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Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting June 12, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Paul Squeri, Little SIR Jim Botto, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor, and Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle.

Not Present: None

Directors: Larry Matteson, Rodger Swartz, Steve Heath, Rich Rinaldi..

Not Present: Gene Zanoni, 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, Media Exchange Sol Robins, and Propane Marty Martin.

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

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll, Danny Laureta

Area 5 Governor: Not present.

Big SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Steve Heath made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Paul said that we have potentially 14 guests from the Home and Garden Show and the Senior Expo.

Paul said that the Ladies' Day Luncheon was a great success although we were a little low on attendance with 180 people attending. Paul said that the survey results were very positive.

Paul mentioned that Bill Burnes will take over as secretary in 2019 and that we still need to fill two director positions as well as a Membership Chairman for next year. We also need to submit recommendations for Area Governor.

Little SIR – Jim reported that ticket sales for the August picnic are going on sale today. Jim has started purchasing supplies for the picnic. Jim stated that Black Oak Casino has donated a prize for our picnic drawing. We are still looking for more help at the picnic. Jim said that today's guest speaker would be Mike Lella. He will be talking about his father whose story is told in the book "Under A Scarlet Sky".

Attendance/Membership Report- Dale Decker reported that we lost 3 members in the last month. Don Watson has moved out of the area, and Neil Williams and Drex Oliver both passed away. The board forgot to approve the report, it will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Form 27 Report- Paul Squeri reported that our active membership stood at 213 after this meeting, which is 13 behind our goal.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the April BEC Meeting for approval. Rich Rinaldi made a motion to approve the April minutes. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and was passed by the BEC. Jerry then asked for approval of the May minutes. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Frank Taylor and passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the April treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for April of \$15,928.91 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the April Treasurer's report was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC. Eddie then presented the May treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance of \$11,404.08 in May. A motion to approve the May Treasurer's report was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Steve Heath. The motion was passed by the BEC.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth – Larry Matteson said that we had no report.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi gave his thanks to Paul Squeri for taking care of the member survey at the Ladies' Day Luncheon.

Activities – Open position.

Public Relations – Steve Heath said that he had no report.

RAMP Chairman- Rex Page was not at the meeting.

Bulletin Report – Steve Huff said that he would like more photos, preferably in JPEG format.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling –Bert was not at the meeting.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi said he was putting out a sign up sheet for a trip to Knights Ferry.

Chaplain- Steve said that all is well.

Fishing- Chuck Simmons was not at the meeting but Dale Decker has talked to Chuck and he reported that the fishing has been excellent.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille had no report.

Media Exchange- Sol Robin reported that we got in new cd's and puzzles.

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 12 players in April and in May they had an average of 10 players.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews reported that the group had a great outing in Mariposa. This month they are going to Betabel RV Park below Gilroy.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that he sold one shirt.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll said that the wineries in the area are in flux so he has yet to finalize any plans for an event.

Kayak- Sol reported that we have 3 members who are interested in the group.

New Business- Paul mentioned that he would like to streamline the activity reports during the luncheon. Dale Decker mentioned that it might be helpful to label the table seats of the activity chairmen so members can more easily identify them. Paul Squeri said that Jerry Stefan wants to start a branch Bocce Ball Group.

Old Business- A discussion took place on the idea of pins for years of membership. One idea is to include the other area branches to defray the cost of 100 pins. It was decided to table the discussion until July.

Paul Squeri made a motion to amend the list of officers that was proposed at the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Heath and passed by the BEC. The amended list will have Bill Burnes as Secretary, and Steve Aldridge as Assistant Treasurer. Steve Heath will not be a returning director and Scott Lewis also will not be a director next year.

Paul Squeri made a motion to accept an Activity Group Declaration concerning liability insurance for our members when they participate in other branches activities. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and passed by the BEC. The Activity Group Declaration was entered into the branch permanent records.

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

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Jerry Bellefeuille
June 22nd 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.