



Sonora SIR Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting
March 12, 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:

1st Year

Jim Botto
Bill Burnes
Raul Santana
Paul Squeri

2nd Year

George Cocores
Stan Enos
Mel Kutsch
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 – 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.

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

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

In February, he reported a beginning checking account balance of \$14,731.78 and ending checking balance of \$15,957.68, with \$150.00 cash on hand. Luncheon profit \$73.00, Dues collected \$1,380.00, Raffle proceeds of \$123.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,247.00, Badge \$10.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$47.58, Postage \$21.00, Rent, Setup, and Cleanup \$300.00, Raffle pay-out of \$61.00, Birthday lunch \$20.00. Custodial Fund Disbursement: Luncheon \$1,247.00, Badges \$60.52

Rick Bronner did question the number of members who had not paid their dues for 2024. John responded that as of this meeting, ten members had not paid. Rick mentioned that three of the outstanding dues members were coming to the luncheon and would paid their 2024 dues.

Eddie requested a list of the members deficient in order to contact them.

Big SIR Report – Rick Bronner

1. Discussed 5/9 Leadership Council Report were several SIR’s branches met to discuss what is working and the challenges their facing with their particular branch. Rick provided the Pioneer branch with a copy of our newsletter.
2. Rick will attend the State Summit meeting, in Lafayette, on March 15th. He

will provide a follow-up report at the April meeting.

3. A discussion was held on how members can place classified ads in the newsletter. Eddie mentioned that the bylaws had been changed to allow advertising in the newsletter. Rick provided a copy of Policy 41 at the meeting. Formatting was discussed between the group and Rick requested that future ads be funneled through him and Don for approval.
4. Home and Garden Show – April 20th and 21st – We have plenty of Volunteers for the show dates. Rick to provide stands and hand-outs for the show. Waiting on a diagram to show what building our branch has been assigned to or the show.
5. Summer Picnic – The date of Wednesday August 21st was set. The Granny smith venue will be requested for this event. The Indigeny contract states that no one under the age of 21 can drink alcohol and no consumption of hard liquor allowed on the grounds.

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

1. Chief Witkins, Cal-Fire, will be the guest speaker for April.

Attendance/Membership Reports: George Cocores – Started the month with a membership of 132. We lost 5 and are installing two new members at today’s meeting. Net total is 129 members. Rick questioned if any of the ten members, who haven’t paid their dues, on the propane program. One person has been identified.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

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

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bocce Ball – Coming soon – Stan Enos – Questioned level of interest within the branch and what day will the activity be held.

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 – Looking to post a calendar with the upcoming car shows.

Chaplin – Absent

Fishing – Absent

Golf – Raul Santana has taken over golf activities.

Internet & Zoom – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Kayaking – Absent

Lunch Tickets – Jerry Bellefeuille - No update

Lunch Drawings – Tom Neiderer – No update

Pinochle – Position Open

RAMP – Position Open

RV – Eddie Toews – Club heading to Betabel RV resort March 18th to March 23rd and Sugar Barge Resort in July. Five nights planned. Eddie has step down as director. In the future, each host will be responsible for organizing their respective events. Eddie will still provide updates to the board. It has been presented that increasing cost has caused a decline in people participating.

Old Business –

1. Tickets on sale for the Ladies Day Luncheon, in May. We are subsidizing our members and spouses by providing this meal at \$35.00.

New Business –

1. No new business announced.

Next BEC meeting – April 9, 2024, starting at 10:00 am, at the Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am

Steven B. Holt, Secretary

March 23, 2024