



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting June 17, 2020 Minutes  
(as corrected on July 17)  
Virtual Meeting using Zoom**

**In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Little SIR Paul Padavana, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

**Not Present:** All were present.

**Directors:** Chris Methot and George Cocores.

**Not Present:** Phil Baylis, Tom Neiderer, Bill Guenza, and Marty Martin

**Committee Chairmen:** Bulletin John White, Golf Paul Padavana, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

**Not Present:** Activities Director Bill Lobdell, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Photographer Steve Belochi, Propane Marty Martin, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, Bocce Ball Jerry Stefan and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

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

**Area 5 Governor:** Dale Decker.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There was a request by Paul Padavana to be able to release golf members' emails to the state golf chairman. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made and the motion was passed by the BEC.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the March 2020 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for March 2020 of \$16,861.17 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Paul Padavana. The motion was passed by the BEC. Eddie then presented the April Treasurer's Report. The April beginning balance was \$16,861.17 and the April ending balance was \$16,626.67 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Paul Padavana. The motion was passed by the BEC. Eddie then presented the May Treasurer's Report. The May beginning balance was \$16,626.67 and the ending balance was \$15,365.34 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Paul Padavana. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Secretary's Report** – There no changes to the March 10, 2020 minutes. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jim Johnson. The minutes were approved by the BEC. (Because of Covid-19, there weren't meetings in April or May).

**Big SIR-** Gene Zanoni said four things will be presented in our bulletin. They are: "I'm Doing My Part," "Member Survey," "Join SIR," recruitment flyer and "Annual Home and Garden Show" recruitment reminder are being publicized in our Bulletin. Gene also asked for acceptance of "Request for Restarting Branch 136 Activity" for both RV Club Outings and Golf Skins Game & Tournament. A motion to approve the 2 requests was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by George Cocores. The motion was passed by the BEC. Gene then announced that the guest speaker for June will be Sean Burke, Senior Advisor Consultant with Franklin Templeton who will discuss navigating through the uncharted financial market waters. This presentation will be done virtually via Zoom.

**Little SIR-**Paul discussed the upcoming BBQ Picnic activity. Nobody has stepped up to be chairman of this event, Indigeny is still in lockdown, and we would have to begin selling tickets in July and August when we don't expect to have meetings. In view of all these adverse conditions, Paul asked for a motion to cancel the BBQ and Picnic. A motion to that effect was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by George Cocores. The motion to cancel was passed by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership Report** – A combined April and May report was given by George Cocores. We started April with a count of 203. Regarding Form 27, for the months March through May, we started with 215 members, added 5 and lost 17 in March, and had no changes in April and lost 3 in May. We started May with 203 members and ended May with 200.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**RAMP Chairman** – No report.

**Recruitment** – No report.

**Activities Director** – No report

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

**Publicity and Image-** No report.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS** – There were no activities reports.

**Old Business** – Gene Zanoni reported that Publicity/Recruitment material purchases are cancelled due to expense factors.

**New Business** – The following changes were proposed for the purchasing of merchandise:

Use the new logo for Branch 136.

Pre-payment by the purchaser is required before ordering the merchandise.

Solicit orders only through the website: <https://sir.go.customprintcenter.com/>.

Periodic consolidation of orders to capitalize on free shipping and/or possibly include Branches 77 and 172 to increase frequency of ordering.

Quarterly we publicize an order form in our Bulletin with the completed/requested form to be submitted to the Merchandise Coordinator for processing.

Fred Kehr and associate will develop a catalogue illustrating the items available along with updated pricing for membership to peruse at our meetings.

Reduce dated stock with the initial logo to half price to eliminate it.

There was a motion by Steve Aldridge to approve these changes, seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

There was a request by the state golf chairman to release to them the emails of those in the Branch 136 golf group. Our golf chairman doesn't want to do this. Emails will be released by permission only.

**Next BEC meeting – July 14, 2020.** It will be done virtually using Zoom.

Bill Burnes

July 5, 2020

**Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.**