

SONS IN RETIREMENT  
SONORA Branch 136  
Branch Executive Committee Meeting  
October 8, 2013 Minutes

**In Attendance:**

**BEC Board Members:** Big Sir Phil Van Swoll, Little SIR John Bristow, Secretary Jim Johnson, Asst. Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, and Treasurer Frank Taylor. **Directors:** Herman Eaton, Jerry Erath, Keith Kofoed and Dale Decker.

**Committee Chairman:** Attendance/Membership Dale Decker, Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin/Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Golf Jeff Phillips, RV Travel Bill Lobdell and Jim Botto, Luncheon Rick Bacon, and Travel Rich Steen.

**Past Big SIRs:** Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy, and Baci Frecceri.

**Visitor:** Mariano Garces

Big SIR Phil Van Swoll called the meeting to order at 10:02am. A quorum was present.

**Secretary** – Assistant Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes, which were previously distributed to the BEC, of the September 10, 2013 BEC Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Keith Kofoed. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurers Report for September, 2013 which showed a monthly ending checking balance of \$2,509.62 and \$200.00 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Keith Kofoed and seconded by Jerry Erath. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Little SIR** – Little SIR John Bristow reported it is getting harder to get good speakers to speak at the monthly luncheon meetings because they aren't allowed to mention their business. He also reported he will be going to "Big SIR" school this month with the hopes of getting smarter.

**Attendance/Membership** – Attendance/Membership Chairman Dale Decker, presented the October Attendance/Membership Report and two Membership Attendance in Jeopardy Reports. There are three new applicants proposed for membership: David Ashton (sponsored by Gene Peterson #112), John Rago (sponsored by Dave Rossi #067) and Mike Wright. Two members were placed on Inactive Status, Josh Jimenez #175 and Jack Holt #097. Three members resigned and dropped from membership, Frank Cimino #239, Pat Macauley #056 and

Stanley Ericsson #073. The current membership stands at 222- active and 7- inactive members. A motion was made by Jerry Erath and seconded by Keith Kofoed to approve the Attendance/Membership Report . The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale then presented the two attendance reports, one listed the members with a less than or equal to 22% annual attendance percentage and one that listed the members with a 33% annual attendance percentage. The members listed on both reports were contacted prior to the meeting, in accordance with SIR INC. Rule 107, in writing notifying them that their attendance was not in compliance with SIR INC. Rule 100, their membership was in jeopardy and the Branch 136 BEC would be discussing their termination at the October Board Meeting. He presented members Bob Gibbs, Bill Cashman, James Annand, Ray Harm, Pete Rooney, Rex Page, Bob Gelber, and Mike Smith for termination because of attendance violations. Member Bob Gelber was in attendance at the meeting and spoke on his own behalf, stating he would begin attending the monthly meetings and comply with the attendance requirements in the future. A motion was made by Keith Kofoed and seconded by Jerry Erath to terminate the 7-members suggested by Dale, excluding Bob Gelber, for violation of the SIR Attendance Rule 100. The Motion was passed by the BEC members present without any opposition.

**Bulletin/Internet** – Jerry Bellefeuille, Bulletin/Internet Chairman reported he was coordinating the printing of the Holiday Luncheon flyers and they would be included in the November Bulletin.

**Chaplin** – Paul Bullman reported on the sick members.

**Bowling** – Bert Abreo reported they are in week five of the bowling season and there has already been several "200" games bowled this year. There are two upcoming tournaments: Brentwood on October 5 and Modesto November 6.

**Travel** – Rich Lundin, Branch 136 Travel Chairman, reported there are three upcoming travel events: Horse Races on October 18, Wine Tasting on October 21 and a February 18 Show Train trip to Reno.

**RV Travel** – Bill Lobdell reported he was resigning as Chairman of the Branch 136 RV Travel Group as of this date and Jim Botto had been elected as Chairman for 2014 and the remainder of 2013. Jim Botto then reported the group recently attended a 14-day outing to Oregon. The October outing will be at the 49er RV Park in Plymouth followed by an outing at the Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park in November.

**Golf** – Jeff Phillips reported there were 34-golfers at the scramble style tournament at Mtn. Springs last month and the Branch 136 golf group's 2014 schedule has been finalized.

**Fishing** – No Report

**Internet** – Nothing to Report

**SIR Merchandise** – No Report

**Pinochle** –No Report

**Bridge** – No Report

**House** – Jerry Erath said if anyone had any issues pertaining to the monthly luncheon set-up to please contact him.

**New Business:** Keith Kofoed and Baci Frecceri suggested the 2014 Branch 136 August picnic be held at the Sonora Elks Club instead of the Jamestown Railtown Park.

Since Frank Cimino resigned, John Bristow would be the acting Public Relations Chairman for the remainder of 2013.

The next Branch BEC Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00am.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:55am**

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary  
Jim Johnson November 1, 2013

