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Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 11, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Dale Decker, Little SIR Danny Laureta, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, Assistant Secretary Phil VanSwoll and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Not Present: None

Directors: Jeff Phillips, Jim Botto, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell, Rex Page, and Monty Youngborg

Not Present: Dick Aberle,

Committee Chairmen: Theater Monty Youngborg, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Membership Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Not Present: Pinochle Bob Morrison, Public Relations Ray Bailey, Luncheon Rick Bacon, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Golf Paul Padavana, and SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, and Jim Johnson.

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille informed the board that a quorum was present.

Big SIR- Dale Decker asked for additions or changes to the agenda. Eddie Toews mentioned that we would need to approve a motion to accept the new list of Branch check signers for 2017. Dale said to bring it up during his report. Jeff Phillips mentioned the need to discuss the Media Exchange program.

Dale informed the board that Jerry Morrow would not be able to attend the meeting as planned.

Dale said that a poll of members had no new menu suggestions for 2017. He said Danny Laureta and the leaders of Branches 77 and 172 will sign a 2017 contract with the caterer and Danny will present the menus and cost to the BEC at our November meeting.

Dale said that we need to publish a new membership directory for 2017. We are looking for sponsors to pay for it.

Little SIR – Danny said that he previously emailed the results of the picnic. The picnic made a profit of \$888. Danny said that the profit was carried forward to the Christmas Luncheon to pay for the shrimp cocktails and bar snacks. Danny said that the Christmas Luncheon budget is in the black and that tickets will go on sale today.

Danny said that the Christmas Luncheon budget, flyer, menu and ticket price were emailed to and approved by the BEC. The budget estimate was entered into the permanent branch records.

Feedback from the picnic was very positive. It seems everyone wants to return to Indigeny Reserve in 2017. There was talk of whether it will be catered or if we can get one of our own groups to take charge of cooking etc. Danny said that Indigeny donated as much to our drawing as we paid them for the use of the facility.

Danny said that next month is our Branch 30th anniversary. He asked for sponsors to buy the Branch mugs but he was turned down. Danny asked the treasurer if the branch could afford to buy the mugs. Eddie Toews said that the branch would go below its \$5000 bank minimum if we pay more than about \$250. There was debate about the cost. Frank Taylor made a motion and Monty Youngborg seconded it, to not spend any money on mugs. The motion passed the BEC. Jim Botto suggested doing something special like extra decorations and drawings. Jim Johnson suggested that we celebrate our 30th Anniversary at our Christmas Luncheon. Paul Squeri then made a motion to celebrate our 30th at our Christmas Luncheon. Danny Laureta seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale also asked if we want to invite any special guests, such as the mayor. Danny suggested inviting Jerry Strain, Dale said he would be invited.

Danny told the BEC that our guest speaker was ill and could not show up. He tried to find a backup but was unable to find one.

Attendance/Membership Report – Jeff Phillips, our new membership director, presented the October membership report. We have 6 new members that have been approved for installation. They are Steve Heath, Ray Oakdale, Don Payne, James Rancatore, Jerry Stefan and Lee Warford (Lee Warford did not show up).

Jim Johnson said he had heard that Otto Bulich will not be able to attend some future luncheons and has requested inactive status because he did not want to be dropped.. Jim suggested putting him on inactive status but Dale said he would call Otto to understand why he thought he would be dropped (somebody called him and told him this). Dale said he would notify Jeff Phillips as to the course of action to take once he understands what the situation with Otto is.

We have 209 active members and would have 215 after the meeting if all showed up. A motion was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri to accept the October membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the September, 2016 BEC Meeting for approval. Monty Youngborg made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rex Page and was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the September Treasurers reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for September of \$6642.56 and \$250 cash on hand.

Dale asked Eddie about a discrepancy in the report. Dale explained that we received \$2023 from the bowlers and paid out \$2128.70 to the bowlers in 2016. Eddie said that at the end of last year the bowlers had \$245 in their account with the branch. We spent a little over \$200 for the bowlers this year above and beyond what they had in the branch account. The leftover money from 2015 was applied to the 2016 deficit. As of now the bowlers do not have any money left in our branch account.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports was made by Jeff Phillips and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Eddie Toews asked for a motion to update the list of people allowed to sign branch 136 checks. A motion was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Frank Taylor to: have the following people approved to sign SIR Branch 136 checks: Eddie Toews, Frank Taylor, Danny Laureta and Paul Squeri. and to remove any other names not listed above effective Dec 2016. The motion was approved by the BEC.

It was brought up that the entire board was not receiving the monthly treasurers reports prior to the BEC meeting. Eddie agreed to send out the report to all BEC members.

Form 27 Report- Dale Decker reported that our year-end membership goal is 223 members and we now have 209 members. This means that if we install 6 new members today we will be at 215 members, 8 members from our goal.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth - Rex Page reported that he would hand out materials at the October Health Fair in Sonora. Rex said that we did not get our booth assigned to us. He will call the appropriate person to find out why not. Rex will attend a coordination meeting on Thursday for the Health Fair. Rex will set up our booth on Monday. Rex said all volunteers should wear nametags and SIR logo clothing if possible.

Member Relations - Paul Squeri reported that we are going to conduct a survey of new members to find out if they are happy. There are 3 questions on the survey. Paul will try to hand out the surveys to each new member at the door.

Activities - Jeff Phillips said that he will not run the media exchange past this month. He will store the materials in his barn until next year. Danny will try to find someone new to run the exchange in March or April of next year.

Dinner/ Theater- Monty Youngborg reported that the 4th play is coming up. It is a Christmas story about a boy and a BB gun. The last play we had 4 people attend the last play. It was suggested that we should attempt to join with Branch 172s theatre group. Monty will contact Sprague Edwards about joining the Branch 172 group and report back at the November BEC meeting.

Public Relations - Ray Bailey was not at the meeting.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto thanked all who sent their reports on time. He also reminded everyone that we could use more pictures for the bulletin. Jim said that if reports are late it can cause a lot of extra work for him. Jim said he will make an exception for the late month golf tournament.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS Bowling - Bert Abreo reported that they have some new bowlers. The new bowlers did very well and beat the old bowlers. A tournament is coming up in Brentwood on October 28th, in Modesto at McHenry Bowl on November 3rd and 4th and in Concord at the Clayton Bowl on November 15th and 16th. In 2017 tournaments are scheduled for January 10th in Stockton, January 24th and 25th in Napa, and February 14th and 15th in Dublin at the Granada Bowl. The state has yet to finalize the 2017 bowling schedule.

Chaplain- Steve Gregory reported that Herb Kangas fell and broke his hip, John Bristow and Bill Dunlavy are out of the hospital and should be here today.

Fishing- Chuck Simons was not present.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not present. Jeff Phillips said that we had 3 foursomes show up for the first Tuesday of the month tournament.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille has no report.

Luncheon Drawing – No report

Pinochle - Bob Morrison was not present.

Propane – Marty Martin reported that everything is going well. We have a limit of 125 in the coop.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen was not present. Dale Decker said that the RV Group is planning a trip to Lodi on the 26th of October.

SIR Merchandise – Cecil Steen was not present.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

None reported.

Next BEC Meeting – October 11, 2016 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Jerry Bellefeuille
Sonora SIR Branch 136 Secretary

Date