



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting July 9, 2019 Minutes

### **In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Jim Botto, Little SIR Gene Zanoni, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge, Membership George Cocores.

**Not Present:** Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Secretary Bill Burnes

**Directors:** Serge Peluso, Steve Huff and Marty Martin.

**Not Present:** Larry Matteson and Bill Guenza.

**Committee Chairmen:** Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin Steve Huff, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Golf Paul Padavana, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Steve Aldridge, RV Travel Eddie Toews.

**Not Present:** Activities Chairman Bill Lobdell, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Fishing Chuck Simons, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Roger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Niederer, Media Exchange Sol Robin, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Poker George Parsons, Fred Kehr, SIR Item Sales, and Jerry Stefan Bocce Ball.

**Past Big SIRs:** Jim Johnson, Dale Decker Danny Laureta, and Paul Squeri.

**Area 5 Governor:** Dale Decker.

Big SIR Jim Botto called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Eddie Toews asked to add a discussion of media exchange and the number guest speaker lunches we pay for to the agenda.

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

**Secretary's Report** – There were no changes to the June minutes. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Gene Zanoni and seconded by George Cocores. The minutes were approved 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 \$13,096.42 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by George Cocores and seconded by Steve Aldridge. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Big SIR-** Jim Botto reported that we will install 2 new members today, which brings us up to 207 members. He indicated that the table numbers for all 22 tables worked well last month, but that we need to replace Rick Bacon for calling the table numbers. Tables with guests get called after the head table. As guests check in, they will be given a table tent with their name and the sponsor's name on it. Guests without sponsors will sit at Dale Decker's table. The 3 individuals who check members in will get to sit at the head table. Currently those 3 are Roger Swartz, John Miller and Jim Rodrigues. It has already been approved by the BEC to reduce the Little Sir's workload by having a Family Picnic and BBQ Chairman to take over the responsibilities of the August picnic. It is too late for this to happen this year, and we need a volunteer to take on this new position. There was a discussion of who that should be, including having Golf, RV and Bowling rotate years doing this. No final decision was made.

**Little SIR** – Gene Zanoni reported that so far, we have sold 42 tickets for the Family Picnic and BBQ and donated one. (117 sold through July 30). The Elks Club is going to start charging us for use of their tables for the picnic, but we will explore the possibility of using Indigeny tables at no cost instead. Our guest speaker this month is Julie Von Savoye who is affiliated with the local office of Cutler Segerstrom Insurance Agency. The main theme of her presentation will focus on the crisis relating to homeowner's insurance. She knows we want the presentation limited to 15 minutes. We will install 2 new members this month. They are: Fred Soules#130, sponsor Larry Caplinger#205 and William Vaughan#032. Steve Huff made a motion to accept the new members, seconded by Eddie Toews. The BEC approved. Phil Bayliss will ask all new members to meet him early at the September 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon to be introduced to our members as they arrive for the luncheon.

**Attendance/Membership Report** George Cocores presented the June membership report. He reported that we will end June with 206 members, counting recent lost members and 2 members to be installed today. Eddie Toews made a motion accept the report. It was seconded by Gene Zanoni and passed by the BEC.

**Form 27 Report-** Jim Botto reported that we expect attrition of 24 members, our average, for 2019. Our year end goal is 228 members. Current active members are 206, counting the 2 to be installed today.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

All reports will now be given only in the BEC meeting. We will no longer take up time for these reports during our luncheon. If your activity members need more information from you, see them after lunch.

**RAMP Chairman** – No report.

**Recruitment** – No report.

**Activities Director**

**Membership Relations & Growth** – No report.

**Publicity and Image**- No report.

**BULLETIN:** - No report.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

**Bowling** – Bert Abreo reported that bowling will start up on the Monday in September after Labor Day and then every Monday until mid-April 2020. A motion to approve this schedule was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Gene Zanoni. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Media/Book Exchange** – There was a discussion about possibly dropping the media table for lack of interest by the membership. A decision will be made at the general meeting.

**Chaplain**- No report.

**Golf** – Paul Padavana presented the golf schedule for 2019. Eddie Toews made a motion to accept the schedule, and it was seconded by Gene Zanoni and passed by the BEC.

**Internet** – Jerry Bellefeuille reported that we paid \$20 this past month for our web site.

**Pinochle** - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10 players in June. Pinochle is played every Monday at the Senior Center.

**RV Travel** – No report.

**SIR Merchandise**- Fred Kehr said sales are not going well. The State is trying to set up on line orders, but the minimum order is too large for us. The State does not have the new logo.

**Old Business** – None..

**New Business** – The Nominating Committee, led by Paul Squeri, has come up with the following names for 2020.

Big SIR:	Gene Zanoni	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Directors:	George Cocores
Little SIR:	Paul Padavana		Tom Niederer
Secretary:	Bill Burnes		Chris Methot
Asst Secretary:	Dick Aberle		Phil Baylis
Treasurer:	Eddie Toews	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Directors:	Bill Guenza
Asst Treasurer:	Steve Aldridge		Steve Huff
			Marty Martin

Paul Squeri will make the announcement at the September 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon. There was a motion by Steve Aldridge seconded by Marty Martin to approve the officers. The motion was passed by the BEC.

The August meeting will be suspended until September 10<sup>th</sup> because of the BBQ. A motion to approve was made by Eddie Toews, seconded by George Cocores. Motion passed by the BEC.

After discussion about the number of free meals for speakers, a limit of 2 free meals was decided on. Motion by Marty Martin, seconded by George Cocores, motion passed by the BEC.

Next BEC Meeting – September 10, 2019

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary  
Bill Burnes  
July 30, 2019.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.**