



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 8, 2019 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Jim Botto, Little SIR Gene Zanoni, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Membership George Cocores.

Not Present: Secretary Bill Burnes and Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Bill Guenza, Steve Huff, Marty Martin, Larry Matteson and Serge Peluso.

Not Present: All Directors were present.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Steve Huff, Golf Paul Padavana, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane, Marty Martin, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Activities Chairman Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Roger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Media Exchange Sol Robin, Photographer Steve Belochi, Poker George Parsons, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, and Bocce Ball Jerry Stefan.

Past Big SIRs: Jim Johnson and Dale Decker.

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

Big SIR Jim Botto called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – There were no changes to the September minutes. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Eddie Toews. The

minutes were approved by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the September Treasurer's reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for September of \$13,379.07 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's reports was made by Gene Zanoni and seconded by George Cocores. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR- Jim Botto reported that we will install 2 new members today, which brings us up to 213 members. Regarding table calling for lunch, starting this month, we will ask Table number one to pick a volunteer to call the table numbers. That member will receive a free lunch at the following month's luncheon. This arrangement was agreed to by the BEC at last month's meeting. Tables with guests get called one table at a time after the head table. As guests check in, they will be given a table tent with their name and the sponsor's name on it. Guests without sponsors and guests who sign up at fairgrounds events will sit at Dale Decker's table. We were too late to sign up for an inside table at the Health Fair on October 15 and 16. Tickets for the Annual Christmas Luncheon will go on sale this month. Dean's Catering will be raising the cost of the lunch by \$1.00, but Big Sir wants to keep the ticket price at \$25.00. A motion to keep the ticket price at \$25.00 was made by Dick Aberle and seconded by Marty Martin. The motion was passed by the BEC. Last Thursday, Gene Zanoni, Dale Decker and Richard Chimenti met with Dean Papapetrou and agreed on menus for luncheons in 2020. The menus will be published in the December bulletin. The contract for use of the Elks kitchen is between Dean and the Elks, which means we don't need insurance for this. We pay the Elks, not Dean. It was mentioned that the lunch cost is \$13 and that if you want fish instead of the agreed upon menu, you need to tell Big Sir the day before. The month of November is the month that we honor our veterans. This time we will be honoring our Vietnam War veterans. Rick Kindle will be giving out Vietnam lapel pins to everyone that was on active duty between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. He is giving recognition to combat veterans and in-country support veterans. Jim Botto also wants to give each veteran a service branch logo pin that could be attached to the name badges. There are 98 veterans. The cost of the 98 logo pins would be \$292.72. It was decided to get 5 extra logos for each branch of service for a total of 118 logos. A motion was made by Marty Martin and seconded by George Cocores to purchase the 118 logos at a cost not to exceed \$350.00. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Little SIR – Gene Zanoni passed out a proposed budget for the Christmas luncheon which shows a loss of \$789.60 and the ticket price of \$25. After discussion, it was decided to try to cancel the contract for the entertainment to save \$200. Our guest speaker this month is Seth Connolly who is the Restoration Manager for the Tuolumne River Trust, which is an environment friendly non-profit organization. We will install 2 new members this month plus Donald LaFoy, a carry-over from last month. The 2 new members are John Weiss and Alan Bell. Phil Bayliss will ask all new members to meet him early at the November 12th luncheon to be introduced to our members as they arrive for the luncheon.

Attendance/Membership Report George Cocores presented the September membership report. He reported that we will end October with 213 members, counting members to be installed today.

Eddie Toews made a motion accept the report. It was seconded by Steve Huff and passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Jim Botto reported that we expect attrition of 24 members, our average, for 2019. Our year end goal is 228 members. Current active members are 215. We have had a net membership change of minus 12 members so far this year. Jim stated that we are not converting guests to members at a very high rate this year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

All reports will now be given only in the BEC meeting. We will no longer take up time for these reports during our luncheon. If your activity members need more information from you, see them after lunch.

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities Director – No report

Membership Relations & Growth – No report.

Publicity and Image- Bill Guenza reported that no ads were placed this month.

BULLETIN: - No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Bowling – Steve Huff reported that there are 8 teams now with 4 on each team We need another bowler.

Bulletin- No report.

Golf –Paul Padavana reported that golf picked up 6 new members to this activity. November will be the last tournament for the year.

Internet – No report.

Pinochle – Bob Morrison reported that for September, Pinochle had a range of players from 11 to 15, for an average of 14 players.

Propane – Marty Martin reported that there are 11 JS West openings. We need to recruit more JS West members.

RV Travel – Eddie Toews reported that the RV group went to Gilroy and to the Napa Valley.

Old Business – Big Sir Jim Botto stated that at the last meeting, we talked about catering our Family Picnic instead of our members doing all the work. He wants to put the decision into the hands of next years officers and directors.

New Business – None

Next BEC meeting – November 12, 2019

Bill Burnes
October 20, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.