



Sonora SIR Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting
April 9, 2024 Minutes
In-person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR – Rick Bronner
Little SIR – Absent
Secretary – Steven Holt
Assistant Secretary – Gene Zanoni
Treasurer – John Salmon
Assistant Treasurer – Eddie Toews

Not Present: Mike Krom – Temporary LOA

2024 Directors:	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>
	Jim Botto	George Cocores
	Bill Burnes	Stan Enos
	Raul Santana	Mel Kutsch
	Paul Squeri	Marty Martin

Not Present:

Committee Chairmen: Activities Director – *Position Open*
Bocce Ball – Stan Enos
Bowling – Don Banchero
Bulletin – Don Herzer
Car Club – Rick Bronner
Chaplin – Steve Gregory
Fishing – Chuck Simons
Golf – Raul Santana
Internet & Zoom – Jerry Bellefeuille
Kayaking – Sol Robin
Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille
Lunch Drawings – Tom Neiderer
Membership – George Cocores
Photographer – Steve Belochi
Pinochle – *Position Open*
Propane – Marty Martin
RAMP – *Position Open*

RV Travel – Eddie Toews
SIR Item Sales – Position Open

Not Present: Fishing – Chuck Simons
Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille

Past Big SIRs: Jim Botto, Gene Zanoni, Dale Decker, Eddie Toews,
Paul Squeri

State SIR President: Dale Decker

Call to Order – Big SIR Rick Bronner called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Roll Call – Secretary Steven Holt took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda – Big SIR Rick Bronner asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Eddie requested time to discuss Mike Krom’s status and yard sale advertising page in the bulletin. Rick also wanted an update, from the Treasurer, on Ladies’ Day Luncheon ticket sales.

Secretary’s Report – March 2024 minutes approved by the board.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer John Salmon / Eddie Toews presented the following financial report for March 2024.

In March, Branch 136 reported a beginning checking account balance of \$15807.68 and ending checking balance of \$17,045.63, with \$150.00 cash on hand. General Fund Receipts: Bulletin Ads of \$250.00, Dues collected \$420.00, Luncheon profit of \$194.00 and Raffle proceeds of \$125.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,306.00, Ladies Luncheon \$1,155.00 and Badges \$20.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$109.25, Postage \$20.33, Rent, Setup, and Cleanup \$300.00, Raffle pay-out of \$63.00, Raffle ticket purchase \$23.58, Sponsored lunches \$40.00, Mileage to SIRS State summit of \$82.60, Birthday lunch \$20.00. Custodial Fund Disbursement: Luncheon \$1,306.00, Picnic space deposit \$50.00, Picnic catering deposit \$200.00, Badges \$17.29.

A total of fifty Ladies’ Day Luncheon tickets have been sold to date.

Big SIR Report – Rick Bronner

1. Big SIR Rick Bronner attended the SIRs State Summit, in Walnut Creek, mid-March 2024. A request was made by Rick to Dale Decker to get a copy of a slide that was present as part of the meeting. A discussion was held over increasing visibility and attract new member. This was followed by a brainstorming session on how to put fun back into volunteering. During the meeting, they talked about communications between branches and the state.

The real thrust of the summit meeting was how to grow SIRs. After a lengthy discussion, it was apparent that referrals was the primary source of new members. Dale Decker mentioned that Branch 98 had a membership promotion where cash prizes were given to those who installed the most new members. Rick also mentioned that we need to follow-up with our new members to ensure they have all the information for Branch 136. John Salmon recommended that a follow-up be conducted two weeks after a new member is installed.

Marty Martin was looking for a one-sided SIRs poster to put up at J.S. West.

Rick also discussed a need for a Webmaster for our branch to improve our website and include pictures.

2. Discussed volunteers for the Home and Garden show April 20th and 21st. The list of volunteers will be emailed to everyone involved.
3. Eddie provided an update on Mike's medical procedure and he appears to be doing well recovering.

Little SIR Report – Presented by Rick Bronner in Mike's absents

1. Chief Whitson, Cal-Fire, will be the guest speaker for today's luncheon.
2. June guest will be the head of the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Potential guest speaker for July Larry Caplinger something to do with insurance. Rick relay his experience with State Farm and renewing his home owners insurance.

Attendance/Membership Reports: Eddie Toews presented – Started the month with a membership of 129. Three member have resigned in the month. We added one new member. We are looking at 125 members as of this meeting. Rick was questioning why three members resigned the organization. No clear reason why provided.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

Bulletin Report – Don Herzer updated the bulletin with future travel opportunities with SIRs.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bocce Ball – Looking to start in June on a Monday. There was a question on what to do with any additional revenue based on the level of participation. Rick decided to use any extra fund for an end of year tournament with prizes.

Bowling – Don Banchero – No update

Bulletin – Don Herzer – Don questioning one of the advertisers (Hair Stylist) and how to get in touch with them.

Car Club – Rick Bronner – Missed the show in Knights Ferry due to weather.

Chaplin – Absent

Fishing – Absent

Golf – Raul Santana – Rick asked to put the link for tournaments in his letter.

Internet & Zoom – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Kayaking – Sol Robin – Plans on starting this month based on lake level at Pinecrest and weather. This event will take place the last Tuesday of each month. Sol asked to make an announcement at today's luncheon.

Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Lunch Drawings – Tom Neiderer – No update

Pinochle – Position Open

RAMP – Position Open

RV – Eddie Toews – The next trip is Bethel Island Sugar Barge Resort, July 14th to the 19th, for five nights.

Old Business –

1. Past dues – Eddie collected dues from two members. He also provided the following update: Steve Hagel will take a leave of absents due to family issues. Raymond Harrelson didn't want to renew his membership. Eddie has been unable to contact three members - Jim Crandell, Ed Sudduth and Jim Turner over renewing their membership. Recommendation made to remove them from the SIRs roster. Motion made to drop these members as of today's meeting. Rick questioned if we should send a registered letter to those on the propane program. This is not recommended, as we do not have any current contact information for any of these individuals.

New Business –

1. Dale raised the question about a sound system for the upcoming picnic. Rick will discuss with the venue to see if having a sound system, playing music, is acceptable with them.
2. Raul requested an email copy of the SIRs brochure.

Next BEC meeting – No meeting in May due to Ladies Day Luncheon. Next BEC meeting will be held June 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am

Steven B. Holt, Secretary

April 22, 2024 – Final