



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting May 12, 2014 Minutes

### In Attendance:

**BEC Board Members:** Big Sir John Bristow, Little Sir Jim Johnson, Secretary Dale Decker, Asst Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille and Treasurer Frank Taylor

**Not Present:** Asst Treasurer Blair Abbott.

**Directors:** Bob Gelber, Bert Maxwell, Maurice Rollins, Angelo Costanza, Jake Parsons and Mariano Garces

**Committee Chairmen:** Attendance/Membership Angelo Costanza, Chaplin Paul Bullman, RV Travel Jim Botto, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille and Bulletin Dale Decker

**Not Present:** Luncheon Tickets Open, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Bowling Bert Abreo, Golf Danny Laureta, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, Sir Item Sales Cecil Steen, Travel Rich Lundin, House Jerry Erath and Public Relations Open

**Past Big SIRs:** None

Big Sir John Bristow called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

A Roll Call of Officers and Directors in attendance was made. A quorum was present.

**Secretary** - Secretary Dale Decker presented the minutes which were previously distributed to the BEC for the April 8, 2014 Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Gelber and seconded by Angelo Costanza. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** - Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2014 which showed we started the month with a checking account balance of \$4,577.89, ended the month with a checking account balance of \$7,865.15 and had \$200 cash on hand.

Treasurer Frank Taylor pointed out that the General Fund Receipts of \$634.50 included \$305.00 in annual contributions and luncheon receipts for 151 meals (@\$2.00/meal) for \$302.

Custodial Fund Receipts were \$1,550.00 from the luncheon and \$3,080.00 from the Ladies Day Luncheon ticket sales for a total of \$4,630.00.

Additionally he covered supporting details of the General Fund Disbursements of \$427.24 and pointed out that the additional monies we were charging for the member's annual contributions was a big benefit in the cash flow.

Finally, Frank stated that to date there are 42 members who have not paid their annual contributions.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jim Johnson and seconded by Bert Maxwell. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Little SIR** - Little SIR Jim Johnson reported that we are all set for the Ladies Day Luncheon and it was going to be a big day. The three committee members have been working very hard and we have 176 people coming. In terms of the new menu items we have 110 requesting steak, 64 requesting Cordon Bleu and 2 requesting vegetarian

Little Sir talked about having completed the table assignments and that the process had worked out good. He had to make some table assignment arrangements as some tables only had five or six (tables seat 8) but that had worked out well.

There will be two tables set up at the entrance on Tuesday: one for attendees to check-in and see what table they will be at and also members with any 'gift' contributions they are donating and the other for selling raffle tickets (15 for \$5). He also talked about some of the great prizes (about 20) some that were handmade and were being donated by members in attendance at the board meeting. (Maury is donating three homemade clocks and a barometer, Barbara made a flower arrangement and many others are donating some very great gifts).

Little Sir then showed the attendees a copy of the August Picnic flyer and covered the location where it would be held (Moose Lodge in Soulsbyville - not Raintown) this year. He also pointed out the cost would be down from \$300 and we're only looking at \$100 (\$50 for the open 'full' bar and \$50 for the use of the kitchen). Ron Long and Bill Lobdell will be the pit masters in charge of the bar-b-que cooking.

The picnic menu includes 1/4 chicken, St. Louis style ribs, corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw, bar-b-que beans, French bread, dessert and a bottle of water. Jim got a great price as the menu cost is only about \$6.60 per person and the remaining cost for table clothes, napkins, and other paper goods etc., will leave the branch with a small profit.

The cost for the picnic will be \$12 per person which is the same as our regular luncheons so this should go over very well with our members. The tickets for the picnic will be sold in June and July and there will be a 50/50 drawing for cash prizes so we don't have to carry a lot of things out to the picnic area.

Little Sir then mentioned that for the Ladies Day luncheon, Dino (our caterer) will have some people serving the tables that do not normally work our functions. In light of this Jim asked if would be okay that we 'passed the hat' so that these servers could get a small tip for their services (they more than likely would not be included in our year end recognition of Dino and his staff). This is just for the people serving the tables. Jim's informal request was 'approved'.

A motion was not requested as Little Sir Jim Johnson presentation was more of an open discussion

and as such he asked for a general consensus wherein the members in attendance agreed.

**Attendance/Membership** - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza presented the May 2014 monthly report which was previously distributed to the BEC. Angelo pointed out that we have lost one of our members: Karl (Skip) Czadzeck who passed away so our membership is going from 223 to 222. Additionally, we had an applicant: Lee Warford who had submitted an application but had never given us a check despite sending him several e-mails and leaving him phone messages so Angelo recommended that we just drop his application.

Angelo said we also have a new application from Alan Nix up for approval today.

For the April luncheon we had 160 attending (72%), 63 did not attend and 21 of those (33%) of those had called in for an excused absence. In terms of overall attendance 6 members are in jeopardy (33% attendance) and 12 are in a marginal attendance category (44%) for a total of 18 members (8%) below the requirement of attending 50% of the meetings in a 12 month period.

A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Maurice Rollins to approve the application for Alan Nix and to accept the Attendance & Membership Report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Internet** - Jerry Bellefeuille stated that the yearly fee of \$9.95 for our domain name is coming up this month and will need to be paid.

**Chaplin** - Paul Bullman reported that Jack Houser has had a round with angioplasty and then a heart attack later but he is home now and doing well.

### **Activity Reports:**

**Bowling** - Bert Abreo was not present, however, SIRs League bowling has been completed and will start again in August.

It was pointed out that Jerry Bellefeuille had contacted the people responsible for the quarterly SIRs Happenings and they will be including an article and picture recognizing Dave Rossi for his perfect 300 game in our SIRs bowling league.

**Golf** - Danny was not present, however, his report is essentially the same as that shown in our May bulletin.

**Fishing** - Open position, no report.

**House** - Jerry Erath was not present.

**Pinochle** - Bob Morrison reported that for April he was getting an average of 15 (14 to 17 per game) players with 3 new ones from the other branches. Unfortunately the Pinochle group has lost Skip. Sir Roland Patton, who is the Pinochle Directory said of Skip " If he's in heaven I hope he gets dealt a double run! A double run in Pinochle is the maximum number of points that you can get and this would be comparable with getting a 300 in bowling.

**RV Travel** - Jim Botto reported that last outing was at Gold Strike. He said that they would be installing two more rigs: Bill & Peggy Guenza and Steve Gaither. A Bocce Ball tournament was held after a continental breakfast and wouldn't you know it an ex-cop brought a dozen donuts! Our next outing (May) will be held in Sugar Barge RV Park and Ron Long will be hosting that. The June outing will be heading out to Lassen Pines RV park and Ron & Bernie will be hosting that trip.

Mr. Alan Nix, on his application for SIRs membership, indicated that he was interested in RV'ing so he has been given an application for the RV Club so we're going to be pretty close to 20 rigs if he joins. Our RV Club by-laws state that we can only have a maximum of 25 rigs (which we may have to look at revising) so if you have an interest in joining we currently only have 5 spaces available.

**SIR Merchandise** - Cecil Steen was not present.

**Travel** - Rich Lundin was not present.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** -

SecDeck brought up that for the last several years he has worked for the Columbia Airport Father's Day Fly-in and he is transportation co-chairman and runs the shuttle that goes back and forth across the runway and also manages 2 golf carts.

He is looking for volunteer 'drivers' to help with the shuttle (powered by a 2014 F-150 truck from Sonora Ford) and assist with the golf carts. Volunteers will get a free lunch and a T-shirt with the fly-in logo.

The need is for Saturday, June 14th and Sunday June 15th, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm - any hours you could work - one hour, two hours, whatever.

Jim Botto has already volunteered this morning and Angelo Costanza is a repeat volunteer.

If you're interested in volunteering contact Dale Decker at 533-0455 or DaleDftg@Sonnet.Com.

Little Sir Jim Johnson then brought up that for our November luncheon we are putting together a special program for our veterans. Starting in June we will place 1/2 page questionnaires on the tables and ask any veterans to fill it out with their branch of service, years of service, rank when they left, etc. We've got some pretty high ranking members that have come to light and I'm sure there's more.

We know we have a retired Marine Colonel and another member that went to West Point. So we're working on getting more details from all our members and I think everyone will be impressed with what we're thinking about for a special November recognition event.

John Bristow brought up that he would like to invite a special guest for the 'special veteran event' in November. I am not providing any further details in these minutes because it needs to remain a very exciting surprise.

John Bristow also mentioned that he was in the British military and we 'may' wish to decide whether or not to include his service (ha ha).

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

**The next Branch BEC Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 10:00 am.**

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary  
Dale Decker  
May 12, 2014.

Copy to: Jimmie Johnson, Regional Director  
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