



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 14, 2017 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Danny Laureta, Little SIR Paul Squeri, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews .

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Directors: Rich Rinaldi, Jeff Phillips, Jim Botto, Rex Page, Mike Nolan, and Rodger Swartz.

Not Present: Bill Lobdell.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Bowling Bert Abreo, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Membership Jeff Phillips, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson, Media Exchange Sol Robins, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, Bulletin Steve Huff and RAMP Rex Page.

Not Present: Public Relations Bill Lobdell, Golf Paul Padavana, Fishing Chuck Simons, and Photographer Steve Belochi.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll, and Jim Johnson.

Area 5 Governor: Jim Johnson.

Little SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

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

Paul Squeri asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda. Eddie Toews wants to discuss a proposal to reinstate the birthday free lunch prize. Paul said that we would discuss during his treasurer's report.

Big SIR- Danny said that we will install the 2018 officers at today's luncheon. He also said that we have Veterans' Certificates to give to any veterans in our club that have not previously been given one.

Danny said that we would attempt to distribute the remainder of the rosters at today's meeting.

Danny thanked Rex Page and all who volunteered at this year's SIR booth at the Health Fair.

Little SIR – Paul updated the Christmas Luncheon plans. We sold 129 tickets last month. Paul said that we will have an extra bartender and that Dave Rainwater will play Christmas music.

Paul said that today's guest speaker was going to be Brian Adcox but that he had a commitment and is being replaced by Zac Duncan and Jeff Parris.

Paul started a discussion about dues collection for 2018. It was decided that the rules for the dues would be put into the bulletin. A motion was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille, to list the names of those who are delinquent on their dues in the April bulletin. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Report – Jeff Phillips presented the October membership report. He reported that we would be installing Lynn Austin, Rod Salvi and Stan Thomas at today's meeting. He also reported that we had 1 deceased member last month, Ozzie Osborn and one member who moved from our area, Dominic DiFabio. A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Rich Rinaldi to accept the October membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jeff introduced John Lang, the new Membership chairman. Jeff informed the board that John Lang will not attend BEC meetings and will be represented by Dale Decker at BEC meetings. Paul Squeri made a motion to ok this arrangement with John and Dale. It was seconded by Jim Botto and passed by the BEC.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the October treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for October of \$8323.94 and \$250 cash on hand.

Eddie wanted to reintroduce the birthday reward drawing idea. One member each month will win a free lunch for the next regular meeting only. In the months of May, August and December the free lunch will be for the following month's regular meeting.

A motion to approve the October Treasurer's report and birthday drawing was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Danny Laureta reported that we are at 225 members for the year after this meeting and that we have reached our goal of +1 for the year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP – Rex Page said that we are done promoting for the year. He thanked all who have continued to bring in guests.

Paul Squeri said that he is looking into entering a float in the Sonora Mothers' Day Parade in May 2018.

Danny mentioned that Branch 172 has a SIR logo on the Twain Harte sign and suggested that we look into putting our logo near the Sonora sign. Danny Laureta said that he would look into the sign issue with the Chamber of Commerce.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi said 65 members responded to last month's survey. Rich reported on the most requested activities from the survey.

Activities – Mike Nolan did not have anything to add to what was reported already.

Public Relations – Bill Lobdell was not at the meeting.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto thanked those who got their reports in on time. Jim said Steve Huff put together the bulletin this month. Steve will get together with Dale Decker to develop a macro to bring up the birthdays each month for the bulletin.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling –Bert reported that the bowling league is already half over and we need more bowlers.

Bert reported that upcoming tournaments include Fremont on 12/3/17, Stockton 1/9/18 and Napa on 1/23 and 1/24 2018.

Bert passed out the 2018 State SIR Tournament list. Eddie Toews made a motion to accept the Tournaments on the list. The motion was seconded by Danny Laureta and

approved by the BEC. The Tournament list was entered into the branch permanent records.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi said that some of our car club members will have their cars in the Sonora Christmas parade.

Chaplain- Steve said that we have no new casualties this month.

Fishing- Chuck was not at the meeting.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille reported that he added a link to a SIR promotional video on our branch website, updated the Join page on our branch website to reflect John Lang as the new membership chairman, and has added the 2017 RV newsletters to the RV section of the branch website.

Media Exchange- Sol Robin was not at the meeting.

Luncheon Drawing –Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner were out selling tickets for today's drawing.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10 players. Bob reported that Roland Patton has resigned as Pinochle chairman; Bob has volunteered to replace Roland as chairman. A motion was made by Paul Squeri to accept Bob Morrison as Pinochle chairman and to approve meetings every Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant for the rest of 2017 and all of 2018 for insurance purposes. The motion was seconded by Jim Botto and passed by the BEC. It was noted that branches 77 and 172 also participate at these games.

Poker- George Parsons was not present.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen thanked Jim Johnson for acquiring the pictures of the Halloween Party in Pismo Beach. The RV group is preparing for their Christmas dinner. Eddie Toews will be the new RV Chairman in 2018.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that we have slow sales of SIR merchandise. He explained how his clipboard order system would work.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll said that he will get together with the car club to see if we can combine an event in the upcoming year.

Old Business – Eddie Toews said that we still have 3 members who have not paid their dues. Mike Silva and Bob Ferraro signed their certified letters and Lee Warford's letter came back as a vacant house. Eddie Toews made a motion and it was seconded by Jim Botto to drop these 3 members. The motion was passed by the BEC. Dale Decker suggested that we officially drop these members on January 1, 2018.

New Business- A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille to not have a BEC meeting in December due to the Christmas Luncheon. Eddie Toews seconded the motion and it was passed by the BEC.

Paul Squeri made a motion to spend \$500 for plaques. The motion was seconded by Jim Botto and passed by the BEC.

A discussion about promo calendars or posters that was on the new business agenda was tabled until January.

Next BEC Meeting – January 9th, 2018, 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary
Jerry Bellefeuille
November 16, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.