



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting September 12, 2017 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Danny Laureta, Little SIR Paul Squeri, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Directors: Rich Rinaldi, Jeff Phillips, Jim Botto, Rex Page, and Bill Lobdell

Not Present: Mike Nolan, and Rodger Swartz,

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Public Relations Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Membership Jeff Phillips, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Luncheon Rick Bacon, and RAMP Rex Page.

Not Present: Golf Paul Padavana, Fishing Chuck Simons, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll.

Area 5 Governor: Not present.

Big Sir Danny Laureta called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille took roll call and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Danny Laureta asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda. Eddie Toews said that we need to discuss the members who are delinquent in paying their annual dues under old business.

Danny showed the board an award that was given to our branch by the state for our RAMP activities. He gave the award to Rex Page in recognition of his RAMP leadership.

Big SIR- Danny told the board about a recent article in the Friends and Neighbors Magazine which featured SIR and some of our members recipes.

Little SIR – Paul reported that tickets for the Christmas Luncheon would go on sale today. Paul said that he was working on a caroling format for the Christmas Luncheon music.

Paul said that he acquired 2 more canopies at \$42 each.

Paul encouraged the board to come up with raffle prizes for the Christmas Luncheon.

Paul announced that our guest speaker would be Aaron Moss from Black Oak Casino.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the September treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for September of \$9118.95 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the September Treasurer's Reports was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Paul Squeri. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Report – Jeff Phillips presented the September membership report. He reported that we would be installing Jeff Kraft and Andy Bravo at today's meeting. He also reported that we had 1 deceased member last month, Rick Baird, who was an inactive member.

A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Eddie Toews to accept the September membership report. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Jeff also mentioned that John Lang has been working with him to learn the membership chairman's duties in preparation for him taking over the position in January.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the September BEC Meeting for approval. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve the July minutes. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and was passed by the BEC

Form 27 Report- Danny Laureta reported that we are at 224 members for the year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP – Rex Page said that we would have an outdoor booth at the Health Fair on October 17th and 18th. Rex explained the routine and asked for volunteers to man our booth.

Activities – Mike Nolan was not at the meeting.

Member Relations – Rich Rinaldi said that we will have a member survey at today's meeting.

Public Relations – Bill Lobdell said that we have more potential members due to the articles in the Union Democrat.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto thanked those who got their reports in on time. Jim introduced Steve Huff who will take over as bulletin editor in 2018. He asked bulletin reports to be sent to Steve as well as him in November.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling – Bert reported that he would have information for the Modesto tournament at Black Oak Casino tomorrow.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not at the meeting.

Car Club- Rich Rinaldi said that the last car show of the season will be at the Junction on the 3rd weekend of October. Next year Rich is thinking of a tour for the cars where they go to another place possibly an overnight.

Chaplain- Danny announced that Steve Gregory could not be at the meeting and that Rich Rinaldi will take over Chaplin duties at the meeting.

Fishing- Danny reported for Chuck that the fishing is not good, as the fish have gone very deep in the water.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille did not have anything to report.

Media Exchange- Sol Robin was not at the meeting.

Luncheon Drawing –Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner were not at the meeting so there will be no drawing today.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison was not at the meeting.

Poker- George Parsons was not present.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen said the RV group would be going to Pismo Beach in October.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that we have 71 pens for sale but most of them are dry.

Wine Tasting- Phil VanSwoll was encouraged to get together with the car club to see if we can combine an event.

Old Business – Eddie Toews said that we have 6 members who have not paid their dues. Eddie read the names, which included Past Big Sir Don Nilan. A discussion was had about what to do with these members. It was decided that we would send certified letters to these members before we vote them out for failure to pay dues. They will have until November 10th to respond so we can revisit the issue at our November BEC meeting.

New Business- Dale Decker said that the RV newsletter has not been updated on our branch website. Knute Klienien said that he will send information to Jerry to update the website.

Dale also said that the survey included Target Shooting as an activity. He said that shooting is not an activity that is sanctioned by SIR so we have no insurance for it. However he suggested collecting the survey information and if we have sufficient interest we can petition SIR to sanction it.

Next BEC Meeting – November 14th, 2017 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.