



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting March 13, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: None

Directors: Rodger Swartz, Steve Heath, Larry Matteson, Serge Peluso, Gene Zanoni, and Rich Rinaldi.

Not Present: None

Committee Chairmen: Golf Paul Padavana, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Bulletin Steve Huff, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Membership Dale Decker, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, Fishing Chuck Simons, and RAMP Rex Page.

Not Present: Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson, Photographer Steve Belochi, Media Exchange Sol Robins, and Luncheon Rick Bacon.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll.

Area 5 Governor: Not present.

Big SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 9:59 am.

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

Paul Squeri asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the meeting agenda. None were presented. A motion was made by Steve Heath and seconded by Rich Rinaldi to approve the agenda. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Paul said that we still have 8 members who have yet to pay their dues and that their names will appear in the April bulletin.

Paul said that he posted a new activities chart in the bulletin.

Paul said that we still have open positions in 4 committees.

Paul said that there would be baked cod for members who do not like corned beef at today's luncheon.

Little SIR – Jim reported that tickets go on sale today for the Ladies' day luncheon. The event committee will start soliciting for door prizes today. The luncheon seating will be a bit different with table leaders filling out a form for the whole table.

Jim said today's speaker will be Ted Griffin from Adventist Health Sonora.

Attendance/Membership Report- Dale Decker reported that we will be installing 3 new members today, Randy Skipper, John Jobling, and Richard Dentino (Richard did not show up at the meeting). Dale also reported that an inactive member, Jack Hackbarth, has resigned. Dale also reported that active members Tom Newell and Mel Lawrence have resigned and that members Knute Kleinen and John Mallard have transferred out. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve the membership report. The motion was seconded by Rodger Swartz and was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the February BEC Meeting for approval. Steve Heath made a motion to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the February treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for February of \$11,758.95 and \$250 cash on hand.

A motion to approve the February Treasurer's report was made by Frank Taylor and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Paul Squeri reported that we would have 223 members after today, which are 3 behind our goal.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth – Larry Matteson said that we are enlisting people to man the SIR booth at the Home and Garden Show next month.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi asked to be informed of new member's interest information.

Activities – Open position.

Public Relations – Steve Heath presented a sample bag to be used to promote our branch. It was decided to put Paul Squeri's phone number on the bag. It was also decided to put Sonora SIR on the bag as well as Sons In Retirement. Steve Heath made a motion to approve funding for the promotional bag purchase not to exceed \$300. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC. Steve also mentioned that his contact at the Union Democrat is no longer working there and that our branch article failed to make it into this month's paper. He said that he would follow up on the issue to get it resolved.

Bulletin Report – Steve Huff said that he added photos of new members in the bulletin.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling –The bowling chairmanship is open.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi mentioned the veterans car show at the Posse Grounds. He also said that we might register a car for the Home and Garden Show. He also mentioned that the car club might coordinate with the wine tasting group for a joint event.

Chaplain- Steve said that he had no news.

Fishing- Chuck reported that not much is happening on the fishing scene.

Golf - Paul Padavana said that a tournament was planned for next Tuesday, weather permitting. Paul is also working on a joint branch tournament.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille informed the board that he updated our website with the latest membership application.

Media Exchange- Sol Robin reported that all is well. Dale Decker reminded Sol that the idea is to take one and leave one.

Luncheon Drawing –Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner were out selling tickets for today’s drawing.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10 players.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews reported that the group would go to Jackson Rancheria at the end of this month. They will be there for 4 days. A motion was made to approve the trip to Jackson Rancheria, from March 25th to March 29th, by Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri. The trip was approved by the BEC.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that he went to Branch 77 to sell merchandise and that he sold 8 items. Fred also said that sales are slow.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll is talking to Inner Sanctum Winery for a possible outing.

Old Business –Paul mentioned that we are still waiting for word from Jim Johnson on insurance for joint branch activities and a possible motion to enter into the minutes. Rich Rinaldi said that he went to a joint branch theatre event and all went well.

New Business- Paul asked if there were any recommended changes to SIR bylaws, none were mentioned.

Paul Squeri mentioned that Dale Decker gave him a list of 27 members with email addresses that receive the bulletin by mail. The list was given to Jerry Bellefeuille to research.

Next BEC Meeting April 10th, 2018, 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Jerry Bellefeuille
March 17th 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.