



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting September 13, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Dale Decker, Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille, Treasurer Eddie Toews, Assistant Secretary Phil VanSwoll and Assistant Treasurer Frank Taylor.

Not Present: Little SIR Danny Laureta

Directors: Jeff Phillips, Dick Aberle, Jim Botto, Paul Squeri, Bill Lobdell, and Rex Page

Not Present: Monty Youngborg,

Committee Chairmen: Luncheon Rick Bacon, Public Relations Ray Bailey, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Membership Bill Lobdell, Bowling Bert Abreo, Bulletin Jim Botto, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Member Relations Paul Squeri, Pinochle Bob Morrison, and SIR Item Sales Cecil Steen.

Not Present: Honorary Life Membership Al Limon, Activities Jeff Phillips Theater Monty Youngborg, RV Travel Knute Kleinen, Fishing Chuck Simons, Photographer Steve Belochi, Golf Paul Padavana, Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Past Big SIRs: Phil VanSwoll, and Don Banchemo.

Big Sir Dale Decker called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

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

Big SIR- Dale Decker asked for additions or changes to the agenda, none were presented.

Dale Decker announced that he would present the slate of nominees for 2017 at today's meeting and ask for any other nominees. He will then ask for a vote from the membership.

Dale also presented the idea of a \$1 application fee to join SIR valid from September 13th to October 31st only. Perspective members must have attended either the September or October meeting and be installed before the end of the year. A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Rex Page to adopt the \$1 membership proposal. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale also presented an idea to give away coupons at the SIR booth at the October Health Fair that will allow new members to join for \$1, and get a free lunch at their first meeting. New members must attend the November luncheon and be installed by the end of the year. A motion was made by Jerry Bellefeuille and seconded by Jim Botto to adopt the coupon plan as presented. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale asked the BEC to vote on a motion to install any new applicants from the November meeting at the Christmas Luncheon. A motion was made by Frank Taylor and seconded by Paul Squeri to install the members in December. The motion was voted down by the BEC.

Dale presented the idea of changing the name of our 'SIR of the Year' annual award to 'The Baci Frecceri SIR of the Year'. A motion was made by Jim Botto and seconded by Eddie Toews to adopt the new name. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Dale announced that we will have a good turnout at the Fabulous 50's Music Night. It is not a SIR event. Fliers have been posted around town advertising the event.

Little SIR – Paul Squeri reported for Danny Laureta who was not present. No results were available for the BBQ. Eddie Toews estimated that we made \$900 at the BBQ.

Paul passed around a flyer about the Christmas Luncheon. Paul said that we would nearly break even for the luncheon.

Paul said that he would poll the membership for any new menu ideas for 2017 at the general meeting.

Paul said that Leon Casas Jr. would be our guest speaker and will talk about the Senior Center and its services.

Attendance/Membership Report – Bill Lobdell presented the August membership report. We have 2 members who have submitted applications. Ed Limon has requested inactive status. Tom Lively, Bob Silver and Alan Nix were terminated for failure to pay dues and zero attendance in 2016.

Bill also presented the September membership report. We have 2 new members to be installed, Mike Baumgartner and Tim Hurley. We also have one member, Ken Lewis who moved to Arizona and was dropped.

A motion was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Jim Botto to accept the August and September membership reports. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the July, 2016 BEC Meeting for approval. Paul Squeri made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and was passed by the BEC.

Jerry also presented the notice about there not being a BEC meeting in August. A motion was made by Frank Taylor and seconded by Paul Squeri to accept the minutes notice. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the July and August Treasurers reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for July of \$5946.51 and \$250 cash on hand. For August we had an ending balance of \$6887.34 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Dale Decker reported that our year-end membership goal is 223 members and we now have 209 members. This means we are currently down by 14 members from our goal.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Growth - Rex Page reported that he will hand out materials at the October Health Fair in Sonora. Rex is looking for volunteers to man our booth at he Health Fair. We will man the booth for 8 hours each of the 2 days, October 18th and 19th.

Member Relations - Paul Squeri reported that Rich Rinaldi has headed up the Car Club. He asked Bert Maxwell about bocce ball. Bert says that he is working on it.

Activities - Jeff Phillips said we are working on a dinner club. Wine tasting is also in the works. Jeff would like to have someone take over the media exchange due to his bad back, there were no volunteers.

Dinner/ Theater- Monty Youngborg was not present.

Public Relations - Ray Bailey reported that his report made it into the Union Democrat word for word. Ray said we should allow people to attend as guests by calling a number for approval. Ray also said that he would like to step down as Public Relations Director.

Bulletin Report - Jim Botto thanked all who sent their reports on time. He also reminded everyone that we could use more pictures for the bulletin.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS Bowling - Bert Abreo reported that the bowling league has started and will end on April 3rd. We still need more bowlers. Our local tournament was not well attended by our branch.

As previously reported the remaining Bowling Tournaments for 2016 are October 4th and 5th at Citrus Heights, October 18th and 20th in Brentwood, November 3rd and 4th in Modesto, and November 15th and 16th in Concord.

The bowling report was entered into the branch permanent records.

Chaplain- Steve Gregory was told that Bill Dunlavy just got out of the hospital.

Fishing- Chuck Simons was not present.

Golf - Paul Padavana was not present. Jeff Phillips said that we need a new person to run the Skins Tournament next year due to the need for someone with a Windows 7 operating system.

House – no report, position is OPEN. Dale Decker asked if we need a House Chairman.

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille has no report.

Luncheon Drawing – Bert Maxwell reported that we will have a drawing today. He will go buy some tickets.

Pinochle - Bob Morrison reported that they had an average of 10-12 players last month for Pinochle.

Propane – Marty Martin reported that everything is going well. We have a limit of 125 in the coop.

RV Travel - Knute Kleinen was not present.

SIR Merchandise – Cecil Steen reported the he will have items to sell today.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

None reported.

Next BEC Meeting – October 11, 2016 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Minutes prepared by Branch 136 Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille on September 23rd 2016.