



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting June 11, 2019 Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle .

Directors: Bill Guenza, Steve Huff and Marty Martin.

Not Present: Larry Matteson and Serge Paluso.

Committee Chairmen: Activities Chairman Bill Lobdell, Bulletin Steve Huff, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Steve Aldridge, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Fred Kehr SIR Item Sales.

Not Present: Bowling Bert Abreo, Fishing Chuck Simons, Golf, Paul Padavana, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Roger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Niederer, Photographer Steve Belochi, Media Exchange Sol Robins, Poker George Parsons, and Jerry Stefan Bocce Ball.

Past Big SIRs: Phil Van Swoll, Jim Johnson, Dale Decker and Danny Laureta.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Big SIR Jim Botto called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

Secretary Bill Burnes took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – Bill Burnes asked if there were any corrections to the April 2019 minutes. There was no meeting in May because of the Ladies' Luncheon. The minutes were approved by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the March Treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for April of \$18,014.56 and \$250 cash on hand and for May of \$13,706.62 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Steve Huff and seconded by Marty Martin. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Jim Botto stressed to the board the need for recruitment efforts. We will install 4 new members today, which brings up to 211 members. Bill McKee and Walt Kolander have passed away. Our goal for the end of the year remains at 228. Phil Bayliss will ask the 4 new members to meet him early for the July 9th luncheon to meet and greet our members as they come in. We are hoping this will help integrate the new members into SIR chapter and help get them interested in some of the activities. We now have table numbers for all 22 tables. After the head and tables with guests go to get their food, Rick Bacon will draw ping pong balls from a bottle for the remaining tables. Our nominating committee is having a hard time recruiting a Little SIR for next year. It was recommended that we reduce the Little SIR's workload. A motion was made by Bill Guenza to remove the BBQ picnic from the Little SIR's responsibility and recruit a chairman to do the BBQ. The motion was seconded by George Cocores and passed by the BEC.

Jim informed the BEC that all 3 local SIR branches have a new contract with the Elks Lodge to cater our lunches, effective July 1, 2019 and ending on March 31, 2020. The total monthly cost, including cleanup and set up will be \$370, versus \$310 in the past. We will not have to deal directly with Dino the caterer as in the past, which means we will not have to have insurance coverage for him. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve the contract, and Bill Lobdell seconded it. The motion was passed by the BEC. Maybe dues will have to be raised to cover the additional \$60 per month cost. A motion was made by Bill Burnes to approve the additional cost. The motion was seconded by Marty Martin and passed by the BEC.

Little SIR – Gene Zanoni reported on the Ladies' Lunch. It was well received by our membership. Our net "loss" for the lunch was \$443.44. Ticket sales for the Family Picnic and BBQ have started now and preparations are now ongoing. Our guest speaker this month will be Darlene Matthews on behalf of the Friends of the Animal Community (FOAC). We have 4 new members to be installed today: Robert Stevenson #026, Paul Durand #039, Robert Chambers #038, and Les Keeler #012. Fred Soules #130 and Bill Vaughan #032 will not be installed today. Last month we put out an Activities to Consider survey sheet and got 32 responses. The responses were:

Car Club	8	Kayaking	2	Investments	2
Golf	5	Bocce Ball	4	Woodworking	2

Attendance/Membership Report George Cocores presented the May membership report. He reported that we will end June with 212 members, counting recent deaths and 4 members to be installed today..

Steve Huff 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 is 212, counting the 4 to be installed today.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman - Steve Aldridge said there were a lot of inquiries at the Home and Garden Show, and that one person committed to join..

Recruitment – No report.

Membership Growth – No report.

Activities – No report.

Publicity - No report.

BULLUTIN: - No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Chaplain- Steve Gregory reported on 2 deaths we had this month (Kolander and McKee).

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 12 players in April and 11 in May.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews reported that the RV group will be going to Likely, CA, near Alturas on June 19. There will be 19 rigs.

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 – Jim Botto emailed and snail mailed Propane Rules and Procedures, in March and believes all propane members have received the letters. We now need to

proceed with the 4 members that are below the minimum. Of these 4, the BEC exempted Paul Becker and Bert Oliver due to their health problems. A motion was made by Marty Martin to remove Ray Harrelson and Ray Harm from the propane program. The motion was seconded by George Cocores and passed by the BEC. There are 18 non-propane members below the minimum. 6 are new members, 2 live out of the area, leaving 10 that need attention. John Deaver was exempted because he is out of the area much of the year and also Otto Bullich and Bob Gibbs who are also out of the area often. Bill Bondi has not responded to letters, and so Steve Aldridge made a motion to remove him from membership. The motion was seconded by Bill Burnes, and the BEC passed the motion.

New Business – The Nominating Committee, led by Paul Squeri, has come up with the following names for 2020. We are still looking for a Little SIR to serve with Gene Zanoni.

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

Next BEC Meeting – July 9, 2019

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Bill Burnes
June 16, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.