



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2025

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

LS Bob Schrumpf, Treasurer Hal Copperberg, Assistant Treasurer James Sprifke, and Secretary Bernie Moreno. Directors: Doug Bailey, PBS Connor Chin, Bob Clanton, and Blake Thomson.

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James Aylett, Tod Davis, Wesley Ellinghouse, Gregg Hess, Rick Hom, Bob Kiehne, PBS Tom Page, John Popadak, PBS Jerry Schroeder, PRD/PBS Warren Senegal, PBS Lennie Silva, Jesse Starkey, and Craig Weckman.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

'Members to be', Rudy Crisolo, Ignacio "Nash" Gacilan, Anthony "Tony" Pascua, Ramon 'Ray' Pinlac, and late arrival Isagani "Gani" Angeles (all sponsored by Craig Weckman) were present at this meeting. Also 'member to be' Nicholas "Nick" Cavagnaro via the Mission Oaks Recreation Guide was present.

CALL TO ORDER

LS Bob Schrumpf conducted the meeting as BS Lieutenant Coopwood was unable to be present. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (8 of 12 final count). LS Bob Schrumpf mentioned the upcoming observances till our next meeting. He also welcomed the guests.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There was one correction already on the current version of the minutes. The original guest speaker was unable to attend and his substitute, Clayton Whitehead, did the presentation. BS Bob Schrumpf moved to accept the minutes as corrected and was seconded by Doug Bailey. Minutes was unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treas Hal Copperberg was accepting the lunch payments at the entrance but appeared to give his report. Have \$3,836 in the bank which is \$700 less than a year ago this month. Annual dues is at \$3,413. It is \$123 less than this time last year. Expenses are at \$2,211 compared to \$1,964 last year. \$247 more expenses. Membership is at 142. This is an increase of 7 a year ago. Secy Bernie Moreno moved to approve and Bob Clanton seconded. It was unanimously approved.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- BS Lieutenant Coopwood was not present to discuss the 2026 Branch Officers slate. PBS Connor Chin informed us he continues to receive negative responses for the 2026 Little SIR position. He is hoping to have someone by month end. He will ask for volunteers at the General Meeting today.

- LS Bob Schrumpf does monitor compliance of the Schedule of Branch Operations and report issues as they arise. As addressed in the past, this is achieved by the Secy listing the tasks per the SIR State Schedule of Branch Operation on the monthly BEC Agenda.
- Secy Bernie Moreno reported one correspondence was received by State SIR, Ramesh Thadani, regarding the State Web Site password change. It was distributed just to the State Board & Area Representatives, Branch Big SIRs & Secretaries, and Constant Contact Committee Members. The new ID and Password will not be sent via email for security reasons. The Area Rep will make contact with the Branches' Big SIRs. Both the existing and new IDs and Passwords will be valid till June 30th. Thereafter, only the new ID and Password will be valid. Only required submittals were the monthly Form 28 and Minutes as addressed in the section, Branch Operations.
- Treas Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 Branch Cash Report (includes Branch Membership Status Report) has been submitted.
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the April minutes to State Rep and Web Site Chairman. However, there was a correction of the guest speaker's name. The corrected minutes will be resent to the Area Rep and the Web Site Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Bob Schrumpf. Today's speaker will be our own Joe Cain. He will be giving us some information regarding the "Investment" group he formed and his Zoom meetings.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. He mentioned the passing of both Vernon Freeman and Bob Baker. PBS Lennie Silva said Bob's wife said there will not be any type of services for him. James Aylett informed us that Ritchie Carlson's wife, Glenda, is back at home and going through therapy. Ritchie said his wife is "one tough cookie" and things are headed in a good direction. Steve Eason went through a corrective surgery to fix a problem with his initial neck surgery. He's being under observation. We are still unable to contact PBS Rich Taylor. His phone number is no longer active and unable to visit his house as he lives in a gated community. A letter has been mailed to him in hopes someone will respond. As for our BS Lieutenant Coopwood, all we know is he's going through some health issues and his wife said he will not be attending this and the June BEC meetings.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. Newsletter is going fine.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Scheduled to have 5 new members today. One is a result of the Mission Oaks Recreation Guide advertisement. They all gave a brief bio of their lives. Secy Bernie Moreno motioned for all five to be inducted into Branch 69. Bob Clanton seconded and they were unanimously approved. Isagani "Gani" Angeles arrived towards the end of meeting. Secy Bernie Moreno motioned, LS Bob Schrumpf seconded, and all present approved his membership.
- Roster Chairman: Asst Secy PBS Alan Weinel. He was not present for the meeting.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He was thrilled on the number of new members inducted this morning. Especially, one was from the Mission Oaks bi-annual magazine. PBS Tom Page plans to show up at the Renaissance Fair held sometime in August.
- Picnic Chairman: PBS Jerry Schroeder. Today is the first day the tickets are on sale. It will be Wednesday, June 18th. There will be Tri-Tip, hot dogs, pies, and ice cream. Still need salads for the picnic. There will be plenty of games. LS Bob Schrumpf has a couple of games, possibly a clown corn hole toss, horse shoes (two pits available at the park), dice game, bingo, left/right cards, and others. The picnic is in need of a large cooler. Looking for someone to donate. Otherwise, need to purchase one. PBS Jerry Schroeder says new they run about \$400. One of the new members said they can obtain cheaper on-line. It will be a long-term investment for the picnic. It was consensus to go ahead purchase the cooler and cost will be approved by the BEC upon purchase. A question regarding prize donations was brought forth. We were reminded at the last BEC Meeting it was determined prize ribbons were more desirable. Last picnic there were left over prizes that had to be given away.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He'll give a full report at the General/Lunch Meeting. Bowling tournament May 12th and 13th at Country Club Lanes. Currently, 47 bowlers but enrollment but usually it doubles the weekend before the tournament.
- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. May 20th will be at Fat's Asian Bistro in Folsom.
- Bocce Ball, Poker Chairman: LS Bob Schrupf. Last meeting there were 8 members expressing interest. They were all contacted but no one responded. Ping Pong is at Swanson on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:00 pm with a \$2 donation. Also, at Gibbons on Wednesday and Fridays from 3 to 6 pm. At Gibbons, \$30 gets you all of them. Poker/Texas Hold 'Em is scheduled this Saturday, May 10th. Entry fee is \$10.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

- BS Lieutenant Coopwood was not present to give status on meal attendance and collection of April's lunch.
- Officer/Director positions discussion. The sudden passing of Bob Baker created a Director opening. Previous Director, John Popadak, offered to fill the vacancy. Secy Bernie Moreno motioned to have John Popadak become the replacement Director. It was seconded by Bob Clanton and unanimously approved by the members present at the BEC Meeting. PBS Connor Chin will put to vote at the General Meeting. (FYI, the members at the General Meeting unanimously approved John Popadak as Director.) We're still in need of a volunteer for 2026 Little SIR.
- Branch 69 Website update. Scott Edwards expressed interest last month and talked to Web Site Chair Ross Martin last luncheon on what it entails. Unfortunately, Scott thought it had something to do with the newsletter and backed out. Fortunately, Jesse Starkey is interested and has discussed with Ross.
- Board of Directors future participation: BS Lieutenant wasn't present so we'll discuss at a future meeting
- We already had the discussion regarding the State Web Site password and ID change under Branch Operations.
- Bob Clanton brought up the latest issues we callers had experienced. Policy is the BS would select the menu option for the upcoming luncheons and notify the callers about a week prior to the deadline. He would also establish the deadline to receive the results. This deadline is ten days prior to the luncheon. This allows the Dante Club time to order for the appropriate number of lunches. The BS unexpectedly had some health issues and was not able to perform these duties. The callers received the menu selection very late and had only days to complete their contacts. The BS was not able to compile the results for the Dante Club which the LS stepped in and had to redo the whole process. In the future, the callers will continue to send their results to the BS but will now cc the LS and Secy.
- No other new business brought forth.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on June 12, 2025.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary