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Sonora Branch No. 136

## **Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 8, 2016 Minutes**

### **In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Dale Decker, Little SIR Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, Assistant Secretary Phil VanSwoll and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

**Not Present:** None

**Directors:** Jeff Phillips, Jim Botto, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell, Rex Page, and Dick Aberle.

**Not Present:** Monty Youngborg.

**Committee Chairmen:** Pinochle Bob Morrison, Membership Jeff Phillips, Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Propane Marty Martin, Golf Paul Padavana, and SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen.

**Not Present:** Theater Monty Youngborg, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Public Relations Ray Bailey, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

**Past Big SIRs:** Phil VanSwoll

Note: Little Sir Danny Laureta and Member Relations Director Paul Squeri were in charge of the BEC meeting and the monthly luncheon meeting as part of their training to prepare them for their roles as Big Sir and Little Sir in 2017.

Little Sir Danny Laureta called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille took roll call and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Danny Laureta asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda. None were presented. The agenda was passed by the BEC.

**Big SIR-** Dale Decker thanked those who helped out at the SIR booth at the recent County Health Fair. He said they talked to over 40 men and that 4 confirmed to come to today's luncheon and possibly 2 more.

**Little SIR** – Danny said that we have already sold 168 tickets to the Christmas Luncheon. 213 people are scheduled to attend so Danny has set up tables for 24 more people. This brings the total number of chairs to 224.

Danny said that today's guest speaker was scheduled to be Wally Walling, a Pearl Harbor survivor. (It turned out that Wally was injured (fell) on his way to the meeting and could not attend.)

**Attendance/Membership Report** – Jeff Phillips presented the October membership report. We have 5 new members that have been approved for installation. They are Mel Kutsch, Felix Espino, Hal Cunningham, Jim Costello and Lee Warford.

We have 214 active members and will have 219 after the meeting if all showed up. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Rex Page to accept the November membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Secretary's Report** – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the October, 2016 BEC Meeting for approval. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Phillips and was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the September Treasurers reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for October of \$6,111.79 and \$250 cash on hand.

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

Danny asked Treasurer Eddie Toews if he had the branch annual financial audit ready to go. Eddie said that things were almost ready. He still needed the RV Group statement. Frank Taylor and one other person have volunteered to do the audit along with Eddie.

**Form 27 Report-** Dale Decker reported that our year-end membership goal is 223 members and we now have 214 members. This means that if we install 5 new members today we will be at 219 members, 4 members from our goal.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Membership Growth** - Rex Page thanked all who helped at the SIR booth at the Health Fair.

**Member Relations** - Paul Squeri reported that he just completed a survey of new members to find out if they are happy. 18 questionnaires were sent out and 15 responded. Overall everything was very positive. One issue is trying to find seats at the luncheons, which will be an action item for our next regular meeting in January.

**Activities** - Jeff Phillips said that we are looking for a new media exchange chairperson.

**Dinner/ Theater-** Monty Youngborg was not at the meeting.

**Public Relations** - Ray Bailey was not at the meeting.

**Bulletin Report** - Jim Botto thanked all who sent their reports on time. He also reminded everyone that we could use more pictures for the bulletin.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS Bowling** - Bert Abreo reported that they have one more tournament this year in Concord at the Clayton Bowl.

**Chaplain-** Bill Dunlavy reported that Jim Johnson was in the hospital for surgery and is now out and doing well. Herb Kangas fell and broke his pelvis.

**Fishing-** Chuck Simons was not present.

**Golf** - Paul Padavana turned in the golf schedule for 2017. Paul will do more to explain about the tournament formats in the bulletin.

**Internet** - Jerry Bellefeuille has no report.

**Luncheon Drawing** – There will be a 50/50 drawing today.

**Pinochle** - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 12 players this last month.

**Propane** – Marty Martin reported that everything is going well. We have a limit of 125 in the coop and we just added 6. Marty will ask Dana if we can increase the coop's limit of 125 if needed.

**RV Travel** - Knute Kleinen said the RV group had a great time in Lodi. The next event will be at Cal Expo on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SIR Merchandise** – Cecil Steen had no report.

**Old Business**

None reported.

**New Business**

Danny Laureta asked for a motion to not hold a BEC meeting in December due to the Christmas Luncheon. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Frank Taylor to not hold a BEC meeting in December. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny asked for a motion to approve the 2017 Golf Schedule. A motion was made by Jeff Phillips and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC. The 2017 Golf Schedule was entered into the permanent branch records.

Danny asked for approval to spend \$250 for Recognition Plaque expenses. A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Eddie Toews to approve the expense. The motion was approved by the BEC.

Danny asked the board for approval of luncheon expenses for a meeting of new officers and directors. The expense will be approximately \$100. A motion was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Jeff Phillips to approve the expense. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Danny asked for approval of a maximum of \$100 to be spent on new Member Directories for 2017. Sponsors will be solicited for the bulk of the expense. A motion was made by Jeff Phillips and seconded by Rex Page to approve the expense. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Next BEC Meeting – January 10th, 2017 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

**Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.**