



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting July 14, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: None

Directors: Jim Botto, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell, Jeff Phillips, and Rex Page

Not Present: Dick Aberle, and Monty Youngborg,

Committee Chairmen: Public Relations Ray Bailey, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Membership Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, Pinochle Bob Morrison, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Theater Monty Youngborg, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, and Activities Jeff Phillips.

Not Present: Luncheon Rick Bacon, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Golf Paul Padavana, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, Al Limon and Bill Dunlavy.

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

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

Big SIR- Dale Decker asked for additions or changes to the agenda, none were presented.

Dale Decker announced that due to Bill Lobdell being needed at the check in desk his attendance and membership report will be earlier in the BEC meeting.

Dale will present Lynn Harvey with his Senior Certificate today.

Dale announced that Jerry Morrow would address today's luncheon.

Dale said that Phil VanSwoll would present the slate of 2017 officer nominees at today's luncheon.

Dale announced that we still intend to have a car show in September or October.

Dale announced that he will take care of the Fabulous 50s dance and karaoke sign up sheet.

Little SIR – Danny Laureta reported that he and Ron Long visited Indigeny Reserve and were very happy with the set up there. It is flat and shady but has little water. Danny will provide water for cooking etc. and bottled water to drink. Each adult will get 2 alcoholic beverage tickets. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. So far we have sold about 70 tickets.

Attendance/Membership Report – Bill Lobdell reported that we have 2 new applicants that have been submitted for approval. We also have 2 members who were previously approved that have not been installed yet. They previously approved members are Nicholas Chernoff and Stanley Enos. The 2 new members are Stanley Carpenter and Robin Solomon. We had one member pass away, Bill Challas and one member, Ernie Cuzzocre resign. A motion to approve the membership report and the new members was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the June 14, 2016 BEC Meeting for approval. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the June Treasurers report. He reported that we had an ending balance for June of \$6414.65 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Danny Laureta and seconded by Frank Taylor . The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Dale Decker reported that our year-end membership goal is 223 members and we now have 213 members (1 resigned and 1 passed away but we will be installing 4 new members today). This means we are currently down by 10 members from our goal.

We have 3 members who we have not been able to contact regarding paying their 2016 dues. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Paul Squeri to terminate the non-paying members Bob Silver, Tom Lively and Alan Nix. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jack Peaslee who was also sent a termination letter appealed his termination before the board. He has now paid his dues and Dale Decker decided not to pursue his termination.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth - Rex Page reported that he and others handed out promotional materials at the recent Friends and Neighbors [magazine] Expo (formerly the Senior Expo). We have got 2 new members from the Expo.

He will also hand out materials at the October Health Fair in Sonora.

Rex asked for suggestions about places to visit to promote our organization. Dale suggested contacting Area 12 and our Health Fair contact.

Member Relations - Paul Squeri reported on the member interest survey that he took last month. He will present the top 10 areas of interest to the group.

Activities - Jeff Phillips thanked Trini Mercado for taking care of the media in his absence. Jeff Phillips is working on a wine tasting event for the group.

Dinner/ Theater- Monty Youngborg was not present.

Public Relations - Ray Bailey reported that our SIR article did not make the Union Democrat this last month. He will contact Marge Thompson to find out why not.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto thanked all who sent their reports in with the correct format. He also reminded everyone that we could use more pictures for the bulletin.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS Bowling - Bert Abreo reported that the bowling league would start up on September 12th.

The bowling report was entered into the branch permanent records.

Chaplain- Steve Gregory had no report.

Fishing- Chuck Simons was not present. Dale reported that Chuck is frustrated because of lack of participation in the fishing group. It was listed as the number 1 interest for our members in the interest survey.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not present.

House – no report, position is OPEN

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille has no report.

Luncheon Drawing – Bill Dunlavy reported that we will have a drawing today.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 9 players last month for Pinochle.

Propane – Marty Martin had nothing new to report.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen reported that they are on a hiatus in August.

SIR Merchandise – Cecil Steen had no report.

Old Business

Phil VanSwoll announced the slate of 2017 officer nominees. They are Big Sir Danny Laureta, Little Sir Paul Squeri. Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Phil VanSwoll, Treasurer Eddie Toews. Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor, 2nd year directors Monty Youngborg, Bill Lobdell, Rex Page and Jeff Phillips. We are still looking for more directors. (more directors volunteered at the general meeting)

New Business

Dale Decker asked for a motion to not have a BEC meeting in August due to the picnic. The motion was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale mentioned that we might not need a replacement House Chairman as other members seem to be getting the job done.

Next BEC Meeting – September 13, 2016 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on July 20th 2016.