



**Branch Executive Committee Meeting March 14, 2023 Minutes
In person meeting at Elks Club**

In Attendance:

BEC Officers: Big SIR Eddie Toews, Little SIR Rick Bronner, Secretary Gene Zanoni, Assistant Secretary Bill Burnes, Treasurer John Salmon and Assistant Treasurer Eddie Toews.

Not Present: None.

Directors: Steven Holt, Melvin Kutsch, George Cocores and Marty Martin.

Not Present: Stan Enos and Rex Page.

Committee Chairmen: Bulletin Jim Botto, Car Club Rick Bronner, Membership George Cocores, Propane Marty Martin and RV Travel Eddie Toews.

Not Present: Chaplain Steve Gregory, Fishing Chuck Simons, Internet & Zoom Jerry Bellefeuille, Kayaking Sol Robin, Lunch Tickets Jerry Bellefeuille, Photographer Steve Belochi and Pinochle Bob Morrison.

Past Big SIRs: Jim Botto, Dale Decker, Phil VanSwoll and Gene Zanoni.

Visitors: Mike Krom, Lamonty Youngborg and Rich Lundin.

Big SIR Eddie Toews called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none and the agenda was approved as presented.

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

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had a beginning checking account balance of \$14,822.19 and a month ending balance of \$16,154.19 and \$100.00 cash on hand. General Fund Receipts: Dues 13 people \$325.00, Luncheon profit \$374.00, 50/50 Raffle \$54.00, Christmas prize donation \$17.00, Bulletin ads \$840.00. Custodial Fund Receipts: Luncheon \$1,176.00, 2 Badges \$20.00. General Fund Disbursements: Printing, Supplies and Taxes \$0.00, Postage \$0.00, Guest expense \$30.00, Rent, Setup, Cleanup, 15 extra people \$243.00, Raffle \$54.00. Custodial Fund Disbursements: Luncheon \$1,176.00. Rick Bronner made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Marty Martin and was passed by the BEC.

Big SIR Report – Eddie Toews

1. The new Covid-19 protocol issued by President Dave Gonzales, State SIR Inc., was presented in the following and later repeated at the luncheon meeting:

Here is a recommended protocol to deal with the situation when an attendee at a Sir event reports to the event organizer that he (or his guest) has tested positive for Covid-19 after an event. All Branch members should understand this protocol and follow it if they are unfortunate enough to contact Covid-19 within a few days of attending a Sir event.

Recommended protocol

1. If someone attending any Sir event later tests positive for COVID-19, they are highly recommended to notify the Sir group running the event, and that group needs to inform every one present (including service providers) that an attendee has since tested positive for Covid. They should also advise attendees to follow guidelines from the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and appropriate local authorities.
2. Anyone who was at the event and might have been exposed should get tested for Covid-19 right away. Testing options are available at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.
3. The Sir group running the event should inform the SirInc. Vice President right away so he can determine if any further remedial action or compliance may be necessary

After such an event has been reported to the Branch, the Branch will immediately send a letter with applicable information to each attendee of the event as part of the new protocol.

Items relating to recruiting and retaining members and how to become a BEC member, these messages were emphasized once again at this meeting and included in the Big SIR's monthly luncheon address as well.

Little SIR Report – Rick Bronner

1. Payments were received for advertising space in our monthly Bulletin from our two newest sponsors. The payments were given to Treasurer John Salmon for bank deposit processing.

2. Our monthly luncheon guest speakers include Frank Smart in March and Dot Popovich in April.

3. A receipt was received from the UPS Store, regarding their production of the sales tickets for our May 9th special Ladies Day Luncheon.

Attendance/Membership Reports – George Cocores presented a combined review of the Membership/Attendance Report and Form 27 - Monthly Branch Membership Report for February. We started the month with 146 members and during the month we added 2 new members (James Moreda and Robert Willhoite) while losing 5 members as a result of the following: 1 death (Fred Vigil), 1 moved away (Bill Vaughan) and 3 resignations (Roy Creager, Dave Krawchuk and Chris Methot). Thus, we ended February with 143 members. The reporting was approved as presented.

Activities Reports

Bowling – Rick Bronner announced that due to equipment renovations in May, at the Black Oak Casino facility, a temporarily disruption of all bowling activity is to be anticipated. In addition, Rick mentioned that he qualified for state tournament finals play in the Veterans League.

Golf – Rick Bronner declared that play is scheduled to commence soon, providing the weather cooperates.

Pinochle – Bill Burnes, speaking on behalf of Bob Morrison, says that activity occurs every Monday afternoon and everyone is welcome to participate.

RV Travel – Eddie Toews announced once again the first outing of the year will occur in late-March with Bakersfield being the destination.

Old Business

1. Update on delinquent Member Dues

Vigorous collection efforts have been underway since the beginning of the year, with only a very limited number of members remaining delinquent: five members have promised to pay today while three members could not be contacted regarding their obligation. Ongoing efforts to eradicate this situation remains in effect. For those remaining delinquent members it is worthwhile for them to recognize they are jeopardizing their membership and its privileges.

2. Birthday Recognition

January Gene Bettencourt

February Ray Harm

March To be announced during today's luncheon

New Business

1. Quotes from catering companies for summer B-B-Q

This year's event is scheduled for August 8th and it is to be published in our Bulletin starting next month. Little SIR Rick Bronner presented details regarding the

position on the pre-approved listing of purveyors permitted to participate at an Indigene Reserve held event. In addition, to the complimentary reviews received from other groups as a result of having used this local caterer in past events. A brief discussion ensued and thereafter Bill Burnes made a motion to approve the services of Perfect Day Catering for our special outdoor summer event. The motion was seconded by George Cocores and was passed by the BEC.

2. Activities requests forms for approval

Two restart activity applications for 2023 were received from Rick Bronner and included the following for approval:

- A. Bowling – this group activity occurs at the Black Oak Casino, located at 19400 Tuolumne Rd., Tuolumne, on Friday of each week. Marty Martin made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by George Cocores and was passed by the BEC.
- B. Golf – this group activity occurs at the Teleli Golf Course in Sonora on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Marty Martin made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by George Cocores and was passed by the BEC.

3. Activity Amendment Requirement

The subsequent re-scheduling of any activity (having to do with either time, date or place), relating to any previously approved re-start application, must be manifested in writing and submitted to the BEC for their approval prior to the event(s) taking place. Marty Martin made a motion to approve this amendment procedure and it was seconded by George Cocores and was passed by the BEC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Next BEC meeting – April 11, 2023 starting at 10:00 am at the Elks Lodge.

Gene V. Zanoni, Secretary

March 23, 2023