



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 13, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Little SIR Dale Decker, Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza, Treasurer Frank Taylor, and Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Big SIR Jim Johnson, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille

Directors: Danny Laureta, Mariano Garces, Rex Page, Dick Aberle, and Ray Bailey.

Not Present: Jake Parsons

Committee Chairmen: Membership Angelo Costanza, Bowling Bert Abreo, Chaplin Paul Bullman, Golf Danny Laureta, Public Relations Ray Bailey, SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen, House Jerry Erath, Honorary Life Membership Al Limon.

Not Present: Fishing Chuck Simons, Luncheon Rick Bacon, RV Travel Jim Botto, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Photographer Steve Belochi.

Past Big SIRs: Al Limon, Bill Dunlavy.

Little Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Dale Decker asked for a motion to accept the meeting Agenda. A motion was made by Frank Taylor and seconded by Angelo Costanza to approve the agenda. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Angelo Costanza informed the Board that a quorum was present.

Big SIR - Dale Decker presented the Big SIR report for Jim Johnson in his absence. Dale stated that the November meeting would start 10 minutes early due to installation of new officers.

Little SIR - Little SIR Dale Decker reported that Christmas luncheon tickets go on sale today for \$22 each with a selection of Prime Rib, Salmon or Cordon Bleu as the entree choice.

Also, Jake Parsons will be collecting member prize contributions for the Christmas luncheon and organizing them as he did for the Lady's Day Luncheon..

Chris Bateman, associate editor for Friends & Neighbors Magazine, will be our guest speaker today.

Dale said he had completed a meeting with Dino, our caterer, Bob Nath, SIR Branch 77 and Dave Palmer, SIR Branch 172, (both incoming Big Sir), and reviewed the luncheon menu for next year.

It was decided that next year's luncheon menu will remain the same with one exception in March where there will be an option for baked cod and rice in addition to the corned beef and cabbage. A poll will be taken at our February luncheon so a rough count can be given to Dino.

Jeff Phillips is our new Activities program director, which will be discussed in new business. Paul Squeri is our new Member Relation's director, Rex Page is our new Membership Growth director and Monty Youngborg is our new Theatre and Dinner director.

Secretary – Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza asked for corrections to the previous meeting minutes, none were reported. A motion to approve the minutes was made Mariano Garces and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer – Treasurer Frank Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report for September which showed a monthly ending checking account balance of \$6611.56 and cash on hand of \$200.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Angelo Costanza and seconded by Mariano Garces. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership - Attendance & Membership Chairman Angelo Costanza presented the September report, which was previously distributed, to the BEC.

Angelo said there were 2 new member applications to be approved today (with subsequent installation).

The first is James Hackbarth whose sponsor is Eddie Toews. The second is Jim Turner whose sponsor is Jim Lee (Jim Lee is not here today).

We will also be installing Jim Gleason who was approved last month.

We will have 223 active members after the installation ceremony today and 4 inactive for a total of 227 members.

A motion to approve the membership report and the new applicants was made by Mariano Garces and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Bulletin - Jim Botto was out of town so Dale Decker gave the bulletin report. He asked for reports to be in before the October 30th deadline.

Activity Reports:

Bowling - Bert Abreo reported that there is a shortage of bowlers. Upcoming tournaments are Modesto SIRs at McHenry Bowl on November 5th and 6th. Also a tournament will be held in Concord on November 17th and 18th at the Clayton Bowl.

Chaplin - Chaplin Paul Bullman reported that Jim Nuzum is recovering from heart bypass surgery. John Miller will have back surgery.

Golf - Danny Laureta reported that we have good turnouts. Tee times are now 9:30 instead of 8:00.

House - Jerry Erath reported that we are ready for lunch.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison was not present so Dale Decker gave his report. There were 9-14 players this month. They now start at 1pm to allow bowlers to get to the meeting on time. There will be a Grand Pinochle tournament on October 26th: 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$25 and 3rd prize \$5.

SIR Merchandise - Cecil Steen reported that there is nothing new to report.

New Business - Dale Decker announced that we have added a 7th director to the BEC. Jeff Phillips was nominated by Dale to be a first year director.

A motion was made by Angelo Costanza and seconded by Eddie Toews to approve the new director. The motion was passed by the BEC.

A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Frank Taylor to approve Jeff Phillips as our new 7th director. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale opened a discussion that SIR Merchandise have a budget so they can purchase samples of available merchandise and have the latest long sleeve shirt with the Cadet collar on hand so show members. (Note: Cecil will get with Dale after the BEC meeting to get the info on the long sleeve shirt and get it ordered).

It was explained by Frank Taylor and Cecil Steen that they don't need a budget as Cecil purchases items for sale and presents the invoice to Frank for payment. Also, it was mentioned that Cecil has approximately \$1600 on hand in inventory.

Dale mentioned that we will be celebrating our 30th Branch Anniversary next year in November as an additional special event and that he would be working with Danny Laureta (Little Sir 2016) to put this together. This would be a regular member luncheon, perhaps with Hors d' oeuvres, and we would be inviting our State President and possibly some local dignitaries.

He referred to Mt Diablo's 50th anniversary last year wherein they had invited the State SIR President and Vice President, the local mayor and other dignitaries. Also, they had given everyone in attendance a souvenir mug (cost \$3.50 each) and some selected certificates of appreciation. Danny said he would look into some various souvenir items for cost and consideration.

In light of this upcoming event Dale said Danny would be putting a budget together for this but the expectation is that it could be as high a \$1,000.

Dale opened a discussion in regards to the need for a head table. It was mentioned that some members don't like approaching our officers with questions when they're sitting with their friends as they find this uncomfortable.

It was agreed that we should have a head table but who sits at the table beyond Big Sir, Little Sir and our guest speaker would be left up to Dale to decide. Dale suggested that next year he might rotate other officers and directors to the head table to get them exposure to the general membership.

The next Branch BEC Meeting will be on November 10th at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille and Assistant Secretary Angelo Costanza on October 28th 2015.