



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting June 10, 2014 Minutes

### In Attendance:

**BEC Board Members:** Big Sir John Bristow, Little Sir Jim Johnson, Secretary Dale Decker, Asst Treasurer Blair Abbott and Treasurer Frank Taylor

**Not Present:** Asst Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille

**Directors:** Bob Gelber, Bert Maxwell, Maurice Rollins, Angelo Costanza, Jake Parsons and Mariano Garces

**Committee Chairmen:** Attendance/Membership Angelo Costanza, Chaplin Paul Bullman, RV Travel Jim Botto, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Golf Danny Laureta, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, Sir Item Sales Cecil Steen, House Jerry Erath and Bulletin Dale Decker

**Not Present:** Luncheon Tickets Open, Bowling Bert Abreo, Travel Rich Lundin, Public Relations Open, and Internet Jerry Bellefeuille

**Past Big SIRs:** Phil VanSwoll and Baci Frecceri

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

Note: Although Big Sir John Bristow was in attendance he had asked Little Sir Jim Johnson to conduct the board meeting due to medications causing him some problems.

A Roll Call of Officers and Directors in attendance was made. A quorum was present.

The meeting started with Little Sir Jim Johnson welcoming Big Sir John Bristow back, mentioning that if any of us thought they had problems they should talk to John and then asking John to give us an update on his medical condition.

John said that he realized this morning that he should have been in surgery (it was scheduled for today) but the doctor discovered that he had a severe infection and needed to be treated for that before going further. John expects that the hip surgery will occur sometime in August if he can get the infection cleared up.

Little Sir Jim Johnson reviewed the BEC board meeting and asked if anything needed to be added or changed. He mentioned that we had one item in regards to dues and he would put that under new business.

Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza brought up the fact that we only had one person (Bob Gelber) at the front table checking members in and that he could use some help (Bert Abreo is currently at the US Open). Past Big Sir Phil VanSwoll volunteered to help Bob Gelber which was very much appreciated.

Little Sir Jim Johnson then mentioned that Angelo Costanza, Membership Chairman, had to leave early to take his grand daughter to the airport so he was letting Angelo go first.

**Attendance/Membership** - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza presented the May 2014 monthly report which was previously distributed to the BEC. Angelo reported that our membership is 221.

Additionally, that we would be installing Alan Nix at our luncheon today (his sponsor is Blaine Cluff). Angelo said we also have a new application from Tom Lively, sponsor Bill Lobdell, up for approval today.

Since the Ladies Day luncheon was held in May attendance is not counted.

A motion was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Jake Parsons to approve the application for Tom Lively and to accept the Attendance & Membership Report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Secretary** - Secretary Dale Decker presented the minutes which were previously distributed to the BEC for the May 12, 2014 Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Maurice Rollins. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** - Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2014 which showed we started the month with a checking account balance of \$7,865.15, ended the month with a checking account balance of \$4,494.73 and had \$200 cash on hand.

Treasurer Frank Taylor pointed out that the General Fund Receipts of \$615.00 included \$100.00 in annual contributions and receipts for the Ladies Day luncheon drawing for \$515.00.

Custodial Fund Receipts were \$280.00 from the Ladies Day Luncheon ticket sales and \$10.00 for one badge for a total of \$290.00.

Additionally he covered supporting details of the General Fund Disbursements of \$157.93 and for the Custodial Fund Disbursements of \$4,117.49 which were mostly for the Ladies Day luncheon meals and expenses.

Finally, Frank stated that to date there are about 35 members who have not paid their annual contributions as of this date.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Blair Abbott. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Little SIR** - Little SIR Jim Johnson reported that the Ladies Day Luncheon was a big success and the committee putting it together (Mariano, Maurice and Bob) had done a great job. The reservation process had worked out well (except for one person that had not mentioned that they wanted to sit with someone in particular). Jim mentioned that Tim (Elks Lodge) had done a great job and that Dino has served very good food. Frank Taylor said he had heard one complaint - that the food was cold.

Little Sir said that in future events he would shorten the length of time for the drawings. Frank Taylor said that he had heard one complaint in that a lady had said it would be nice if she had known who had won what. Other than that the luncheon was a big success.

Jim pointed out that the 'card' system for donations had worked out well and that he had mentioned everyone's name in the bulletin and that also that in the final tally the branch only had a \$30 deficit for the luncheon.

Jim then reiterated that the picnic menu includes 1/4 chicken, St. Louis style ribs, corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw, bar-b-que beans, French bread, dessert and a bottle of water. Also, that we have full use of the kitchen and bathrooms and also will have a full no host bar.

The cost for the picnic will be \$12 per person which is the same as our regular luncheons so this should go over very well with our members. The tickets for the picnic will be sold in June and July and there will be a 50/50 drawing for cash prizes so we don't have to carry a lot of things out to the picnic area.

**Bulletin** - Dale Decker reported that we were saving approximately \$50/month since he was putting the bulletin together with additional savings by using Pac N Copy.

**Internet** - Jerry Bellefeuille was not present. However, some comments came up about a problem with the bulletin link not working that Jerry will have to address when he gets back.

**Chaplin** - It was mentioned that Glen Ashmore was very ill with a severe infection. He had been in ICU for about 10 days but it was believed that he was in a regular room now.

## **Activity Reports:**

**Bowling** - Bert Abreo was not present, however, SIRs League bowling has been completed and will start again in August.

**Golf** - Danny reported that he was averaging about 32 golfers per month and the golf committee is working on 'golf policy' and one of the reasons for this is that this last week they had two guests and one of the guests had won money. The 'policy' would not allow guests, i.e., non members to win prizes. Danny mentioned that he just about had the policy ready and would be sending it to the board for review soon.

**Fishing** - Open position, no report.

**House** - Jerry Erath reported everything was ready to go for today's luncheon.

**Pinochle** - Bob Morrison reported that over four Mondays his was getting 15 to 16 players.

**RV Travel** - Ron Long reported that the May 19th outing to Bethel Island was a bunch of fun. The next outing on June 20th is to Rolling Hills Casino, then to Lassen Pines RV park followed by a stop at an RV park in Redding.

**SIR Merchandise** - Cecil Steen was present but was out in the lobby setting up for our 1 day 10% off Sirs merchandise sale. Results will be reported in the July BEC meeting.

**Travel** - Rich Lundin was not present - see new business.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** -

Jim Johnson discussed some of the problems we're having with collecting the annual dues. He pointed out that the annual dues are mandatory now and if you don't pay you're out. It was mentioned by Frank Taylor that he has pre-printed cards to send out to those members that haven't paid yet.

Little Sir asked Frank Taylor to provide us with a list of those members that have not paid their dues yet and will ask our membership chairman, Angelo Costanza the check this against those members to see if any are in the propane co-op. Jim then said that he was proposing that after to bar-b-que we list the delinquent member's names in the bulletin (like the Elks Lodge does) and that this works pretty well.

Rich Lundin was not present but had given SecDec a package for a 3 day trip to Nevada Ghost towns, rock hounding sites, shopping and casinos October 20 - 22. This package was mentioned and Rich was requesting BEC approval for the trip.

A motion to approve the trip was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Maurice Rollins. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Little Sir Jim Johnson brought up entertainment for the Christmas party and the need for us to lock in a band. Jim said he was working with the Greg Brown Music Express group which has a very good reputation and that they had played for us before along with the Italian Club and the Elks. The cost for 3 hours is \$250 and they require a \$50 deposit to lock in the date.

A motion to hire the Greg Brown Music Express for our Christmas party for a cost of \$250 with a \$50 deposit was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Bert Maxwell. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Chaplin Paul Bullman then asked if we could get some background information on our guest speaker today: Randolph Holder. Little Sir Jim Johnson then spent about 5 minutes telling the BEC about Randolph's background and history.

Jim then addressed the expense estimate for the BBQ. He said we were going to feed everybody for about \$6.50 each. We're going to be charging \$12 which is the same as our regular luncheons and with all the expenses he hopes that we make about \$1,100. This will help us re-coop some of our costs from previous events.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

**The next Branch BEC Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 10:00 am.**

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary  
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June 12, 2014.

Copy to: Jimmie Johnson, Regional Director  
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