



Sonora Branch No. 136

## Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 12, 2019 Minutes

### In Attendance:

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Jim Botto, Little SIR Gene Zanoni, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Membership George Cocores.

**Not Present:** Secretary Bill Burnes and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

**Directors:** Bill Guenza, Marty Martin, Larry Matteson and Serge Peluso.

**Not Present:** Steve Huff.

**Committee Chairmen:** Activities Chairman Bill Lobdell, Fishing Chuck Simmons, Golf Paul Padavana, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane, Marty Martin, and RV Travel Eddie Toews, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

**Not Present:** Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin Steve Huff, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Roger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Media Exchange Sol Robin, Poker George Parsons, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and Bocce Ball Jerry Stefan.

**Past Big SIRs:** Jim Johnson and Dale Decker.

**Area 5 Governor:** Dale Decker.

Big SIR Jim Botto called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report** – There was one change to the September minutes. The new member is John White, not John Weiss. A motion for approval of the minutes was

made by Eddie Toews and seconded by George Cocores. The minutes were approved 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 \$14,412.46 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by George Cocores and seconded by Marty Martin. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Big SIR-** Jim Botto reported that we will install 4 new members today, which brings us up to 221 members. George Cocores, Membership said that the membership will be 217. Last month we tried our new table calling system, and it worked well. We will call on Table 2 this month. The month of November is the month that we honor our veterans. This time we will be honoring our Vietnam War veterans. Rick Kindle will be giving out Vietnam commemorative lapel pins to everyone that was on active duty between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. He is giving special recognition to combat veterans and in-country support veterans. Jim Botto has purchased all lapel pins for all branches, including The Royal Air Force, Royal Marines and Merchant Marines. There will also be certificates for new members who are veterans. As mentioned in the Bulletin, our Editor, Steve Huff is moving out of California, and will need to be replaced. We need to start looking for volunteers who have computer skills and would be willing to take over the job.

**Little SIR** – Gene Zanoni reported the 4 new members to be installed today: Douglas Ramsay #062, James Shoemaker #058, Ray Starkey #056, and Stuart Wallace #013. As of today, we have 84 Christmas Party tickets sold. Colonel John Deaver will be presenting the veterans certificates for our new members this month. This will be done in conjunction with Rick Kindle's presentation of the Vietnam War veterans commemorative lapel pin. Introduction and swearing in of the new board members for calendar year 2020 will be done by Dale Decker at our December luncheon.

**Attendance/Membership Report** George Cocores presented the October membership report. He reported that we ended October with 214 members, and we are projected to have 217 members at the end of November, counting 4 members to be installed today and a transfer of Skip Hoy to Branch 77.

Gene Zanoni made a motion accept the report. It was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

**Form 27 Report-** Jim Botto reported that we expect attrition of 24 members, our average, for 2019. Our year end goal is 228 members. Current active members are 217. We have had a net membership change of minus 10 members so far this year.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**RAMP Chairman** – No report. Steve said he would continue in this position next year.

**Recruitment** – No report.

**Activities Director** – No report

**Membership Relations & Growth** – No report.

**Publicity and Image-** No report.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

**Activities Director** – Bill Lobdell reported that he got an email from Sol Robin that kayaking will start up again next spring. Bill also said he will not continue as Activities Chairman next year, but will set up a table at the meetings where members can go to get information about activities.

**Fishing** – Chuck said we may need to go back to joining up with other branches for fishing.

**Bulletin**- No report.

**Golf** –Paul Padavana reported that he cancelled the November tournament.

**Photographer** – No report.

**Pinochle** – Bob Morrison reported that for October, Pinochle had an average of 13 players. There were only 3 meetings in October, due to the blackout.

**Propane** – No report.

**RV Travel** – No report.

**SIR Merchandise** – There was a discussion about a lot of merchandise inventory and low sales. It was felt that we need to reduce prices to move inventory, especially merchandise with the old logo. A suggestion was made that we give away hats with the raffle.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – Jim Botto asked for a motion to postpone the next BEC meeting to January 14, 2020 because we have our annual Christmas party in December. A motion was made by Eddie Toews, seconded by George Cocores and passed by the BEC. Also, a motion was made by Marty Martin and seconded by George Cocores to move the Family Picnic and BBQ from August to September in order to have it be in cooler weather. There would then be a monthly meeting in August and none in September. The motion was passed by the BEC.

After the meeting, there was a closed-door meeting for just the directors. No minutes were taken.

**Next BEC meeting – January 14, 2020**

Bill Burnes  
December 3, 2019.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.**