



Sonora SIR Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting June 13, 2023 Minutes
In person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Eddie Toews, Little SIR Rick Bronner, Secretary Gene Zanoni, Assistant Secretary Bill Burnes, Treasurer John Salmon and Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: None.

Directors: Stan Enos Steven Holt and Melvin Kutsch.

Not Present: George Cocores, Marty Martin and Rex Page.

Committee Chairmen: Bowling Rick Bronner, Bulletin Jim Botto, Car Club Rick Bronner and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet & Zoom Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison and Propane Marty Martin.

Past Big SIRs: Jim Botto, Dale Decker, Paul Squeri, Phil VanSwoll and Gene Zanoni.

State SIR V-P: Dale Decker.

Call to Order – Big SIR Eddie Toews called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Roll Call – Secretary Gene Zanoni took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda – Big SIR Eddie Toews asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none and the agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report – Big SIR Eddie Toews asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting. There were none and the minutes were approved as presented. On May 9, 2023 there was no BEC meeting held, since the special Ladies Day Luncheon event went ahead as scheduled.

Treasurer's Reports:

Treasurer John Salmon presented the April 2023 monthly Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had a beginning checking account balance of \$17,661.34 and a month ending balance of \$18,421.49 and \$100.00 cash on hand. General Fund Receipts: Dues (8) \$200.00, Luncheon profit \$109.00, Raffle \$100.00, Christmas prize donations \$11.00, Guest expense \$34.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,247.00, Ladies Day Luncheon \$1,890.00, Badges (3) \$30.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$57.85, Postage \$27.00, Guest expense \$34.00, Rent, Setup, Cleanup \$300.00, Birthday lunch \$19.00, Sponsor lunch \$19.00, Raffle \$50.00, State Board Assessment \$292.00. Custodial Fund Disbursements: Luncheon \$1,247.00, Deposit for August picnic \$250.00, Cash for Ladies Day Luncheon raffle \$225.00. There were no additions or corrections to the presentation, thus, the report was approved as presented. [NOTE: Big SIR Eddie Toews requested from Treasurer John Salmon that he report next month the total funds collected and earmarked as Christmas prize donations.]

Treasurer John Salmon presented the May 2023 monthly Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had a beginning checking account balance of \$15,594.95 and a month ending balance of \$15,231.96 and \$100.00 cash on hand. General Fund Receipts: Dues (2) \$50.00, Raffle \$470.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Ladies Day Luncheon \$350.00, Badges (2) \$20.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$51.38, Postage \$21.00, Rent, Setup, Cleanup \$300.00, Birthday lunch \$20.00, Sponsor lunches (3) \$60.00, Microsoft 365 annual subscription \$99.00, Norton anti-virus protection \$124.99. Custodial Fund Disbursements: Luncheon \$3,210.00, Linen rental \$343.69, Wine \$280.00, Badges \$22.47, Lapel pins \$37.00. There were no additions or corrections to the presentation, thus, the report was approved as presented.

Big SIR Report – Eddie Toews

1. First, I want to read into the minutes that we swore in three new members at the Ladies Day Luncheon. They were Jim Crandell, Tim Johnson and Berry Schloffel.
2. I was on a Zoom call with the State SIR's Board of Directors, and it was announced that the state BEC will not be changing the Bylaws to allow women into SIR's. It was a unanimous vote of NO from all the branches.

Little SIR Report – Rick Bronner

1. Swear in two new members:
Steve Finigian
Tom Clauson
2. Update on guest speakers.
Don Perkins, the General Manager of the Tuolumne Utilities District, will lead a contingent of co-workers comprised of Abby, Emily and Jennifer to address current topics relevant to our countywide drinking water and wastewater matters.

Rich Lundin, an acclaimed local geologist and a member of our branch, is anticipated to be our guest speaker for July. His commitment awaits confirmation.

Attendance/Membership Reports:

Big SIR Eddie Toews presented the combined review of the Membership/Attendance Report and Form 27 – Monthly Branch Membership Report for April. We started the month with 135 members and during the month we added 3 new members (James Crandell, Tim Johnson and Barry Schloffel) while losing 5 members as a result of the following: 1 death (Reese Kofoed) and 4 due to failure to pay annual membership dues (Phil Baylis, Leonard Carpenter, Gerry Davis and Ed St. Laurent). Thus, we ended April with 133 members. The reporting was approved as presented.

Big SIR Eddie Toews presented the combined review of the Membership/Attendance Report and Form 27 – Monthly Branch Membership Report for May. We started the month with 133 members and during the month we neither added any new members nor lost any members. Thus, we ended May with 133 members. The reporting was approved as presented.

Unfortunately, we have lost a member: “SIR” Keith Kofoed passed away April 1st. He was a SIR’s member for 22 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling & Golf – Rick Bronner suggests reviewing our monthly Bulletin for the latest activity updates.

Pinochle – Bill Burnes, speaking on behalf of Bob Morrison, announced this activity occurs each Monday afternoon and everyone is welcome to participate.

RV Travel – Eddie Toews announced there were 12 rigs involved in May’s Bass Lake outing. Currently, there is the ongoing event being held at the Chico Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, CA. The activity dates include June 12th to June 17th (5 nights).

Old Business

1. The Ladies Day luncheon was a great success and those attending had a great meal and enjoyed themselves. Total attendance amounted to a combination of 107 members and their special guests. Once again, the raffle proved to be an extremely popular activity for the day’s event.

New Business

1. Discuss how to handle a situation that had taken place this month. We need to address the reservation desk when the main person is on vacation and the trained replacement ends up in the hospital or there is another unforeseen situation. This month was an example of this issue. Jerry Bellefeuille is on vacation out of the country for two months. George Cocores was trained and had the software to do this put on his computer. He unfortunately ended up in a Modesto hospital with quadruple valve replacement. He is home now and doing well, but it might be a good idea if we had a

third person trained and setup to do this if it was to happen again. What are your thoughts?

An ensuing discussion supported this notion and now we are looking for any member to come forth to volunteer as a second backup to the main reservationist. Keep in mind the second backup reservationist may never be called upon to perform in this capacity, after all, this month's predicament presented a truly unusual circumstance. Interested members are encouraged to contact Big SIR Eddie Toews for details.

2. A discussion surfaced relating to the idea of providing Frank Tayler with the altered honorable designation of Honorary Life Member Emeritus status. Currently, he is the longest standing Honorary Life Member in our branch, followed by Dale Decker and Eddie Toews. After a brief discussion John Salmon made a motion in support of this change that was seconded by Rick Bronner and approved by the BEC.

3. Big SIR Eddie Toews introduced the idea of issuing a framed membership certificate to each new member during the installation procedure. Its merits were discussed, thereafter, Stan Enos made a motion to adopt this practice that was seconded by John Salmon and approved by the BEC.

Birthday recognition for June.

To be announced from the result of a random drawing during today's luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Next BEC meeting – July 11, 2023 starting at 10:00 am at the Elks Lodge.

Gene V. Zanoni, Secretary

June 23, 2023