



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting July 10, 2018 Minutes

### **In Attendance:**

- BEC Officers:** Big SIR Paul Squeri, Little SIR Jim Botto, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.
- Not Present:** Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle.
- Directors:** Larry Matteson, Rodger Swartz, Gene Zanoni, and Rich Rinaldi.
- Not Present:** Steve Heath and Serge Peluso,
- Committee Chairmen:** Bulletin Steve Huff, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Membership Dale Decker, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, RAMP Rex Page, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Fishing Chuck Simons, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson, and Propane Marty Martin.
- Not Present:** Media Exchange Sol Robins, Golf Paul Padavana, Photographer Steve Belochi, and Luncheon Rick Bacon.
- 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 informed the board that a quorum was present.

Paul Squeri asked the board if there were any additions or deletions for the meeting agenda. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and was passed by the BEC.

**Big SIR-** Paul said that in order to streamline the BEC meetings he will just make a motion himself instead of asking for someone else to make the motion.

Paul also stated that there would be a change in the Luncheon meeting procedure. We would not have any more reports from the Luncheon Meeting floor. If the Program Directors and the Activity Chairman wish to speak they are to notify him before the Luncheon Meeting and he will call them to the podium area to speak.

Paul asked about the presentation of members with birthdays and the introduction of guests. It was decided to have the member introduce the guest but the guest does not need to talk. Birthday introductions will remain the same with members standing, all together, for applause.

Paul said that we would present the nominating committee's recommendations for the 2019 BEC Officers at today's general meeting. The Big Sir will be Jim Botto, Little Sir Gene Zanoni, Treasurer Eddie Toews, Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Second Year Directors Bill Lobdell, Larry Matteson, and Serge Peluso, First Year Directors Steve Huff, John Moyer, Marty Martin and Bill Guenza. The BEC approved the slate of officers by a unanimous hand vote.

**Little SIR** – Jim reported that we sold 60 BBQ tickets last month and that they will go on sale again today.

Jim said that today's guest speaker would be Kathy Peacock from Interfaith.

**Attendance/Membership Report-** Paul Squeri asked for the May and June membership reports to be approved because we forgot to do it at the last meeting. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve both of the reports. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

Dale Decker reported that Don Bean has withdrawn his application and donated his application fee. We have 3 new members to install today, Ron Risner, Lloyd Boldemann and Tim Bratten. Paul Squeri made a motion to accept the membership report. The motion was seconded by Rodger Swartz and passed by the BEC.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the June treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for June of \$11,889.16 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the June Treasurer's report was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Larry Matteson. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Form 27 Report-** Paul Squeri reported that our active membership is down 12 members from last year. Ideas were discussed about recruiting new members. Paul stressed that our own membership is our greatest asset for recruitment. Jim Johnson said that the state is pushing for more coed activities to help boost membership.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Membership Growth** – Larry Matteson said that he had no report.

**Member Relations** – see the car club report

**Activities** – Bill Lobdell reported that he walked 2.5 miles today.

**Public Relations** – Steve Heath was not at the meeting.

**RAMP Chairman-** Rex Page was not at the meeting.

**Bulletin Report** – Steve Huff said that he would like our photographer to take pictures of our committee chairmen for inclusion into the bulletin.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

**Bowling** –Bert said they only have tournaments this time of the year.

**Car Club-** Rich Rinaldi said he is considering a car show for September with a bring what you drive format.

**Chaplain-** Steve said that Ben Teal had a bypass. Dale mentioned that Ray Malaspina is very sick with cancer.

**Fishing-** Chuck Simmons said it was very hot out on the lake. Danny Laureta mentioned that he caught a 6 lb. trout at Lake Don Pedro.

**Golf** – Danny Laureta reported for Paul. The tournament this month will be an orange ball format.

**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 11 players in June.

**RV Travel** - Eddie Toews reported that the group had a great outing at Betabel. Jim Costello will host a bocce ball tournament this month. In September they will travel to Minden Nevada with 22 rigs.

**SIR Merchandise** – Fred Kehr said that sales were slow.

**Wine Tasting-** Phil VanSwoll said that he had no report.

**Kayak-** Sol was not at the meeting.

**New Business-** Paul said that we need to nominate someone for the 2019 Area Governor position. Paul said that Dale Decker has declared himself a candidate. Paul asked for further nominations, none were presented. A hand vote was taken and Dale was unanimously voted in as our nominee.

Jerry Bellefeuille made a motion to not have a BEC meeting in August due to the BBQ. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and passed by the BEC.

Dale mentioned that Jim Johnson is running unopposed for State SIR Vice President

**Old Business-** Paul Squeri said that we will drop our plans for a membership pin because SIR is considering their own membership pin.

Next BEC Meeting September 11th, 2018, 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary  
Jerry Bellefeuille  
July 16th 2018.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am.**