



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 10, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Jim Johnson, Little SIR Dale Decker, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza, Treasurer Frank Taylor, and Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Directors: Danny Laureta, Mariano Garces, Rex Page, Jake Parsons, Bill Lobdell and Ray Bailey.

Not Present: Dick Aberle

Committee Chairmen: Membership Angelo Costanza, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Golf Danny Laureta, Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, House Jerry Erath, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, Luncheon Rick Bacon, RV Travel Jim Botto, Pinochle Bob Morrison,

Not Present: Bowling Bert Abreo, Fishing Chuck Simons
Photographer Steve Belochi.

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy, John Bristow, Jim Nuzum, Phil VanSwoll

Big Sir Jim Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:54 am.

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

Big SIR – Jim informed the board that at today's meeting Area 27 Governor, Jerry Morrow, will install the new 2016 BEC officers.

Jim told us that Jere Calef has received the Super Senior Award for turning 95. 3 weeks ago Jere was put into Skyline Care Center. Bill Lobdell, Mo Molinari and Ron Long went to Skyline to give Jere his award. He was very pleased.

Little SIR - Little SIR Dale Decker reported that Christmas luncheon tickets would be on sale again today for \$22 each with a selection of Prime Rib, Salmon or Cordon Bleu as the entree choice.

Dale said that on November 19th there would be a planning meeting of new directors and officers at Sonora Hills Club House.

Dale said he would hand out member directory updates today, which will include all dropped, and new members as well as 2016 board members and chairmen.

Secretary –Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille asked for corrections to the previous meeting minutes, none were reported. A motion to approve the minutes was made Danny Laureta and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report for September which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$8201.82 and cash on hand of \$400. The balance included some of the Christmas luncheon ticket sales.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Jake Parsons. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza presented the October report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC. There are no new members and no one was dropped.

We have 223 active members and 4 inactive for a total of 227 members.

A motion to approve the membership report and the new applicants was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Danny Laureta. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny Laureta introduced Paul Padavana and announced that he will take over as the Golf Chairman in 2016.

Jim Nuzum announced that he is recovering from 5-way bypass and is doing well.

Jim Botto introduced Knute Klienen and announced that he would take over as the new RV Travel Chairman in 2016. Their next outing will be their RV Christmas party in December.

Bulletin - Jim Botto asked for bulletin reports to be in before the November 30th deadline.

Activity Reports:

Bowling - Bert Abreo was not at the meeting. Danny Laureta reported that Bert is recovering from back surgery and is doing fine. Danny also announced that Rudy Flores has joined the bowling league.

Chaplin - Chaplin Paul Bullman reported that Cy Cyrus's wife, Annette, passed away.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison gave the pinochle report. There were 8-15 players this month. They had a tournament on October 26th.

RV Travel- The RV group had a fantastic trip to Arizona for the last trip of the year. Jim Botto said that our RV group would meet with the Twain Harte RV group in December to discuss the possibility of having a joint outing or 2 in 2016.

Golf - Danny Laureta reported that the golf group has completed it's 2016 golf schedule. The golf events will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, otherwise it is the same as 2015. He will email an electronic copy to Jerry Bellefeuille so he can enter the schedule into the branch permanent record. MMSP to approve the 2016 golf schedule.

House - Jerry Erath reported that we are ready for lunch and that the podium is now along the back wall.

SIR Merchandise - Cecil Steen reported that he has ordered SIR sweatshirts. He showed one to the BEC, the cost is \$38.

New Business – Dale Decker announced the he is getting ready to print the 2016 membership cards. He asked for \$54 for printing costs. A motion to approve the cost was made by Danny Laureta and seconded by Mariano Garces. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jim and Dale asked if anyone felt a need for a December BEC meeting. It was a consensus that no meeting was needed.

Dale said he is preparing to buy new badges, plaques and flowers not to exceed \$250. A motion was made to approve the expense by Mariano Garces and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale said that officers and directors would have platinum badges in 2016 to give them more visibility within the branch and make it easier for new members to locate them.

A request has been made to have ice tea available for the luncheons at a cost of \$4. Next year ice tea is included in our lunch contract but this year we need to purchase it from the Elks Club. A motion was made to approve the expense by Dale Decker and seconded by Angelo Costanza. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Bill Dunlavy brought up the fact that groups should not plan their activities on meeting dates. There was discussion but no action taken.

Danny Laureta said he would need Microsoft Publisher to put together his Little SIR items next year. A motion was made to approve up to \$110 for the software by Mariano Garces and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Knute mentioned that our branch was not listed on the State SIR website as having a RV group. The out dated list was given to Jim Johnson to resolve.

Angelo Costanza introduced Bill Lobdell and announced that he will take over as the new Membership Chairman for 2016.

There will be no BEC meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on November 15th 2015.