



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting, March 10, 2020 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Little SIR Paul Padavana, Secretary Bill Burnes, Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Chris Methot, Tom Neiderer, and Marty Martin.

Not Present: Phil Baylis, Bill Guenza, and George Cocores.

Committee Chairmen: Fishing Chuck Simons, Golf Paul Padavana, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane Marty Martin, RV Travel Eddie Toews, and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Not Present: Activities Director Bill Lobdell, Bulletin John White, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, Poker George Parsons, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, Bocce Ball Jerry Stefan and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Past Big SIRs: Jim Johnson, Dale Decker, and Jim Botto.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Eddie Toews asked that the RV Travel Schedule and 2020 dues be added to the agenda. There was a motion by Eddie Toews to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Tom Neiderer. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary Bill Burnes took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – There no changes to the February minutes. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Tom Neiderer. The

minutes were approved by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the February 2020 Treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance at February 29, 2020 of \$15,429.33 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Burnes and seconded by Tom Neiderer. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Gene Zanoni reported to the BEC on the State SIR Town Hall Meeting in February. The following topics were covered: increase in SIR net membership, improve volunteerism, BEC members' fiduciary responsibilities on the SIR Inc website, "I'm Doing My Part" recognition program, rules for 2019's Best and Most Improved Branch awards, and introduction of a new marketing website: www.WeAreSIR.com. Our RAMP Committee is seeking a Recruitment Director as well as a replacement for the current Activities Director. Steve Huff's departure created a vacancy at the top for our bowling group. We are also looking for at least three members to work the check-in table on a rotating basis. Gene stated that the 2020 dues are now due and payable. Eddie Toews stated that we have lost 13 members, and there are two that we should drop for non-payment. They are Dick Young and Mike Nolan. Gene made a motion to remove them, and Eddie Toews seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the BEC. Eddie Toews passed out the RV scheduled outings for 2020. The outings are: 3/22 – 3/26 at 49er Village RV Park, Plymouth, CA, 6/21 – 6/28 at Hat Creek near Redding, 9/24 – 9/29 at Feather Falls RV Park, Oroville, CA, 10/17 – 10/21 at Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, CA. A motion to accept the schedule was made by Marty Martin, seconded by Tom Neiderer. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Little SIR Paul Padavana reported that we will install 5 new members today: Ron Bethel #076, Dennis Biedinger #003, Andrew Cross #075, Michael Orteiza #047, and Willie Phillips #070. He also announced the name of the March birthday who will get a free lunch if he attends today. He also has 3 back-up names. The March speakers will be the following: Sean Burke, Senior Advisor Consultant with Franklin Templeton who will discuss legacy planning and Steve Noonan, Regional Vice President with Axa Distributors, who will discuss the current economic situation. He reported that the Ladies' Day Luncheon activity is all going as planned.

Attendance/Membership Report In the absence of George Cocores, Gene Zanoni presented the March 2020 membership report. He reported that we ended February with 215 members, and we will induct 5 new members today, which will bring us up to 220 members. Tom Neiderer made a motion to approve the report. It was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC. Gene also stated that everyone in the propane program has paid their dues. Seven propane members haven't met attendance requirements, but are excused due to their health. Although the propane report was presented, no BEC action was taken. One member, Jack Walls, was relieved from attendance requirements, due to health. A motion to relieve him from the attendance requirement was made by Eddie Toews, seconded by Marty Martin, and passed by the BEC. The BEC reaffirmed that widows can stay in the propane program unless they move.

Form 27 Report- We started February with 214 members and ended the month with 215 members.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS:

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities Director – No report

Membership Relations & Growth – No report.

Publicity and Image- No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS – No reports.

Old Business – Gene reported that all publicity/recruitment materials discussed last month have been ordered and are in transit.

New Business – Big SIR asked for permission to purchase publicity/recruitment materials as follows: “Join SIR” single page color flyer 200 count @\$\$.49 each = \$105.60 and Action Member Survey 200 count @\$\$.13 each = \$28.02. It was suggested that he check with Sonora Blueprint for a better price than the above UPS Store prices.

Paul wanted approval to have the Sept 8 Annual Picnic catered by Dickey’s BBQ for \$15 per person. A motion was made by Tom Neiderer and seconded by Bill Burnes to have the Picnic catered. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Gene asked each BEC member to nominate 3 individuals for Honorary Life Member (HLM) awards, from which a vote by the BEC will select two of the three.

A discussion was had regarding the coronavirus situation and what our response should be. A motion was made by Tom Neiderer and seconded by Marty Martin to temporarily suspend our meeting attendance requirement during the coronavirus crisis, so that no members are required to attend. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Activities were not cancelled because attendance at them is voluntary.

A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Tom Neiderer to give attendance relief for Dick Aberle for health reasons. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Fred Kehr reported that our sales of SIR products in January and February have resulted in a reduction of inventory.

Next BEC meeting – April 14, 2020 (subsequently cancelled due to coronavirus)

Bill Burnes

March 27, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.