



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 11, 2022 Minutes
In person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Phil VanSwoll, Little SIR Rick Bronner, Secretary Bill Burnes, Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle, and Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Assistant Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

Directors: Stan Enos, Rick Bronner, Jim Botto, Rex Page, George Cocores and Marty Martin.

Not Present: All Directors were present.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Car Club Rick Bronner, Membership George Cocores, Propane Marty Martin, RV Travel Eddie Toews and SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr.

Not Present: Chaplin Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Photographer Steve Belochi, Pinochle Bob Morrison, and RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, Dale Decker, Paul Squeri, Jim Botto and Gene Zanoni.

State SIR V-P: Dale Decker

Region 2 Director: Paul Squeri

Area 5 Governor: Paul Squeri.

Big SIR Phil VanSwoll called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. The agenda was approved.

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

Secretary's Report – The minutes of August 9, 2022 and September 13, 2022 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports – Treasurer Eddie Toews presented the August 2022 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending checking account balance for August 2022 of \$14,935.27 and \$100.00 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts during August of \$372.00 and disbursements of \$608.15. There were Custodial Fund receipts of \$1,676.00 and Custodial Fund disbursements of \$1,326.47. He also presented the September 2022 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending checking account balance for September 2022 of \$14,059.73 and \$100.00 cash on hand. There were General Fund receipts of \$12.50 and disbursements of \$306.17. There were Custodial Fund receipts of \$1,445.00 and Custodial Fund disbursements of \$2,026.87. The reports were accepted as presented.

Eddie stated that we made a profit of \$281.87 on our summer picnic at the Elks Club. This figure includes \$335.00 made on the raffle. He reported that the annual assessment from the state will go up in 2023 by \$1 per member. Our dues will remain the same at \$25. Eddie made a motion to send a letter to our members telling them that the dues will stay the same. The motion was seconded by Rick Bronner, and was passed by the BEC.

Attendance/Membership Reports – George Cocores presented a Membership Report for September. We started September with 157 members and we ended September with 152 members. James Faifua passed away and 4 members transferred to Branch 77. The report was approved.

Big SIR Report – Phil VanSwoll reported that members Larry Guzman and Bert Maxwell had very recently passed away.

Little SIR Report – Rick Bronner reported that he has met with the Christmas planning committee, and that everything is going well and on schedule.

With regard to luncheon speakers, he reported that County Supervisor Jaron Brandon will speak today, and will focus on four areas: Homelessness, Crime, Fire Protection and Roads. Our speaker in November will be Orthopedic Surgeon Dr McDonald and our speaker in January 2023 will be the mayor of Sonora.

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 – Eddie Toews reported that the RV Club will be having a trip to Casa de Fruta October 16 – 20.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS – No report.

Old Business- Phil Van Swoll stated that the election of BEC officers and directors will be done at the luncheon today.

New Business –Paul Squeri commented on the situation that our membership and meeting participation rate are down significantly, compared to prior years, especially since Covid. He stated we need to do something to generate interest in SIRS, and would like to have us put together a committee to generate interest in members and prospective members.

Eddie Toews put forward a proposal to move the annual picnic back to August from September. The reasoning is because it is too long from Ladies' Luncheon in May and too close to the Christmas party. The picnic can be held mid-year before the hottest time of day. His motion was seconded by Marty Martin and was passed by the BEC.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Next BEC meeting – November 8, 2022

Bill Burnes, Secretary
October 11, 2022