



Sonora SIR Branch No. 136

**Branch Executive Committee Meeting  
November 12, 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:**

Mike Krom

**2024 Directors:**

1<sup>st</sup> Year

2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Open

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 to continue  
RAMP – *Position Open*  
RV Travel – *New Chairman to be assigned*  
SIR Item Sales – *Position Open*

**Not Present:** Don Herzer, Chuck Simons, Steve Belochi

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

**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 for today’s meeting.

**Approval of Agenda** – Big SIR Rick Bronner requested if any additions or deletions were needed for today’s agenda. Eddie Toews requested that Year-End Awards be removed for this meeting and that a separate meeting be held to discuss the Christmas luncheon after the treasury report. He also requested a letter be provided stating there will be no BEC meeting, in December, due to the luncheon.

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

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

In October, Branch 136 reported a beginning checking account balance of \$13,075.85, with an ending balance of \$13,005.95. Cash on hand stands at \$150.00. General Fund Receipts: Profit on last month’s lunch of \$156.00 and collected \$130.00 in raffle proceeds. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,064.00, Picnic ticket sales of \$630.00. General Fund Disbursements: Bulletin printing of \$72.37, Postage costs of \$28.39, State Assessment payment of \$335.00, Rent, Setup, and Cleanup \$415.00, Birthday lunch of \$20.00, Raffle payout of \$65.00, Catering cost of \$1094.00. Picnic ticket printing of \$42.58 and badge replacement of \$7.56.

Treasury report was approved by Rick Bronner.

Eddie presented an update on the Christmas banquet. A short committee meeting to take place after today’s board meeting to finalize people’s assignments. Table center pieces have been completed for this event. These will be given away at the end of the luncheon. Stan Enos currently working on linen rental, with the linen company. Ticket sales going well with a total of 49 sold. The expectation is to sale over 110 tickets for this event. Discussed the raffle prizes being donated and what was being provided. Also discussed the three cash prizes, totaling \$500.00, which will be given away at the luncheon. Rick recommended sending out several email blasts to the members reminding them of the Christmas Luncheon. The last email blast will go out December 1<sup>st</sup> due to ticket sales ending December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Big SIR Report** – Rick Bronner

1. Rick open discussion on final Membership renewal rate to the board. After running his numbers he stated that the membership rate should be set at \$35.00 to \$40.00. John advised that the branch account balance would be down \$1000.00 for the year when compared to the first of January 2024. It

was stated that the branch should maintain an account balance of no less than \$10,000.00. After some discussion, Eddie motioned that the annual dues stay at \$30.00, for 2025. Motion was approved by the board.

2. Rick discussed the propane program pertaining to members not attending. George did called members, who were on the program, and not attending the monthly luncheons. He stated that several reasons were given (age, mobility, and current health) that prevented these members from attending. George recommend we not enforce the minimum meeting requirements on these individuals. Marty stated that there is flexibility, within the program, to make exceptions for these people. George also reminded the board that these members continue to pay their annual dues.
3. Michael Booth wasn't present to provide a reported on his progress with the Sonora Branch 136 website.
4. Year-End Awards have been removed from today's agenda.
5. Rick requested Activity Directors' provide pictures of members at the various SIRs events, so a slide-show can be generated for the December luncheon.

**Little SIR Report** – Mike Krom (absent) – Eddie Toews to present on his behalf.

1. Carol Stoddard and Carol Jones will present at today's Luncheon. They will talk about spayed and neutering program in the county. This is a volunteer organization.
2. No speaker planned for December's luncheon.

**Attendance/Membership Reports:** Membership stands at 121 as of today's meeting with no changes to last month.

Sol Robin (Kayaking) will be leaving January 2025, because of a move out of the area.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **Bulletin Report –**

## **ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Bowling** – Don Banchero – (Rick Bonner) SIR's bowling tournament held last week, in Modesto. 60 to 70 SIR's members attended.

**Bulletin** – Don Herzer – No update

**Car Club** – Rick Bronner – Car show held in Snelling. Pictures provided in the newsletter. Next car show May of 2025.

**Chaplin** – Steve Gregory – No update

**Fishing** – Chuck Simons – No update

**Golf** – Raul Santana – Last tournament of the year November 19<sup>th</sup>, at Teleli.

**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 – December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the RV Club's annual Christmas dinner held at The Peppery. It was also mentioned that the RV Club and Elk's will be making a donation to Interfaith, for Christmas

### **Old Business –**

1. John asked if we would continue to mail out bulletins to people who are no longer members. George confirmed the current mailing list is updated to remove non-members. Eddie stated that only 25 to 30 members receive a printed bulletins via mail.
2. John asked who collects the ads fee for the bulletin. It is the responsibility of the Little SIR.

### **New Business –**

1. A board has been identified for 2025.
2. Jim Botto's Directors position to remain open until 2025.

**Next BEC meeting will be held January 14<sup>th</sup> 2025. There will be no meeting or minutes for December 2024 due to the Christmas luncheon.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am**

Steven B. Holt, Secretary  
December 8, 2024 – Final