



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting July 14th, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Board Members: Big Sir Jim Johnson, Little Sir Dale Decker, Treasurer Frank Taylor, Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille

Not present: Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza

Directors: Danny Laureta, Jake Parsons, Mariano Garces, Rex Page

Not present: Dick Aberle, Ray Bailey

Committee Chairmen: Bowling Bert Abreo, Golf Danny Laureta, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, RV Travel and Bulletin Jim Botto, Pinochle Bob Morrison, House Jerry Erath, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille

Not present: Membership Angelo Costanza, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Chuck Simons Fishing, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Photographer Steve Belochi

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy, Phil VanSwoll, John Bristow

Area 27 Governor: Not present

Visitors: Roy Volpetti

Big Sir Jim Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Jerry Bellefeuille informed the Board that a quorum was present.

Jim Johnson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. None were presented.

Big SIR Report: Jim announced that Dale Decker recruited Chuck Simons to be our new Fishing Chairman. Chuck will be working with Bert Kronnick from Branch 77. Bert will give a short talk at today's meeting.

Jim will attend the annual SIR Board meeting in August in Vallejo.

Region 2 Director Russ Salazar will move over to the State Bowling Chairman next year and Jerry Morrow will take Russ's place as Region 2 Director.

Jim Johnson got a post card trying to sell him a card reader for his Iphone and asked if others had got any similar solicitations and nobody had.

Jim asked Past Big Sir Phil VanSwoll to inform the BEC of the results of the Nominating Committee's search for 2016 officers. Phil, Jerry Erath and Keith Kofoed nominated: Big Sir Dale Decker, Little Sir Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza, Treasurer Eddie Toews, Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor, 2nd Year Directors Rex Page, Dick Aberle and Jim Botto, 1st Year Directors Maurice Rollins, Monty Youngborg and John Vierra.

Jim said that we will vote in September and new officers will be installed in November. SIR officer training will be October 28th at the Pine Tree Restaurant.

Little SIR - Little SIR Dale Decker reported that BBQ tickets will be on sale today. The cut off date for tickets is July 31st. Dale announced that our guest speaker will be Tamara Lund D.C. Chiropractor. Dale also announced that there are still member directories available at the check in table.

Jim Johnson announced that Jim Nuzum had heart surgery. Jim is home now and hopes to be up and around in a month or so.

Secretary - Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes, which were previously distributed, to the BEC for the June Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Dale Decker. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer – Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the Treasurer's Report for June which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$6947.14 and cash on hand of \$200. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Dale Decker. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza was absent so Dale Decker presented the June report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC. Dale mentioned that Angelo put out an addendum to the May report. The addendum lists all 7 members that were installed at the June meeting. A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Eddie Toews to approve the May Membership and Attendance Addendum. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale presented the June Attendance and Membership Report. He said we have 4 new members to be installed today if the board approves. If they can't be installed today they would have to wait until September due to the August Picnic. Dale also announced that Steve Hagel resigned due to going back to work but Danny Laureta informed the board that Steve's new job lasted only one day and he would not resign. A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Danny Laureta to approve the June Membership and Attendance Report and the new members. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale presented a new membership application. The new application does not list the option of getting your bulletin by mail. All current members on the bulletin mailing list will be grandfathered in and will continue to receive their bulletins in the mail. We will have 10 copies of the black and white bulletin at the monthly check in table for those who need it. A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Danny Laureta to approve the new membership application. The motion was passed by the BEC.

New Business: Danny Laureta asked that tables be set with rolls to help people with diabetes and those taking medication etc. It has been presented to Dino the chef and he has said he will.

Bulletin – Jim announced that there was an error on the July bulletin that none of his proofreaders caught but it has now been corrected. He asked for reports to be in before the July 31st deadline.

Activity Reports:

Bowling - Bert Abreo reported there be a bowling tournament on July 26th, 27th and 28th. He said that only 10 people have expressed interest. It is a slow summer for bowling. There will be teams at the tournament for the 1st time and there will be brackets if there are enough people participating. This weekend there is a tournament in Pollock Pines, there is a tournament in Reno in August, a tournament in Fremont in September and Lake Tahoe 2 weeks later, September 24th. The SIR Bowling League will start this year on September 14th. The bowling group will lose a few members this year due to age and they are looking for new bowlers.

Bert put together an information bulletin for the bowling league and it was distributed to the Branch 172 and 77 July meetings. It will also be in their August bulletins.

Chaplin: Paul Bullman was not present so Bill Dunlavy gave the report. Bill reported that Paul Bullman had stomach problems, possibly the flu. Jim Nuzum had a 6 way bypass and has diabetes. Henry Crow(?), #326(?) has heart problems. Sam Castle has colon cancer. Arlene Taylor broke her ankle. Paul Becker's wife Sonny died. There will be a service Friday at 3pm at the Mt. Shadow Cemetary.

Fishing – Chuck Simons- not present

Golf - Danny Lauretta reported that the last tournament was a skins tournament with 22 golfers. Last month at the regular tournament there were 32 golfers. We are getting more golfers from Branch 172 and 77.

Jim Johnson added that he and Dale have a good relationship with the other local branch leaders. As a result of this we have been able to merge a good portion of our activities.

Danny pointed out that our golfers save a significant amount of money by playing with the group.

House - Jerry Erath reported that the house is ready. He brought up the previous new business of rolls on the tables. It was suggested by someone that the rolls be placed by the coffee bar instead of on the table and it was agreed that we will try it this way first.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille reported that he posted the corrected bulletin on our website this morning.

Jim Johnson pointed out that the SIR State website has been enhanced.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had good turnouts the last month. He said they are now playing at the Pine Tree Restaurant due to being kicked out of the Moose Lodge. He stated that they would like to play at the Elks Lodge. There was discussions about contacting the Elks to reestablish our pinochle there. It was suggested that we talk to Roy Volpetti about this as he may be on the Elks house committee.

RV Travel - Jim Botto reported that the RV Group had a great trip to Sugar Barge last month. This month 10 rigs are going to Bodega Bay on the 20th. In August most of the RV Club will be helping at the BBQ. In September they are going to Carmel by the River with 15 rigs and the trip will tie in with the Monterey Italian Festival. In September the group will travel to Sedona, Tucson and parts of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. There are possibly 2 openings left as the limit is 15 rigs. The annual Christmas party will be in December at Sonora Hills.

NEW BUSINESS: Dale Decker made a motion to nominate Jim Johnson as the new Area 27 Govenor. Jerry Bellefeuille seconded the motion. Jim was asked if he was interested in the job. He said that he was interested and that he had been asked if he was interested. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jim agreed to mention his nomination during the general meeting at the request of Al Limon.

SIR Merchandise - Cecil Steen was not present.

Jim Johnson asked if there were any need to have a BEC meeting in August due to the BBQ. He mentioned that if we needed to approve any new members it could be done in a quick meeting at the BBQ. It was agreed to by unanimous approval.

Jim Johnson asked the board if it was ok to give Gil Voecks a free lunch for his 92nd birthday. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Jerry Bellefeuille July 19th 2015

cc: Russ Salazar, Jerry Morrow