



## **Sonora SIR Branch 136**

### **Branch Executive Committee Meeting**

**January 14, 2025, Minutes**

#### **In Attendance / BEC Officers**

**Big SIR Rick Bronner - Little SIR Mike Krom - Secretary Jim  
Rodrigues - Assistant Secretary Gene Zanoni - Treasurer  
John Salmon - Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews  
Outgoing Secretary Steve Holt  
\*No Absentees**

#### **In Attendance / Directors**

**Bill Burnes - George Cocores - Melvin Kutsch - Raul Santana  
\*Absent - Stan Enos and Marty Martin**

#### **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 - Marty Martin**

**RV Travel - Eddie Toews**

**\*Absent - Don Banchemo, Marty Martin**

**Past BIG SIRS**

**Eddie Toews - \*Honorary Life Member**

**Gene Zanoni - \*Honorary Life Member**

**Call To Order**

**Big SIR Rick Bronner called the meeting to order at 10:04am**

**Roll Call**

**Outgoing secretary Steve Holt took attendance and informed the board that a quorum was present.**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Big SIR Rick Bronner requested a time slot during the**

**luncheon to remember Dale Decker.  
Agenda approved as adjusted.**

### **Secretary's Report**

**November 12, 2024, Minutes: Motion to approve made by Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews and Seconded by Big SIR Rick Bronner and approved by the board.**

### **Treasurer's Reports**

**Treasurer John Salmon presented the following financial report for November 2024:**

**On November 1 Branch 136 reported a beginning checking account balance of \$13,005.95 and an ending balance on November 30 of \$15,389.49. Cash on hand is \$150.00. General Fund Receipts = Luncheon Profit + \$42.00, Raffle Tickets + \$120.00. Custodial Fund Receipts = Catering + \$1,178.00, Picnic Ticket Sales + \$2,800.00. General Fund Disbursements = Copies, Supplies, etc. \$56.00, Flyer Mailing \$19.04, Award Frames \$8.56, Bank Error \$0.54, Rent, S/U, C/U \$415.00, Free Lunch \$20.00, Raffle Payout \$60.00. Custodial Fund Disbursements = Catering \$1,178.00**

**Motion to approve report made by Big SIR Rick Bronner and seconded by Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews and approved by the board.**

**Treasurer John Salmon presented the following financial report for December 2024:**

**On December 1 Branch 136 reported a beginning checking account balance of \$15,389.49 and an ending balance on December 31 of \$11,206.88. Cash on hand is \$150.00. General Fund Receipts = Bulletin Ads \$480.00, Raffle Tickets \$760.00. Custodial Fund Receipts = Christmas Luncheon Ticket Sales \$315.00. General Fund Disbursements = Copies, Supplies, etc. \$61.07, Flyer Mailing \$19.04, E.O.Y. Awards \$140.94, Rent-S/U-C/U \$415.00.**

**Free Lunch \$20.00. Custodial Funds Disbursements = Catering \$4,070.00, Linens \$511.56, Prize Money \$500.00.**

**Motion to approve report made by Big SIR Rick Bronner and seconded by Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews and approved by the board.**

### **Big SIR Report - Rick Bronner**

**Rick advised members that area representative Jerry Morrow was running late and should arrive in time for lunch. The Home and Garden show set for April 12-13 at the Motherlode Fairgrounds was discussed. It was agreed that pull-up banners would be used for the SIRS table at the show. Someone to check storage at Elks Lodge for same. Rick asked for pictures from SIRS activities to be used either on a posterboard or video for the show. Eddie to produce a signup sheet for volunteers for the show and try and get an inside booth at the fairgrounds. Rick to review marketing materials for any need to update them.**

### **Little SIR Report - Mike Krom**

**Mike informed the members that James Evans from the Youth Sports Foundation would be today's speaker. He will be joined by a few of the youth members. Mike also stated that next month's guest speaker would be Frank Smart, a supporter of local veteran's organizations. Mike reported that returning advertisers for this year as of today's meeting are Tamara M. Polley, Dot Popovich, and Todd Simonson.**

### **Attendance / Membership Report - George Cocores**

**George reported the current membership stands at 121, with a loss of 4 members: Dale Decker and Jim Simmons passed away, Jim Botto and Sol Robin have moved.**

## Activity Reports

**Bowling – Rick Bronner – Upcoming events are in Napa in February, and Sacramento and Carson City in April. No dates were available.**

**Car Club – Rick Bronner – No shows until April or Ma  
Golf – Raul Santana – Starting soon.**

**RV Travel – Eddie Toews – Eddie agreed to become chairman again. Eddie shared with the members that at the RV Christmas Dinner \$2,232.00 was raised in donations for Interfaith; \$1,232 from SIRS, and \$1000 from Sonora Elks Lodge. Eddie also announced that Steve Finigian will be co-chairman.**

**\* Reference monthly bulletin for updates**

## Old Business

- 1. After a brief discussion on the amount, it was unanimously approved by the board to donate \$200.00 to the Sonora Foothills Women’s Club for our use at the 2025 Christmas Luncheon. Motioned by Mike Krom and Seconded by George Cocores and accepted by the board.**
- 2. Eddie reported that \$760.00 in raffle ticket sales was generated by the 42 raffle prizes donated at the SIRS Christmas luncheon.**

## New Business

- 1. New York Steak was approved for the May SIRS Ladies Day Luncheon.**
- 2. Rick to acknowledge all SIRS volunteers for 2024. Next BEC meeting will be held February 11, 2025.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:04am  
Jim Rodrigues – Secretary  
January 22, 2025**

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

**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 that the roles and duties of the Little SIR be added to today’s agenda. This will be discussed during the Little SIR’s report.

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

**Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer John Salmon presented the following financial report for July and August 2024.

In July, Branch 136 reported an ending checking account balance of \$15,636.63. General Fund Receipts: Dues for \$30.00, Profit on lunch of \$172.00, Raffle collections of \$105.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,128.00, Picnic Tickets sale of \$1,275.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$42.33, Postage \$19.62, Rent, Setup, and Cleanup \$360.00, Sponsor and birthday lunch of \$40.00, Speakers / Sounds system for the picnic of \$214.49 and Raffle Payout of \$53.00. Custodial Fund Disbursement: Luncheon \$1,077.00 and printing for picnic tickets was \$50.92.

In August, We reported an ending checking account balance of \$14,100.09. General Fund Receipts: Picnic raffle proceeds of \$460.00 with another \$350.00 in ticket sales, General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$61.30, Postage \$19.62, Custodial Fund Disbursement: Catering of \$2,200 after providing a \$200.00 deposit, Refund two tickets for \$50.00, and two badges for \$15.62.

Picnic details – Catering - \$2,400.00  
Venue - \$50.00 with \$200.00 outstanding to pay.  
Ticket printing - \$50.92  
Drinks - \$253.00  
Water - \$18.88  
Ice - \$16.62  
Misc. supplies - \$24.86  
Total revenue - \$2,860.00  
Total spent - \$3,014.24

**Big SIR Report** – Rick Bronner



1. Rick will be attending a SIR's meeting, in Walnut Creek, on September 24<sup>th</sup>. No formal agenda has been presented as of this meeting. The outstanding question is the possible name change for SIR's going forward. Rick will update the branch at October's meeting.
2. A Webmaster has been identified (Michael Booth) to take a look at 136's website. Mike's initial review shows our site is "old". Our current site doesn't change format for cell phones making it difficult to read. It also doesn't reformat for people with disabilities. His opinion is the branch site needs to be updated.

Michael and Jerry get together to identify who is the current web host.

A motion was presented and passed to authorize Michael to take a look at the website and provide updates.

Rick reminded the group that pictures and content will need to be provided.

### **Little SIR Report – Mike Krom**

1. Sid Gordon will present at today's luncheon.
2. Also looking at the Tuskegee group presenting in the future. It may take place in January 2025.
3. Carol Stoddard will present in November. She will talk about spayed and neutering in the county. This is a volunteer organization.
4. Now the Mike is back as Little SIR, Eddie asked he resume his position as Chairman of our special events. This will require he chair the committee that oversees the three functions (Ladies' Day, Picnic and Christmas) held throughout the year.

**Attendance/Membership Reports:** Membership stands at 122 as of today's meeting.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **Bulletin Report –**

### **ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Bowling** – Don Banchero – No update

**Bulletin** – Don Herzer – No update

**Car Club** – Rick Bronner – There is a car show planned, in Jamestown, in October or November. More detail to follow.

**Chaplin** – Steve Gregory – No update

**Fishing** – Chuck Simons – No update

**Golf** – Raul Santana – No update

**Internet & Zoom** – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

**Kayaking** – Sol Robin – No update

**Lunch Tickets** – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

**Lunch Drawings** – Tom Neiderer – No update

**Pinochle** – Position Open

**RAMP** – Position Open

**RV** – Eddie Toews – No outings plan at this time.

### **Old Business –**

1. No old business to discuss.

### **New Business –**

1. Eddie discussed the menu for December's Christmas dinner. Price from the caterer was quoted at \$37.00 per person. Discussed what ticket prices (\$35, \$40 or \$45) should be for this event. Motion made and passed to keep ticket prices for this meal at \$35.00.
2. Wine for the Christmas dinner was brought up and individual tables will be able to purchase wine for \$10 during the event.
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**Next BEC meeting will be held October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am**

Steven B. Holt, Secretary

September 23, 2024 – Draft