



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BS Alan Weinel, LS Connor Chin, Treasurer Hal Copperberg, Assistant Treasurer Jim Sprifke, Secretary Bernie Moreno, and Assistant Secretary Lieutenant Coopwood. Directors; PBS Ted Patterson, John Popadak, PBS Paul Sickert, and PBS Mark Steffens.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Clanton, PBS Tom Costello, Rick Hom, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, Bob Schrupf, PRD & PBS Warren Senegal, and PBS Lennie Silva,

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

No guests present at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Alan Weinel called the meeting to order at 9:59 am. Secretary Bernie Moreno indicated there was a quorum (10 of 12 present). BS Alan Weinel thanked all for taking time to attend the BEC meeting. He reminded us that Veteran's Day is this Saturday. John Popadak had sent out a request last year to members asking if they had served. BS Alan Weinel has the list and will announce those veterans at the General Meeting and will then verbally request those not on the list to stand and be recognized. He will ask those not on the list to see John Popadak so they can be included in the future. He also extended an early Happy Thanksgiving and to not forget your Black Friday Shopping. It was also mentioned that November 10th is the birthdate of the U.S. Marine Corp. Thanks to all of you who have patriotically served our great nation.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections/additions to the October minutes. PBS Mark Steffens moved to accept the minutes as is and was seconded by John Popadak. Minutes were unanimously approved. PBS Mark Steffens suggested the BEC minutes be distributed to all members considering the effort to prepare. He volunteered to do the distribution electronically.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Hal Copperberg informed us there is \$4,792 in the bank at the end of October. That's about \$1,600 less than the previous year. Annual dues/other income (includes missed meal payments and

other miscellaneous activities) were collected in the amount of \$5,309. BS Alan Weinel asked how this compares historically over the last five years or so. Treasurer Hal Copperberg said it runs around \$3,300 to \$3,500. So, we're actually higher this time. Expenses are up to \$4,326 and includes Day at the Park. He said we're spending a lot of money. Membership is at 130 and up by 1 from 129 last year. A question was brought to the floor if we had anything in Cryptocurrencies which brought laughter in the room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Connor Chin. Today's speaker will be Andrea Haverland from the Sacramento City Zoo talking about the future move to Elk Grove. Unfortunately, they had to relocate their chimpanzees to another zoo due to lack of space and their old male lion has passed away. Treasurer Hal Copperberg said we had 21 signups for the Christmas luncheon prior to this meeting. The upside is that we had the same problem last year but managed to increase signups in November. BS Alan Weinel will remind the members of this event at the General Meeting. The Dante Club minimum is only 35 for the Christmas Lunch but 75 for the normal luncheons. LS Connor Chin was entertaining the idea of recognizing the 2023 Officers and introducing the incoming 2024 Officers. BS Alan Weinel was adamant that it hasn't been done in the past and shouldn't be done at the Christmas/Ladies Luncheon.
- Sunshine Chairman: Assistant Secretary Lieutenant Coopwood. He started out expressing his appreciation of the work Secretary Bernie Moreno has done. He said he didn't realize the amount of effort to write the minutes until he did them for October. Secretary Bernie Moreno thanked Assistant Secretary Lieutenant Coopwood for assuming the Secretarial duties during his absence and doing a fine job. John Valdes is in the hospital due to a heart attack. James Aylett will be the 2024 Chaplain/Sunshine Chairman. PBS Tom Page had informed that Emory is not doing well. Even though he's with another SIRS Branch, he bowls in our league. PBS Tom Page had a card the bowlers signed during the November 1st bowling to be sent to Emory.
- Roster Chairman: BS Alan Weinel. Secretary Bernie Moreno working on replacing two callers with a possibility of a third. The Golf Schedule was brought up and Rick Hom reminded us as of last year it was not to be included in the roster. The primary reason is the schedule is not firmed up until December. Roster should be available mid-December as soon as he receives the caller assignments. We are still in need of a picture of Greg Powell. He bowls on the Tuesday league and an effort will be made to take his picture next week. LS Connor Chin requested that a copy of the roster be sent to him and the Secretary.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Not much going on and we're nearing the end of the year. No major recruiting going on. The latest Newsletter had a spot asking members if they had any recruitment ideas to contact him. PBS Ted Patterson asked if there were any SIR qualifications to be considered 'retired'. BS Alan Weinel said there is no age limit as evident with Patrick Fintel who is retired military early. They should be able to attend at least six of the General Meetings during the year. Rick Hom interjected that we are in need of new golfers. Of the 65, there are over 25 golfers who had never played a round this year and don't expect them to renew their membership. There are members whose health is interfering with their ability to golf also contributing to less golfers. When they contract with the golf courses, they contract for slots. More and more of the contracts he is seeing for 2024 have guarantee clauses.

- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Started the year with 129 members, added 13 new, lost twelve and increased to 130. Average age is 75.3. Since there's no longer a Form 27, he knows we like to know the average age of members and will continue to report such. No new members in the works and have a possibility of losing one.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He will present at the General Meeting.
- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. Already presented earlier this meeting.
- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. Next one on Wednesday, November 15th, 6:00 pm at Timber Creek Lodge at the Timber Creek Golf course. They have good food at a reasonable price. Nothing planned for December.
- Cards Chairman: Dan Nelson. Not present but BS Alan Weinel announced that Cribbage is being played first and third Wednesday at 2:00 Country Club Lanes.
- Ping Pong: Bob Schrupf. Not much to report but PBS Tom Page informed us a couple of members did participate last month. They're playing at 4701 Gibbons Dr., Gibbons Community Center in Carmichael Park, Wed and Fri 3 – 6pm. And Swanston's community center, 2350 Northrop Ave MWF 11:00 – 1:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Membership data was submitted on time. (Form 27 was eliminated but now is an online submittal.)
- Cash Report (Form 28) was submitted on time.
- Last month's minutes was submitted on time to Area Representative Jack Reefer.
- PBS Mark Steffens informed us that on the SIRS website it addresses membership. Facebook is geared to our age range. If the members would include it on their Facebook, it is a way to reach out to prospective members. There was a discussion of having to use an open Facebook page. PBS Mark Steffens will get together with Assistant Secretary Lieutenant Coopwood and discuss. John Popadak informed us that using an open Facebook page might allow advertisements to pop in.
- Soon to be PBS, BS Alan Weinel said the next meeting will be January 12th, 2024 and he hopes to see us at the Christmas/Ladies Luncheon in December. PBS Mark Steffens thanked BS Alan Weinel for his service in 2023 which was followed by applause.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on January 11th, 2024.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary