



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 9, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Paul Squeri, Little SIR Jim Botto, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews , and Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle .

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Directors: Rodger Swartz, Serge Peluso, Gene Zanoni, Larry Matteson.

Not Present: Rich Rinaldi.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Steve Huff, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Membership Dale Decker, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, RAMP Rex Page, Kayaking Sol Robins and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Not Present: Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Fishing Chuck Simons, Golf Paul Padavana, Bowling Bert Abreo, HLM Al Limon, Book Exchange Jim Rodriguez, Poker George Parsons, Luncheon Rick Bacon, Photographer Steve Belochi, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Visitors: John Moyer

Big Sir Paul Squeri called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

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

Paul Squeri asked the board if there were any additions or deletions to today's board meeting agenda, none were presented. Paul made a motion to accept the agenda. The

motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Paul Squeri announced that we will have a SIR booth at the Health Fair on October 16th and 17th and that volunteers are needed to sign up to man the booth. Paul announced a new procedure for lunch tickets. We will now have a salad only ticket, which will be put into the 1st ticket bowl. All regular lunch tickets will now go into the second bowl next to the meat server.

Little SIR – Jim Botto reported that next month the Consul General of the Republic of South Korea will attend our meeting to hand out Ambassador of Peace Medals to Korean War Veterans. Jim handed out a list of members who are eligible to receive the awards but have yet to respond with their DD214 paperwork. Jim noted that we would have a reporter and photographer from the Union Democrat at the ceremony. Paul Squeri made a motion to provide lunches for the reporter and photographer. The motion was seconded by Jim Botto and passed by the BEC.

Jim passed out the Christmas Luncheon budget. Jim asked the board if we would like to sell this year's centerpieces to recoup the cost of making them. Paul Squeri made a motion to sell the centerpieces at auction. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

Jim said that guest speaker Claudia Smith couldn't attend today's meeting so diabetic dietician Jody Rodriguez will fill in for her.

Attendance/Membership Report – Dale Decker presented the October membership report. He reported that we have no new members this month and that we had no guests last month. Dale introduced John Moyer who is to take over the membership chairmanship after today's meeting. Paul made a motion to accept the membership report. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the September BEC meeting for approval. Jim Botto made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Squeri and was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the September treasurer's report. He reported that we had an ending balance for September of \$11,990.38 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Jim Botto. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Paul Squeri reported our membership for September is 213. We have no new members scheduled for today. Our goal is 13 more members by the end of the year. It was noted that we would have some guests at today's meeting.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth – Larry Matteson said that he is looking forward the Health Fair.

Activities – Bill Lobdell had no report.

Public Relations – position open.

RAMP Chairman- Rex Page was not at the meeting.

Bulletin Report – Steve Huff asked if there was any response to members not receiving their bulletin, nobody has heard anything yet.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Chaplain- Steve said that Dino's mother is still very ill.

Media Exchange- Sol Robin announced that there will be no media exchange today due to personal circumstances.

Luncheon Drawing –Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner were out selling tickets for today's drawing.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 11 players in August and an average of 10 in September. He said they are now playing at the Senior Center because the Pine Tree Restaurant has been closed for remodeling.

RV Travel - Eddie Toews reported that the group had a great outing at Minden Nevada. The group will go to Pismo Beach in 2 weeks.

SIR Merchandise – Fred Kehr said that there was nothing to report.

Kayak- Sol said they had a great trip with Branch 172, kayaking on Pinecrest Lake. There were 3 people from our Branch and 7 from Branch 172.

Old Business – Paul Squeri asked for a discussion about mailing the bulletin. It was decided that only members who asked for a bulletin in the mail and that had no other access to the bulletin besides the mail would be mailed a bulletin. Steve Huff also suggested providing a menu for the whole year both at the front table and to be included in one last mailing of the bulletin to our current list. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve the idea. Eddie Toews seconded the motion and it was passed by the BEC.

New Business- Rex Page said that the Health Fair suggested that all booths donate money to the Health Fair, but since we are a non-profit we will forgo the donation. Paul Squeri noted that last month's idea to charge a \$1 membership fee for all who join at the Health Fair was never approved by the BEC. Paul made a motion to accept the membership fee. The motion was seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille and passed by the BEC.

Paul mentioned that our Elks rent would increase by \$30 to \$310. Luncheon costs were discussed. Paul Squeri made a motion to change the luncheon cost to \$15 next year. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

Paul started a discussion about the State proposed changes to SIR rules. Each item was discussed and Paul took notes on each item's outcome. It was noted some items made little sense and some were redundant. Paul said that he would provide the results to the appropriate SIR entity.

Next BEC Meeting – November 13, 2018 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Minutes prepared by
Jerry Bellefeuille
SIR Branch 136 Secretary
October 13th, 2018