



Sonora SIR Branch 136

Branch Executive Committee Meeting

February 10, 2026 Minutes

In Attendance / Officers

Big SIR Rick Bronner - Little SIR Mike Krom - Secretary Mark Bowden - Assistant Secretary Gene Zanoni PBS, HLM - Treasurer John Salmon - Assistant Treasurer Marty Sampson

In Attendance / Directors

**George Cocores - Steven Holt - Raul Santana - Don Herzer - Melvin Kutsch
Absent: Bill Burns**

Committee Chairmen

Bowling - Rick Bronner, Bulletin - Don Herzer, Car Club - Rick Bronner, Chaplin - Steve Gregory, Fishing - Chuck Simons, Golf - Raul Santana, Internet & Zoom - Jerry Bellefeuille, Lunch Drawings - Tom Neiderer, Lunch Tickets - Jerry Bellefeuille, Membership - George Cocores, Photographer - Steve Belochi, Propane - Steven Holt, RV Travel - Eddie Toews

Call To Order

Big SIR Rick Bronner called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Roll Call

Asst. Secretary Gene Zanoni took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the board; Rick requested to move the Old and New Business discussions prior to the Directors and Activities Reports.

Secretary's Report

Since no additions or corrections were made to the January minutes, they were unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Salmon read aloud the following monthly financial report for our last month's checking account activity:

We had a beginning balance of \$8,611.02 and a month-ending balance of \$10,189.99, Cash on hand is \$150.00. General Fund Receipts: Dues \$2,490.00, Raffle \$60.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: 2 Badges \$20.00, Luncheon \$1,260.00. General Fund Disbursements: Rent, S/U, C/U \$415.00, Raffle License \$30.00, 1st Quarter Assessment \$336.30. Custodial Fund Disbursements: Catering \$1,260.00, X-Mas Decorations \$200.00, Badge \$9.73.

Motion to approve the above report was made by Eddie Toews, 2nd by Rick Bronner and unanimously approved by the board.

Big SIR Report – Rick Bronner

Membership Renewals:

- 31 Members from 2025, have yet to pay for their 2026 membership dues
- 13 of those are on the propane program
- Eddie Toews will contact 7 of these members
- Rick Bronner and John Salmon will contact the rest of the members

James Moreda, one of our Bulletin's advertisers, an Electrical Contractor who is also a member of our branch:

- Lost his shop building in Coulterville due to a recent fire
- His mother Pauline will send in his membership dues payment
- Whether he continues with his advertisement is uncertain

Advertising Sponsor Renewals Update:

- Mike Krom has sent out letters to all our sponsors
- Mike has received zero responses back to-date
- Mike to make follow up courtesy calls to see if they plan to continue with advertisements in our SIR Bulletin

Little Sir Report – Mike Krom

Guest Speaker Update:

- Potential guest speaker from funeral operations has cancelled
- Fire Chief is still on for the March meeting
- George Cocomes knows Doug Linze, LNFA, who is well versed in Medicare, is a possible candidate for April.
- Potential quest speaker Dr. Lincoln Maynes, MD will not be able attend a meeting due to surgeries scheduled at the same time as meetings are.

Attendance/Membership Report

January started with 119 members and added 2 new members, Jim Horan and Paul Halleck, for a total of 121 members.

Program Director Reports

Bulletin Report – Don Herzer

- Requesting any suggestions, changes, or improvements to Bulletin

Activities Reports

Bowling - Rick Bronner: Winter league is doing just fine

Car Club – Rick Bronner: Nothing going on at this time

Golf - Raul Santana: 1st tournament will be March 24th at Teleli Golf Club

Eddie Toews commented that various ongoing activities should be reported in the monthly Bulletin for membership review purposes.

Old Business

Guest Speaker Updates:

- Troy Vickers with PHI will be guest speaker today
- March: Tuolumne Fire Chief
- April: Doug Linze, LNFA Health Care Consultant

Raffle License:

- Nonprofit Raffle Registration Confirmation letter dated January 13, 2026 was received
- Raffle Registration Number: RF0012926
- Registration is valid from 01/07/2026 to 12/31/2026

New Business

Ladies Day Luncheon – Menu / Cost / Center Pieces:

- Date: May 12, 2026
- Entrée choices include New York Steak, Fish, Chicken Piccata
- Table decorations being worked on by a loyal lady's group
- Linen to be decided on at time of ordering
- Cost per meal is to be \$40.00 per person. A motion for approval was made by Eddie Towes, 2nd by Rick Bronner and unanimously approved by the board
- Tickets will be available at the March luncheon meeting

Summer Picnic Planning:

- Event date is on a Thursday, August 13, 2026. This date was selected to accommodate Bowlers coming back from the Reno Nevada Tournament
- Location: Indigeny Reserve
- T.B.D. to use the same caterer and perhaps similar menu as last year
- Consideration of price: T.B.D. Once determined, tickets will be ordered, printed, and become available for sale at the June and July luncheons

Branch Activities Reporting at BEC and Regular Meetings:

- **Branch #136 will not be participating in the 2026 Home and Garden Show, as only Branch #172 was selected**
- **Asst. Treasurer Marty Simpson needs approval to become a signatory on SIR's #136 checking account. A motion was made by Eddie Toews, 2nd by Rick Bronner and unanimously approved by the board.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:19 AM

Secretary Mark Bowden

Next Meeting March 10, 2026