



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting March 14, 2017 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Danny Laureta, Little SIR Paul Squeri, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Not Present: None

Directors: Jim Botto, Bill Lobdell, Rich Rinaldi, Rodger Swartz, Jeff Phillips, Mike Nolan and Rex Page

Not Present: None

Committee Chairmen: Membership Jeff Phillips, Public Relations Bill Lobdell, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Bowling Bert Abreo, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, RAMP Rex Page, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, and Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Rex Page.

Not Present: Golf Paul Padavana, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Bill Dunlavy.

Big Sir Danny Laureta called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

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

Danny Laureta asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda. None were presented.

Big SIR- Danny Laureta reported that he talked to the Branch 172 Big Sir and Sprague Edwards about their Theatre Group. They are in the process of appointing a new Chairman for the group. They will offer us tickets for the events after their membership has had a chance to purchase them.

Danny announced that our new Chairmen, Sol Robbins and Jim Rodriguez would be holding the media/book exchange today. Danny will poll the membership during the meeting about interest in VCR tapes. They will be donated to the veterans if no one is interested.

Danny said that there would be 30+ baked cod dinners today for members who raised their hands at the last meeting.

Danny said that we are going to eliminate the House Chairman position, which is currently vacant.

Little SIR – Paul Squeri reported that tickets would go on sale for the Ladies Day Luncheon today. Paul reminded everyone to consider donating items for the raffle.

Paul said that today's speaker would be Ted Griffin from Adventist Health Sonora. He will talk about the new building, recent upgrades and about attracting doctors to the area.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the February treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for February of \$7799.23 and \$300 cash on hand. A motion to approve the February's Treasurer's Report was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Report – Jeff Phillips presented the March membership report. Roland Camfield, #45 has requested inactive status. Jere Calef, #84 and Tom Costello, #28 have passed away. Mike Keegan, #223 has resigned due to poor health and Dan Cassaro, #51 has moved to Oregon. The total active membership is now at 218.

A motion was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Rich Rinaldi to accept the March membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the February, 2017 BEC Meeting for approval. Bill Lobdell made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Botto and was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Danny Laureta reported that we had 224 members at the end of 2016. Our February active membership count is 218. Our 2017-year end goal will be 225 members.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP - Rex Page said that he has sign up sheets for our booth at the Health Fair. Rex has also applied for a booth at the Friends and Neighbor Expo. It is a one-day event on June 7th.

Activities – Mike Nolan is working on a baseball game for this summer.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi reported that he is working on a membership survey for the Ladies' Day Luncheon.

Public Relations – Bill Lobdell reported that he is having issues submitting articles at the Union Democrat. He believes that he has it worked out now and we should have an article next month.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto asked for all reports to be submitted in a Microsoft Word format, not a pdf file.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling –Bert reported that they are in the final weeks of the league, which ends on April 17th. Our branch has several members who are planning on attending the tournament in Carson City. There are upcoming tournaments in Concord on March 20th and 22nd, Carson City on April 10th to the 12th, Grass Valley on April 25th and 26th, a State Tournament on May 19, 20 and 21st in South Lake Tahoe, and Pinole on June 7th and 8th.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi reported that Rodger Swartz will hold a car show on April 1st at the Possee Grounds. Rich also said that the Sonora branch of the Antique Car Club of America would host a National Tour in April at Black Oak Casino.

Chaplain- Steve Gregory received notice from Danny that John Gleason's wife Barbara had successful heart surgery and that Cecil Steen also had successful heart surgery.

Fishing- Chuck Simons was not present.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille had no report. Danny informed Jerry that he updated the Mother Lode Activity page on our website.

Media Exchange- Sol Robbins left the meeting early.

Luncheon Drawing – Bill Dunlavy and Bert Maxwell said that they would not be here to conduct a drawing today. No one volunteered to step in for them.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison was not at the meeting. Danny said that Bob informed him that they had an average of 11 to 14 players last month.

Poker- George Parsons was not present

Propane – Marty Martin reported that one member of the coop, Mike Keegan, has resigned due to health concerns. Marty will keep him in the coop for the duration of the home heating season.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen said the RV groups 1st outing will be to Jackson Rancheria. 21 rigs will be attending.

SIR Merchandise – Cecil Steen was not present and due to medical reasons and has resigned as the Merchandise Chairman. We need to find a replacement for Cecil.

Dinner/ Theater- We are going to combine our Dinner group with Branch 172.

Old Business - A new roster is in the planning stages. Danny is working on securing funds to print the new roster. Heuton Memorial Chapel and Todd Simonson will contribute and hopefully Black Oak Casino.

New Business – Danny reported that our assessment of \$331.50 is due on April 15th to the state.

Danny said that he talked to Dale about the nominating committee. The committee has identified 11 old members and 17 new members who are under their consideration for positions in 2018.

Next BEC Meeting – April 11th, 2017 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.