

SONS IN RETIREMENT
SONORA Branch 136
Branch Executive Committee Meeting
March 12, 2013 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Board Members: Big Sir Phil Van Swoll, Little SIR John Bristow, Secretary Jim Johnson, Asst. Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Frank Taylor, and Assistant Treasurer Blair Abbot. **Directors:** Herman Eaton, Jerry Erath, Keith Kofoed, Dale Decker, and Bert Maxwell.

Committee Chairman: Attendance/Membership Jim Johnson, Bulletin/Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Golf Jeff Phillips, Luncheon Rick Bacon, RV Travel Bill Lobdell, Travel Will Reich, and Public Relations Frank Cimino.

Past Big SIRs: Dusty Rhodes, Al Limon, Bill Dunlevy, Will Reich, and Baci Frecceri.

Big SIR Phil Van Swoll called the meeting to order at 10:03am. A quorum was present.

Secretary - Secretary Jim Johnson presented the minutes, which were previously distributed to the BEC, of the February 12, 2013 BEC Meeting. No changes were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Keith Kofoed. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurers Report for February, 2013 which showed a monthly ending checking balance of \$3,079.47 and \$200.00 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Blair Abbot and seconded by Keith Kofoed. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Little SIR – Little SIR John Bristow reported the Ladies Day Luncheon will be on May 14th. Deno is charging \$16/meal with choices of prime rib or salmon. Expenses for the event to date are \$21/ticket plus table decorations entertainment and door prizes. Frank Taylor reported the Branch treasury has subsidized the expenses of the Ladies Day Luncheon up to the amount of \$750 to \$900 in the past and if the ticket price is above the \$20 to \$21 range attendance will suffer. After a discussion a motion was made by Jim Johnson and seconded by Jerry Erath to set the price at \$21/ticket with a maximum subsidy from the Branch treasury of \$800. The motion failed. A motion was then made by Bert Maxwell and seconded by Keith Kofoed to set the price at \$20/ticket with no subsidy limit from the Branch treasury. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership – Jim Johnson, Attendance/Membership Chairman, presented the March Attendance/Membership Report. There are three applicants proposed for membership: Bruce Peterson (sponsor Gene Morales #307), John Avila (sponsor Bill Lobdell #324) and Bob Harlan (sponsor Len Jacques #074). The current membership stands at 241-active and 10-inactive members. A motion was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Keith Kofoed to approve the Attendance/Membership Report and the three applicants for membership. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Bulletin/Internet – Jerry Bellefeuille, Bulletin/Internet Chairman, reported he still needs additional space in the monthly bulletin and would appreciate it if those providing information could reduce their reports. He also reported the printer made 39 errors in the new 2013 Branch 136 Membership Directory/Roster that was distributed in February. The Membership Directory was reprinted, at no additional cost to the Branch, and are now available.

Travel – Will Reich reported the Horse Races at Golden Gate Park will be April 12 at a cost of \$80 per person and has room for 12 more. Bus transportation will be provided if a minimum of 44 participants is reached. Reservations are still being taken for the upcoming Alaska Cruise. SIR Days at the baseball games will be July 13th and August 26th for the Sacramento River Cats and August 8th for the San Francisco Giants.

RV Travel - Bill Lobdell reported the RV Group will be traveling to the Jackson Rancheria RV Resort in March and Gold Strike RV Park in April. The RV Group has two new members.

Golf – Jeff Phillips reported there were 22 players at the Mountain Springs Tournament on March 26. The Branch 136 Golfing Group will be conducting their 2013 Golf Tournament at the Carson Valley Inn and Genoa Lakes Golf Course, Minden on June 2 through June 5, 2013.

Pinochle – Bob Morrison reported fourteen players participated last week at the Moose Lodge.

New Business:

Big Sir Phil VanSwoll reported we have received notification from State that the Branch Officers and Directors are not covered by the SIRs State Insurance policy but can choose to purchase their own annual liability insurance coverage for \$2,500. However, Branch Officers and Directors are protected by California Corporation Code Section 5239, "personal liability of volunteer director or officer for negligence" if the documented cost for obtaining the insurance exceeds 5% of the Branch's prior year's budget (Which has been the case for all SIR Branches in past years). Per the e-mail the amount of our Branch's prior year budget is the General Account Total on the SIRs Form 28 dated December 31st. Per Frank Taylor, Branch 136's General Account total on our December 31, 2012 Form 28 was \$1,169.50.

Since the cost to obtain Liability Insurance exceeds 5% of our year end budget we fall under the California Corporation Code Section 5239 for nonprofit corporations the following motion was presented for consideration and action:

“Pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code 5239, effective January 1, 2002, Sons in Retirement Branch 136 has received a determination made by the SIR State Insurance Committee which reveals that the cost of obtaining Officer and Directors Liability insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year budget. This constitutes a good faith effort to obtain such insurance and we therefore defer to the Sections 5239 which states “there shall be no personal liability to a third party for monetary damages on the part of a volunteer director or volunteer executive officer of a nonprofit corporation subject to this part, caused by the director’s or officer’s negligent act or omission in the performance of that person’s duties as a director or officer.” Therefore it is moved by Jim Johnson, seconded by Keith Kofoed and passed by the Branch Executive Committee that Sons in Retirement Branch 136 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance and the Branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239.”.

The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR Phil Van Swoll announced Dale Decker has agreed to take over the Membership/ Attendance Chairman duties from Jim Johnson. The change in responsibilities will take place as soon as Dale and Jim can meet to review the position’s responsibilities. Dale will assume the duties at his current Director position.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55am

Minutes prepared by Secretary Jim Johnson
April 1, 2013

