



Sonora Branch No. 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting September 11, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle

Directors: Rich Rinaldi, Rodger Swartz, Serge Peluso, Gene Zanoni

Not Present: Larry Matteson

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Steve Huff, Bowling Bert Abreo, RV Travel Eddie Toews, Chaplin Steve Gregory, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Membership Dale Decker, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Golf Paul Padavana, Fishing Chuck Simons, and Senior Member Awards Jim Johnson.

Not Present: Al Limon HLM, Book Exchange Jim Rodriguez, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Poker George Parsons, Luncheon Rick Bacon, and Photographer Steve Belochi.

Past Big SIRs: Dale Decker, Jim Johnson. Phil VanSwoll

Area 5 Governor: Dale Decker.

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. Eddie Toews asked to talk about Pac and Copy under during his report. 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 Dale Decker was our new Area Governor. He also announced that Jim Johnson was the Vice President elect for SIR for 2019. Paul announced that Steve Heath has moved out of the area so we are looking for a new Public Relations Director and 1st Year Director.

Little SIR – Jim Botto reported that we did well financially on the BBQ. Jim thanked all for their help. Jim said that the cost for the Christmas dinners will rise to \$21 and he would like to charge \$25. Eddie Toews made a motion to keep the ticket cost at \$25. The motion was seconded by Gene Zanoni and passed by the BEC. Jim said that he is in contact with the Korean Consulate about the November meeting. Jim said that we would have a flier and start selling tickets for the Christmas Luncheon in October. Jim reminded everyone to start thinking about raffle prizes. Jim said that today's speaker would be Urologist, Dr. Eric Freedman.

Attendance/Membership Report – Dale Decker presented the September membership report. He reported that we would be installing Tim Bratten at today's meeting. He also reported Monty Youngborg has transferred to Branch 77. Dale also reported that Ernie Trutner and Larry Webster have both resigned and Ben Teal has passed away. Dale said that membership would be at 213 after today's meeting. Paul made a motion to accept the membership report. The motion was seconded by Rich Rinaldi and passed by the BEC.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Eddie Toews presented the July and August treasurer's reports. He reported that we had an ending balance for July of \$12,694.14 and \$250 cash on hand. He also reported that we had an ending balance for August of \$12,134.52 and \$250 cash on hand. A motion to approve the July and August Treasurer's Reports was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Jerry Bellefeuille. The motion was passed by the BEC. Eddie said that Pac and Copy had new owners and the new owners have been making mistakes in our billing. Eddie asked all members to keep all receipts so we can rectify our billing statements.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jerry Bellefeuille presented the minutes of the July BEC meeting, the July 10 Luncheon Meeting and August BEC Meetings for approval. Eddie Toews made a motion to approve all of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Squeri and was passed by the BEC.

Form 27 Report- Paul Squeri reported our membership for July and August were both at 215. Our active membership outlook is 213 after today. Our goal is 13 more members by the end of the year.

New Business- Paul Squeri notified the board that he would like to modify the committee chairman reports procedure during the luncheon meeting. He would like all chairmen to notify him if they have a report for the meeting. During the meeting he will call up all chairmen with reports to the podium at one time. Chairmen can then give their reports in a timely fashion, one after the other without delay.

Dale Decker presented an idea to update the visual presentation equipment at the Elk Lodge. The costs will be split between the Elk Lodge and the local SIR branches. Dale's proposal would cost our branch \$800. We are still waiting for approval from the other branches. Contract details were discussed.

Paul Squeri proposed a new person or committee to help the Little SIR find guest speakers. Next year's Little SIR Gene Zanoni proposed 2 other people to help in this regard. Ideas were discussed to find good speakers in the future. Paul Squeri made a motion to start a Program Committee in 2019 to help obtain speakers. The motion was seconded by Jim Botto and passed by the BEC.

Paul asked the board if there was interest in finding another location for future Picnic events. Paul made a motion for next years Little SIR, to explore different locations and times for next years August Picnic. The motion was seconded by Eddie Toews and passed by the BEC.

Paul said that he got an email from the Modesto SIR branch asking if we would like to join their branch in travel activities. Paul said that he would pursue the matter further. Paul said that he would like to offer free membership to all who join at this year's Health Fair.

Jim Johnson suggested eliminating bulletins by mail. It was suggested by Dale Decker that we mail only to widows. Jim asked for the issue to be discussed next month.

Old Business – None

Next BEC Meeting – October 9, 2018 10:00 am Sonora Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Minutes prepared by
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