedule was entered into the branch permanent records.

**Internet** - Jerry Bellefeuille had no report.

**Media Exchange-** Sol Robin was not at the meeting.

**Luncheon Drawing** –Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner were out selling tickets for today's drawing.

**Pinochle** - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10 players.

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

**SIR Merchandise** – Fred Kehr said that he would check into putting our branch name on the SIR merchandise. Rich Rinaldi also mentioned that the bowlers may want personalized logos on their shirts.

**Wine Tasting-** Phil VanSwoll had no report.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business-** A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille to approve the inactive request by Nuncy Patania. The motion was seconded by Steve Heath and passed by the BEC.

A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille to retire the member number of HLM Bill Dunlavy and any other HLMs so honored by our branch. The motion was seconded by Dick Aberle and passed by the BEC.

A discussion was had concerning honoring our veteran members. It was decided that we would continue to honor them only in November.

A motion was made by Rich Rinaldi to look into acquiring bags to advertise our branch. The motion was seconded by Steve Heath and passed by the BEC. Paul said that he would present the idea to Rex Page who will coordinate the effort.

Steve Heath made a motion to present special badges to members who have been in our branch for 25 years. The motion was seconded Dick Aberle and passed by the BEC.

A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille to put together a committee to investigate designing and putting together an entry, with our branch info on it, for this year's Sonora Mothers Day Parade. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and passed by the BEC.

Next BEC Meeting – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary  
Jerry Bellefeuille  
January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.**