



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 9, 2021 Minutes  
In person meeting at Elks Club**

**In Attendance:**

**BEC Officers:** Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Little SIR Gene Bettencourt, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

**Not Present:** None.

**Directors:** Bob Morrison, Rex Page, Bill Guenza and Marty Martin.

**Not Present:** George Cocores.

**Committee Chairmen:** Bulletin Jim Botto, Car Club Rick Bronner, Internet & Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, RV Travel Eddie Toews, and Wine Tasting Phil VanSwoll.

**Not Present:** Bowling Mike Coe, Golf Danny Laureta, Kayaking Sol Robin, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

**Past Big SIRs:** Phil VanSwoll, Dale Decker, Paul Squeri and Jim Botto.

**Region 2 Director** Dale Decker

**Area 5 Governor:** Paul Squeri.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none, and the agenda was approved as presented.

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

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes of August 10, 2021 were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Reports** – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the October 2021 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending checking account balance for October 2021 of \$13,682.46 and \$450.00 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts during October of \$192.00 and disbursements of \$488.92. There were Custodial Fund receipts of \$2,072.00 and Custodial Fund disbursements of \$1,012.00. The report was accepted as presented.

**Big SIR Report** – Gene Zanoni saved his comments for Old Business.

**Acting Little SIR Report** – Little Sir Gene Bettencourt stated that as of this morning, there are 46 signed up for the Christmas party. He expects we will reach the needed number of 100. Preparations for the party are underway. There was a discussion about whether wives or partners of members can come to our luncheon meetings to hear our speaker. A motion to allow this was made by Gene Bettencourt and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Attendance/Membership Reports** – Gene Zanoni presented a combined Attendance/Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report for October. We started October with 178 members, and added 3 new members. We ended October with 181 members. The report was approved.

## **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** – None.

## **Old Business:**

1. We will send out weekly email reminders for the Christmas party.
2. Unpaid picnic reservations were collected in October.
3. Senior Certificate order forms for 9 members were sent to State SIRS for processing.
4. Jim Botto needs members to contribute articles featuring themselves or other members (with their permission) for insertion into the Members' Corner section of the Bulletin.
5. The phone reservation system that we have had in place for members to call to say they would not be attending the monthly luncheon was discussed. A motion was made by Eddie Toews to terminate the system and replace it with a positive reservation system (through Jerry Bellefeuille) via email, preferably. Or by telephone for those members without access to a computer. The motion was seconded by Paul Squeri and was passed by the BEC.

**New Business:** Paul Squeri stated that we are having a cash flow problem because we are losing money on the lunches. It was decided to raise the lunch price from \$16 to \$19, which is the break even point. The price increase will be published in the Bulletin.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.**

**Next BEC meeting – January 11, 2022 at 10 am at the Elks Lodge.**

Bill Burnes  
November 11, 2021