



Sonora Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting September 8, 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 Treasurer Steve Aldridge.

**Not Present:** Assistant Secretary Dick Aberle.

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

**Not Present:** Phil Baylis, Tom Neiderer, George Cocores.

**Committee Chairmen:** Bulletin John White, Pinochle Bob Morrison, Propane Marty Martin, RAMP Chairman Steve Aldridge, and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

**Not Present:** Activities Director Bill Lobdell, Car Club Rich Rinaldi, Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Rodger Swartz, Luncheon Drawing Tom Neiderer, Membership George Cocores, Photographer Steve Belochi, SIR Item Sales Fred Kehr, and Wine Tasting Phil Van Swoll.

**Past Big SIRs:** Dale Decker and Paul Squeri.

**Area 5 Governor:** Dale Decker.

Big SIR Gene Zanoni called the meeting to order at 3:10 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 August 2020 Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had an ending balance for August 2020 of \$14,414.38 and \$250 cash on hand. There were no receipts during August and there were disbursements of \$575.54. Gene Zanoni made a motion to approve the report, which was seconded by Marty Martin. The motion was passed by the BEC.

**Secretary's Report** – There were no changes to the August 11, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Big SIR and Acting Little SIR** – Gene and Paul conducted a lengthy discussion about how to get more members (especially new members) to be willing to take on responsibility for board and committee chairman positions and also activities, such as the BBQ picnic held in September. It was an active discussion with all attendees participating. Also, streamlining luncheon meetings was discussed at length. No action was taken at this time.

**Attendance/Membership Report** – Gene Zanoni presented a combined Attendance/Membership Report and Form 27 Monthly Review Report for August. We started August with 203 members and ended with 201 members. We lost 2 members due to resignations: our former Little SIR and another member moving out of the area. A motion to approve the reports was made by Eddie Toews and seconded by Marty Martin. 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. Voting Instruction for 2021 Branch Officers:** Gene indicated that we received from Ed Benson options for voting for 2021 officers. We are choosing the option that the current officers will remain in place until the 2021 officers can be voted on and sworn in at a luncheon meeting.
- 2. Review Form 20 Relating to 2021 Branch Officers:** Gene indicated that the Form 20 has been sent to the State. The form lists the following for 2021:
  - Big Sir: Gene Zanoni
  - Little Sir: John White
  - Secretary: Bill Burnes
  - Assistant Secretary: Dick Aberle
  - Treasurer: Eddie Toews
  - Assistant Treasurer: Steve Aldridge

First Year Directors:

Chris Methot

George Cocores

Bob Morrison

Second Year Directors:

Bill Guenza

Marty Martin

Bulletin Editor: John White (pending)

Web Master: Jerry Bellefeuille

Membership Chair: George Cocores

Nominating Committee Chair: Paul Squeri

- 3. 2021 Special Dues** – The following 2021 dues schedule was discussed: \$12 per member, due by March 9, 2021, \$25 after March 9. Our first monthly in-person luncheon will be called “Welcome Back Meeting and Luncheon,” and will cost \$8 per person. We will return to the regular luncheon price in the following month and all months thereafter. The new member fee will be waived for new members joining in Oct 2020 through March 2021, but the new member will be responsible to pay the \$10 badge fee. Thereafter, a new member will pay the normal \$25 dues and the \$10 badge fee. A motion to approve this fee schedule was made by Paul Squeri and seconded by Bill Burnes. The motion was passed by the BEC.
- 4. Other New Business** – A motion to have the following commemorative pins for length of membership: 5 years, 10 years and 20 years. The motion was made by Steve Aldridge, seconded by Eddie Toews, and was passed by the BEC. Dale Decker is going to propose to the state that a quorum be reduced to 30% plus 1.

**Next BEC meeting – October 13, 2020.**

Bill Burnes

September 22, 2020

**Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.**