



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting March 8, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Dale Decker, Little SIR Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Not Present: None

Directors: Jim Botto, Rex Page, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell, and Jeff Phillips

Not Present: Monty Youngborg, Dick Aberle

Committee Chairmen: Membership Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Golf Paul Padavana, Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Theater Monty Youngborg, Luncheon Rick Bacon.

Not Present: Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, House Jerry Erath, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon, Phil VanSwoll.

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille informed the Board that a quorum was present.

Big SIR – Dale Decker reported that the members who have requested baked cod would go first in the food line. After that the tables with guests will go, then the head table and then the other tables.

Little SIR – Danny Laureta said that Ladies Day Luncheon is going as planned. There is a maximum of 200 tickets available for the luncheon.

Danny said that our guest speaker would be Rob Lyons from the Tuolumne County Sheriff's office. He will talk about Neighborhood Watch, a Pinecrest area rescue and crime prevention in your neighborhood.

Secretary – Jerry Bellefeuille asked for corrections to the February meeting minutes, none were reported. A motion to approve the minutes was made Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer – Eddie Toews presented the Treasurer's Report for February which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$7649.04 and cash on hand of \$250. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Frank Taylor. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie reported that we still had about 35 members that still had to pay their yearly dues. Eddie agreed to give Dale a list of non-paying members 2 weeks from now.

Attendance/Membership - Bill Lobdell presented the February Membership report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC. We have 2 members that are ready to be installed pending approval of the BEC. They are Steve Grow and Larry Caplinger.

We had 4 members pass away, 1 member transferred out and 5 members resigned in the past month. We have 208 active members and 6 inactive for a total of 214 members.

A motion to approve the membership report and the new members was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Review- Our year-end goal is 223 members. We are down 14 members so far this year. Dale is going to contact the members who have not paid their dues and report back to the BEC.

Program Director – Rex Page has been going to real estate companies and giving them tri folds advertising our SIR branch.

We are going to have a booth at the Home and Garden show in Sonora on April 9th and 10th. Rex is trying to get the other area branches to help man the booth. So far 172 is willing but 77 will need further convincing to get their support. Rex will prepare a schedule for coverage and send it to Dale in the next two weeks.

Member Relations – Paul Squeri reported the results of last month's comment cards.

Summary:

Number in Attendance at the luncheon: 148

Number participating in survey: 65 (44%)

Results:

Member 1 year or longer 60 (77%) Very Favorable
12 (20%) Good Time
2 (.3%) Satisfactory

Member Less than 1 year 5 (100%) Very Favorable

Write-in comments:

Some concern about distracting talk at tables during meeting portion of the luncheon - BEC members and Big Sir will focus on fixing.

Some comments in regards to menu with suggested improvements - Little Sir will address in upcoming 2017 menu negotiations with caterer.

Comment about 'How about us Vets' - 104 veterans were recognized in November 2014 Veteran Recognition Event. Eight (8) new members that are veterans have joined Branch 136 since that time will be recognized in another recognition event later this year.

Activities Program Director –Jeff mentioned that there were no new activities suggested in last months comment cards.

Jeff has brought more material for the media exchange.

Jeff also suggested that we look into more coed activities.

Dinner – Theatre – Rex Page reported for Monty Youngborg who is in the hospital. He said that March 15th is the last day to get your money in for the April 13th My Fair Lady musical. All checks are to be made out to Monty Youngborg. There will be a \$5 discount if we get 20 members to sign up.

Public Relations - Ray Bailey reported that he is working on getting our message in area publications, i.e., the weekender.

Activity Reports:

Bulletin- Jim suggested that we put more pictures of our activities on our website and also in our bulletin.

Bowling – Dale Decker gave Sec Jerry the Bowling Committee report. There are 3 teams in the league and all have vacancies. There are 5 weeks left in the season before the summer break. The league will start up again in the fall.

Chaplin- Steve Gregory reported that Harry Weiland passed away yesterday. Steve visited the widow of George Williams who recently passed away. Also Jim Johnson got out of the hospital last Friday after having surgery, which was a complete success. Steve mentioned that he would visit Jere Calef (at Skyline) this week.

Golf – Paul Padavana reported that they had their first tournament of the year and had 32 players. The next tournament is next Tuesday at Saddle Creek. There is a 32-person limit for the course, 21 are signed up so far. Guests are allowed to play up to 2 times before they must join SIR to participate.

Dale mentioned that he would like to have a coed tournament sometime before July 1st. Paul will look into a tournament on a par 3 course.

Internet- Dale Decker mentioned that SIR Branch 146 has a nice looking website. He is looking for someone who can help us redesign our website. Jerry agreed to look at the website and check it out.

Pinochle- Bob Morrison reported that they had between 12 and 14 players last month.

SIR Item Sales- Cecil Steen reported that although he has many items in stock, he could order any item for delivery next month.

Nominating Committee- Phil VanSwoll reported that they are actively looking for a new Assistant Secretary to replace Angelo Costanza who is transferring to Branch 146.

RV Travel- Knute Kleinen reported that they are getting ready to go to Jackson Rancheria for the first outing of the year. They have 21 rigs going so far.

Dale Decker asked the BEC to approve the State Tournament Bowling schedule that he distributed to the BEC. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Danny Laureta to approve the schedule. The motion was passed by the BEC. Sec Jerry has entered the schedule into the branch permanent records.

Dale asked if anyone had an objection to a members only classified section in our bulletin. No one objected. He and Jim Johnson are going to ask State SIR if this is ok.

Dale Decker asked the board to approved spending \$229 to reimburse Jim Johnson for the SIR banner (actual cost was \$458 but State is paying one half) that was purchased for the Home and Garden Show and future events. Branch 172 will give us \$80 to cover the banner and Dale will try to get Branch 77 to pay \$80 also. A motion to approve the expense was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on March 8th 2016.