



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 13, 2020 Minutes
In-person Meeting at Eproson Park, Twain Harte**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Gene Zanoni, Acting Little Sir Paul Squeri, Secretary Bill Burnes, Treasurer Eddie Toews, and Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle.

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Chris Methot, Bill Guenza, and Marty Martin.

Not Present: George Cocores.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin John White, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane Marty Martin, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

Past Big SIRs: Danny Laureta and Paul Squeri.

Area 5 Governor: Not Present.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

Secretary Bill Burnes took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the September 2020 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for September 2020 of

\$14,343.94 and \$250 cash on hand. There were no receipts during September and there were disbursements of \$70.44. Bill Burnes made a motion to approve the report, which was seconded by Dick Aberle. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – There were no changes to the September 8, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Big SIR Report – Gene Zanoni passed out a letter we received from The Attorney General of California authorizing us to conduct raffles for the raffle registration year that begins September 1, 2020 and ends August 31, 2021.

Acting Little SIR Report - Paul Squeri stated that nobody seems to want to put on our 3 special events (Ladies' Day Luncheon, Annual BBQ Picnic, and the Christmas Party); thus this is an issue that we need to address. (More on this topic under New Business).

Attendance/Membership Report – Gene Zanoni presented a combined Attendance/Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report for September. We started and ended September with 201 members. A motion to approve the reports was made by Gene Zanoni and seconded by Eddie Toews. The motion was passed by the BEC.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

RAMP Chairman – No report.

Recruitment – No report.

Activities Director – No report

Membership Relations & Growth – No report.

Publicity and Image- No report.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS – No reports.

Old Business – None.

New Business:

- 1. Annual Christmas Party:** Gene announced that the Christmas Party has been cancelled due to Covid 19. Following this, there was a lengthy general discussion with all present participating about our 3 special annual events, and that nobody wants to be responsible for putting them on. Also discussed was what members might be willing to pay, and the effect of that on our treasury. No decisions were made.
- 2. Anniversary Membership Lapel Pins** – After lengthy discussion about which anniversaries to recognize with lapel pins, the following motion was made by Gene Zanoni and seconded by Bill Burnes that anniversary lapel pins would be issued starting with the 5th year of membership (counting membership in other branches) and issued every 5th year thereafter up to the 20th year. After that, a Life Membership lapel pin would be issued. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Next BEC meeting – November 10, 2020.

Bill Burnes
October 28, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.