



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

In Attendance:

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

Not Present: All Present

| 2024 Directors: | <u>1st Year</u> | <u>2nd Year</u> |
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| | Jim Botto | George Cocores |
| | Bill Burnes | Stan Enos |
| | Raul Santana | Mel Kutsch |
| | Paul Squeri | 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 – 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 – *New Chairman Assigned*
SIR Item Sales – *Position Open*

Not Present: Don Banchemo / Chuck Simons

Past Big SIRs: Jim Botto, Gene Zanoni, Eddie Toews,

State SIR President: Dale Decker – *Medical Leave*

Call to Order – Big SIR Rick Bronner called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 informed the group that Dale Decker’s wife Lea had passed away on Friday. A card was passed around for people to sign. Steve Gregory to provide a pray with today’s luncheon.

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

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

In June, Branch 136 reported an ending checking account balance of \$17,535.72, with \$150.00 cash on hand. General Fund Receipts: Bulletin Ads of \$40.00, Luncheon profit of \$93.00, Raffle proceeds of \$100.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,077.00, Picnic Tickets \$825.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$47.59, Postage \$35.28, Rent, Setup, and Cleanup \$470.00, Domain Name Yearly Fee of \$20.17, Birthday lunch \$20.00, and Raffle Payout of \$50.00. Custodial Fund Disbursement: Luncheon \$1,077.00, Ladies Day Luncheon Donation of \$200.00, Badge \$8.65.

Final Ending Balance of \$15,160.04.

Big SIR Report – Rick Bronner

1. Discussed the option of moving to the Moose Lodge. We were offered to lodge rent free and the meals / menu would remain the same. The downside was the lack of any TV monitors for future presentations.

One plus was the outdoor bar-b-que facility at the Moose lodge, which includes a playground with grass. Parking doesn’t seem to be an issue. Eddie disagreed with the adequate parking comment. Eddie also raise his concern about the possibility of future rent verse staying rent free.

The Elks had stated the current monitor system switch has failed and a \$600.00 replacement is on order. One outstanding question is if the new switch will be compatible with the current system. SIRs will be responsible for one-third of the replacement cost (\$217.00).

After a lengthy discussion, Branch 136 would prefer to stay with the Elks. The big outstanding question is how do we deal with the cost increases?

Eddie had a meeting with Don? where the lodge pricing was dropped to: Rent of \$275.00, Set-up of \$40.00 and clean-up of \$100.00 totaling \$415.00 per month.

A discussion continued, should we raise the monthly meal cost to \$25.00 or increase yearly dues to \$35.00 or \$40.00 offset the recent price increases. This was motioned and approved that yearly dues would be increased to \$40.00 starting 2025. This dues increase would be presented at today's luncheon.

Eddie also demanded we increase the price of the extra lunches to \$10.00.

2. A sound system was sourced by Rick which will cost \$199.00 from Amazon. A motion was made to purchase, by Eddie, and approved by the board.

Little SIR Report – Presented by Rick

1. Dr. Steven Boyd will not be available due to a surgery.
2. Rick also requested assistance in identifying future quest speakers.

Attendance/Membership Reports: George Cocores presented – At the start of the month, we had 122 members. It was noted that Jim Botto and Marty Martin would be leaving in the near future.

Rick contacted the Home Show people interested in joining our organization. He also recommended that the branch members, working the Home Show, be recognized for their efforts to enlist new members.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

Bulletin Report –

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bowling – Don Banchemo – No update

Bulletin – Don Herzer – September issue may be delayed due to Don attending a Corvette rally.

Car Club – Rick Bronner – No update

Chaplin – Absent

Fishing – Absent

Golf – Raul Santana – Tournament next week at Teleli, on Tuesday.

Internet & Zoom – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Kayaking – Sol Robin – Seven people, including a dog, attended the Pinecrest outing. No kayak outing planned for July.

Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Lunch Drawings – Tom Neiderer – No update

Pinochle – Position Open

RAMP – Position Open

RV – Leaving Sunday to Bethel Island Sugar Barge Resort, July 14th to the 19th, for four nights. Thirteen rigs will be going.

Old Business –

1. No old business to discuss.

New Business –

1. SIRs is going through a renaming process to eliminate the word retirement from the acronym. Until the new organization name is identified, any future purchase of branch brochures, banners, or publication will be put on hold. They plan on finalizing the new name branding by the end of the year so implantation can start in 2025. There is also two \$500.00 awards for the winning names.
2. We received a “Thank you” card, from the ladies who made the table decorations, for our \$200.00 donation.
3. Rick spoke about a recent power outage on the hottest day of the year. This included a discussion about solar and batteries.
4. Five new quests will be attending today’s luncheon. These individuals signed up at the Home and Garden Show.
5. Lea Decker’s celebration of life was announced at today’s meeting.
6. Due to someone paying for their lunch with a branch issued check, John Salmon recommended giving out a certificate to the winner. Eddie recommended we budget for the birthday winner, as an annual expense, and we provide each winner with cash at the luncheon. John to provide some proposals for September’s meeting.

Next BEC meeting will be held September 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Steven B. Holt, Secretary

August 5, 2024 – Final