



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting May 11, 2021 Minutes
In Person Meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Acting Little SIR Paul Squeri, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Bob Morrison, Rex Page, Bill Guenza, and George Cocores.

Not Present: Chris Methot and Marty Martin.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Membership George Cocores, Pinochle Bob Morrison, RV Travel Eddie Toews. and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr

Not Present: Bowling Jerry Fountain, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Fishing Chuck Simmons, Golf Danny Laureta, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Photographer Steve Belochi, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Past Big SIRs: Paul Squeri .

Area 5 Governor: Paul Squeri.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Eddie Toews wanted an item added re the 2021 dues, which the BEC agreed to.

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

Secretary's Report – There were no changes to the April 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the April 2021 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for April 2021 of \$15,015.57 and \$250 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts during April of \$462.00 and there were disbursements of \$474.59 The report was accepted as presented.

Big SIR Report – No report.

Little SIR Report – On Tuesday May 11, 2021, at 9:45 AM, Paul Squeri in his capacity as Little SIR of Branch 136 and Area 5 Governor of SIRS met with Elks Lodge 1587 representative Joel Casler at the said Lodge Location of 100 Elk Drive, Sonora CA 95370. The said Elks Lodge is used by Sons in Retirement Branches 77, 136 and 172 as a meeting area with bar and restaurant services provided by a fee.

The purpose of the meeting was to present said Elks Lodge with a Statement of Compliance of State of California and Sons in Retirement Protocols for COVID-19. With the reopening of Sons in Retirement Luncheon meetings at said Elks Lodge, we are requiring all Sons in Retirement membership attending said Luncheons to be vaccinated. To maximize the safety of our membership it was felt that all said Elks Lodge personnel servicing our membership should also be vaccinated. Joel Casler was presented with the Statement of Compliance but refused to sign the said statement because of the HIPPA Law and Joel's stated lack of knowledge as to the vaccination status of the said Elks Lodge personnel that would be servicing our said membership.

Attendance/Membership Report – Gene Zanoni presented a combined Attendance/Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report for April. We started April with 196 members. We lost 3 members in April, so we ended the month with 193 members. The reports were approved by the BEC.

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 – Suspended due to Coronavirus.

Old Business – None.

New Business:

1. Eddie Toews gave a presentation on the status of collecting dues for 2021. As of May 1, 14 members still had not paid their dues, in spite of many notices being sent out and being told they would be dropped from membership if they had not paid by May 1. After some discussion of the issue, Bill Burnes made a motion to drop the 14 members. The motion was seconded by George Cocores, and was passed by the BEC.

2. Re-start of regular meetings on June 8. There was discussion of how to make the check-in go smoothly, since there are requirements that attendees have to meet to get into the luncheon. Members coming for lunch must have made a reservation ahead of time, and they must wear a mask and show proof of vaccination or a negative test for Covid within 3 days of the meeting and must sign a waiver releasing SIR of any Covid related liability and assuming the risk of Covid exposure at any SIR event. The Governing Board of SIR made the rules.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Next BEC meeting – Monday June 7, 2021 at 10 am at the Elks Lodge

Bill Burnes
May 20, 2021