



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting November 8, 2022 Minutes
In person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Phil VanSwoll, Little SIR Rick Bronner, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Stan Enos, Rick Bronner, Jim Botto, Rex Page, George Cocores and Marty Martin.

Not Present: All Directors were present.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Car Club Rick Bronner, Membership George Cocores, Propane Marty Martin, RV Travel Eddie Toews and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Not Present: Chaplin Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, and RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge.

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

State SIR V-P: Dale Decker

Region 2 Director: Paul Squeri

Area 5 Governor: Paul Squeri.

Big SIR Phil VanSwoll called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. The agenda was approved.

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

Secretary's Report – The minutes of October 11, 2022 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the October 2022 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending checking account balance for October 2022 of \$14,984.88 and \$250.00 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts during October of \$397.00 and disbursements of \$1106.65. There were Custodial Fund receipts of \$2,664.00 and Custodial Fund disbursements of \$1004.00. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Bill Burnes and was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Reports – George Cocores presented a Membership Report for October. We started October with 152 members and we ended October with 148 members. Larry Guzman and Bert Maxwell passed away and 2 members transferred to Branch 77. The report was approved.

George reported that the General Membership overwhelmingly approved the relaxed Covid guidance sent to us by the state SIR. He also reported that there had been 55 tickets to the Christmas party sold so far.

Then there was a discussion about the cost of updating and publishing the roster booklet. The last one published was in 2019, and there have been a lot of changes since then. After discussion, a motion was made by Marty Martin and seconded by Rick Bronner to just publish a spreadsheet instead of a booklet. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR Report – Phil VanSwoll reported that at the October 11, 2022 membership meeting, the proposed new officers and directors for the 2023 board were announced and elected by a unanimous vote of the branch membership. The members listed below will take office effective January 1, 2023. They are:

Eddie Toews	Big Sir
Rick Bronner	Little SIR
Gene Zanoni	Secretary
Bill Burnes	Assistant Secretary
John Salmon	Treasurer
Eddie Toews	Assistant Treasurer

Second Year Directors:

George Cocores
Marty Martin
Rex Page

First Year Directors:

Steven Holt
Melvin Kutsch
Stan Enos

Little SIR Report – Rick Bronner reported that our speaker today will be orthopedic surgeon Thomas McDonald and our January speaker will be Matt Hawkins, mayor of Sonora.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities – Fred Kehr resigned as SIR item sales director because nothing was selling. Eddie Toews requested donations for the Christmas party raffle.

Membership Relations & Growth – No report.

Publicity and Image- No report. **No report**

ACTIVITIES REPORTS – No report.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS – No report.

Old Business- The Christmas luncheon is ready to go.

New Business –Paul Squeri commented on the situation that our membership and meeting participation rate are down significantly, compared to prior years, especially since Covid. He stated we need to do something to generate interest in SIRS and our various activities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Next BEC meeting – January 10, 2023

Bill Burnes, Secretary
November 19, 2022