



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting July 11, 2017 Minutes

### In Attendance:

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

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

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

**Not Present:** None

**Committee Chairmen:** Bulletin Jim Botto, Public Relations Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Membership Jeff Phillips, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, and RAMP Rex Page, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

**Not Present:** Golf Paul Padavana, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Fishing Chuck Simons, and Photographer Steve Belochi.

**Past Big SIRs:** Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll.

**Area 5 Governor:** Jim Johnson.

Big Sir Danny Laureta called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille 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. Eddie Toews asked to discuss members who have yet to pay their dues under old business. Danny also added under new business the need to have someone take his place at the annual SIR state meeting.

**Big SIR-** Danny Laureta got approval from the Elks Lodge to store our SIR Merchandise at the lodge.

Danny mentioned that Fred Kehr has taken over SIR Merchandise from Cecil Steen.

Danny also announced the Branch needs a new Bulletin Chairman for next year to replace Jim Botto who will be Little SIR.

**Little SIR** – Paul reported that tickets would be on sale again for the August BBQ. Paul reminded everyone to carpool, bring chairs and extra beverages.

Paul announced that our guest speaker will be the Mayor of Sonora, Connie Williams.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the June treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for June of \$8014.65 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership Report** – Jeff Phillips presented the July membership report. Jeff reminded everyone that Otto Bullich was put back on the active list last month. Jeff said that we have 4 members to install today, Paul Hammond, Darrell Courtwright, Bill Bowcutt and King Phillips. He also said that we have one member who is currently travelling, Daryl Bashum (sp?) who will be installed in September.

Danny mentioned Bill Bowutt, a recent transfer into our branch. Jim Johnson said that he does not need to be installed and is now a branch member and can also attend the August picnic.

A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jim Botto to accept the July membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Secretary's Report** – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the June, 2017 BEC Meeting for approval. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and was passed by the BEC.

**Form 27 Report-** Danny Laureta reported that we have 223 members.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**RAMP** - Rex Page said that we do not have any promotional activities until September but that everyone should follow Eddie's example and recruit new members.

**Activities** – Mike Nolan said that he had no activities planned at the current time.

**Member Relations** – Rich Rinaldi said that he is finishing the current car show and is planning a member survey around October.

**Public Relations** – Bill Lobdell mentioned the emails he prepares for the Union Democrat and his need for time to prepare them.

**Bulletin Report** - Jim Botto thanked those who got their reports in on time. He also reminded everyone to add pictures to their reports.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

**Bowling** –Bert reported that on August 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> our branch will host a SIR Tournament at Black Oak Casino. The league starts in September.

**Golf** - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

**Car Club**- Rich Rinaldi said that he wanted to thank all who helped with the car show.

**Chaplain**- Steve was informed that Sol Robbins' wife was in the hospital. Steve said that Bill Dunlavy has had his 4<sup>th</sup> chemo lately. Danny mentioned that Larry Gusman was in Sonora receiving his chemo, he is from Murphys. Steve said that he would have sinus surgery in August. Steve also mentioned that John Bristow's son is in renal failure and his prognosis is poor. Paul Squeri told Steve that Bill Burnes wife has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Fishing**- Chuck Simons was not present.

**Internet** - Jerry Bellefeuille did not have anything to report.

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

**Luncheon Drawing** – Danny said that Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner enjoy meeting all the members during their new activity.

**Pinochle** - Bob Morrison reported that we had an average of 12 players in June.

**Poker-** George Parsons was not present

**RV Travel** - Knute Kleinen said the RV group would be going to Laguna Seca in September.

**SIR Merchandise** – Fred was meeting with Cecil in the other room concerning the merchandise. Fred later reported that the storage area is not ready yet. Danny said we would build what we need for storage.

**Wine Tasting-** Phil said that no one has expressed interest in the idea of wine tasting. Danny questioned why people liked to drink wine but were not interested in a wine club. Danny said that he would like to keep the idea open for now.

**Old Business** – Eddie Toews said that we still have 7 members that have not paid their dues for 2017. Jeffery Boyd has not paid and was at the last meeting, all the other 6 have not attended any meetings this year. Jim Botto made a motion to start termination proceedings for the 7 members who have not paid their dues. The motion was seconded by Paul Squeri and passed by the BEC.

**New Business-** Danny Laureta asked the board to approve sending Jim Botto to the State Board Meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to represent our branch because Danny cannot attend. Eddie Toews made a motion to send Jim Botto in Danny's place. The motion was seconded by Bill Lobdell and passed by the BEC.

Danny asked the board for approval to purchase 2 pop up shelters at \$42 a piece. Eddie Toews made a motion and Bill Lobdell seconded it to purchase the pop ups. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny asked for a motion to not have a BEC meeting in August due to the branch BBQ. Jerry Bellefeuille made a motion to skip the meeting and Eddie Toews seconded it. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Next BEC Meeting – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.**