



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 23, 2020 Minutes
Virtual Meeting using Zoom**

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle.

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

Not Present: Marty Martin.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin John White, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Propane Marty Martin, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Past Big SIRs: Paul Squeri and Dale Decker.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Acting Little SIR Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 9:11 pm. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the October 2020 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for October 2020 of \$13,783.06 and \$250 cash on hand. There were no receipts during October and there were disbursements of \$560.88. The report was approved as read.

Secretary's Report – There were no changes to the October 13, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Big SIR Report – Gene Zaroni clarified that eligible voting members on BEC items are the 6 Officers and also the First Year and Second Year Directors. He also announced that Rex Page has become a Director.

Acting Little SIR Report - Paul Squeri stated that the only topic he has is badges, which will be discussed later under Old Business.

Attendance/Membership Report – Gene Zaroni presented a combined Attendance/Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report for October. We started October with 201 members and ended with 200 members. We are down 16 members for the year.

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 – No reports.

Old Business – Paul Squeri led the discussion about the configuration of anniversary lapel pins. He found that badges were too expensive. The BEC decided on a ribbon to be attached to the name badge as the best option.

New Business:

Review of Feb 11, 2020 Luncheon Meeting Agenda: Gene led a discussion (using this agenda as a model of what we have been doing) to modify the agenda to make the luncheon meeting more interesting and streamlined. We discussed eliminating the head table, but decided not to. We discussed various ideas, especially recognizing volunteers and past Big Sirs who make our activities happen. We decided we should have lunch before the guest speaker speaks, and we decided to have a separate table for guests and new members. It is believed this will help them integrate into our branch, since they will be with others who are new and have that in common. We decided that the head table would continue to go first for lunch, and then those with birthdays in the month will go for lunch, followed by guests and new members. We also decided to try pre-plating in order to speed up getting lunch, and then we will ask our members how they liked that. We decided to have a private ceremony with new members where they would get their badge and an orientation,

rather than giving out the badges in the luncheon meeting. We will ask new members to stand to be recognized in the luncheon meeting, and their picture and bio information will be printed in our Bulletin. We will also delete from the luncheon the activities announcements and Program Director reports. We will also shorten the invocation.

Next BEC meeting – December 8, 2020.

Bill Burnes
December 2, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am.