



Sonora SIR Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting
March 12, 2024 Minutes
In-person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers:

Past Big SIR – Rick Bronner
Little SIR – Mike Krom
Secretary – Steven Holt
Assistant Secretary – Gene Zanoni
Treasurer – John Salmon
Assistant Treasurer - Eddie Toews

Not Present:

Mike Krom - LOA

2024 Directors:

1st Year

Jim Botto
Bill Burnes
Raul Santana
Paul Squeri

2nd Year

George Cocores
Stan Enos
Mel Kutsch
Marty Martin

Not Present:

Paul Squeri

Committee Chairmen: Activities Director – *Position Open*

Bowling - Don Banchero
Bulletin – Don Herzer
Car Club – Rick Bronner
Chaplin – Steve Gregory
Fishing – Absent
Golf – Raul Santana
Internet & Zoom – Jerry Bellefeuille
Kayaking – Absent
Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille
Lunch Drawings – Tom Neiderer
Membership – George Cocores
Photographer – Absent
Pinochle – *Position Open*
Propane - Marty Martin
RAMP – *Position Open*

RV Travel - Eddie Toews
SIR Item Sales – Position Open

Not Present: Fishing – Chuck Simons
Kayaking - Sol Robin

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 Toews raised the question concerning the honorary life member position opened with the passing of Frank Taylor and Dale Decker’s move to the state level. As of this meeting, there is two honorary life member position available for Branch 136. This matter to be discussed off-line.

Rick Bronner raised Mike Krom’s status, as Vice-President, to be discussed as part of today’s meeting.

Stan Enos informed the board that James Hagle had passed away.

Secretary’s Report – January 2024 minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer John Salmon presented the following financial report for January 2024.

In January, he reported a beginning checking account balance of \$13,556.72 and ending checking balance of \$14,731.78, with \$150.00 cash on hand. Luncheon profit \$156.00, Dues collected \$1530.00, Bulletin ads for \$245.00, with overpayments made by some businesses of \$125.00, Raffle proceeds of \$110.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,094.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$71.41, Postage \$19.95, State Assessment of \$335.00, Rent, Setup, and Cleanup \$300.00, Raffle License of \$30.00, Raffle Expense of \$55.00, Birthday lunch \$20.00. Four new member badges of \$34.58.

Rick Bronner did question if Wright’s Tire had paid their advertising fees for the year. John Salmon has a list of who has paid and will discuss with Rick later.

Delinquent dues for 2024 discussed with seventy people unpaid at the time of this meeting. Recommended that by the end of February, we contact all outstanding members who haven’t paid.

2023 Branch Audit report presented at this meeting.

Big SIR Report – Rick Bronner

1. Mike Krom announced he will take a leave of absents, for two months, with the plan to return in May. His position as Vice-President will not be filled at this time. Mike to handover his list of proposed guest speakers to Rick. Rick also requested suggestions for future speakers.
2. Ladies Day – This event to be finalized after today’s meeting, so tickets can be purchased and available for sale by March’s meeting.
3. Home and Garden Show – April 20th and 21st – Volunteer sign-up passed around to work this event. A total of six shifts, three on Saturday and Sunday, are available.
Eddie did question if we would include the Twain Harte SIR’s Branch at our event table. Decision made to inform Twain Harte that Branch 136 would work their own table.
4. Suggestion to subsidized meals for the BEC has been scrapped.
5. Summer Picnic – Looking for caterers and finalizing the date, in August. After reviewing the calendar and conflicts for the month, a recommendation of Wednesday August 21st, was presented to the board. It was mentioned that one caterer had a price point of \$25 per plate for this event. This price is only one entrée.

Little SIR Report – Mike Krom

1. Max Wheeler, Sonora Cave Dweller, to present at today’s luncheon.

Attendance/Membership Reports: Presented by Eddie Toews in place of George Cocores – Started the month with a membership of 132. One person has relocated and two (Frank Taylor and James Hagle) have passed away leaving us with 129 active members. Since Frank had paid his 2024 dues, it was decided to leave him as an active member for the entire year of 2024.

Past Big SIR Eddie recommended that all members should be actively recruiting for Branch #136 and it shouldn’t fall on just one person.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

Bulletin Report – Don Herzer will take over the bulletin effective January 2024.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bowling – Don Banchero – No update

Bulletin – Don Herzer

Car Club – Rick Bronner

Chaplin – Absent

Fishing – Absent

Golf – Rick Bronner – Will start in March.

Note: Raul Santana to take over as Golf Chairman.

Internet & Zoom – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Kayaking – Absent

Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Lunch Drawings – Tom Neiderer – Discussed new tickets

Pinochle – Position Open

RAMP – Position Open

RV – Eddie Toews – Three events planned. Kick-off breakfast on February 21st at Garden Café, Betabel RV resort March 18th to March 23rd, and Sugar Barge Resort in July. Five nights planned.

Note: Activities Chairmen reminded to submit applications, with SIRs, for insurance coverage. Question raised on activities without leaders, are they still sanctioned by SIRs. This question will be present to Dale Decker for clarification.

Old Business –

1. No old business mentioned.

New Business –

1. RV Club activities letter / agenda presented at today's meeting, by Eddie Toews.
2. After the meeting, an off-line discussion will take place on Ladies Day Luncheon meal and pricing.
3. Eddie Toews raised questions concerning bulletin formatting changes that is deleting information.

Next BEC meeting – March 12, 2024, starting at 10:00 am, at the Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am

Steven B. Holt, Secretary

February 13, 2024

