



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, January 13th, 2025

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BS Lieutenant Coopwood, LS Bob Schrupf, Treasurer Hal Copperberg, Assistant Treasurer James Sprifke, Secretary Bernie Moreno, and Assistant Secretary PBS Alan Weinel. Directors: Doug Bailey, Bob Baker, PBS Connor Chin, Bob Clanton, and Blake Thomson.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Aylett, Jerry Buhlert, PBS Tom Costello, Gregg Hess, Rick Hom, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, John Popadak, PBS Jerry Schroeder, Greg Schweitzer, PRD/PBS Warren Senegal, PBS Lennie Silva, and PBS Mark Steffens.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neal (sponsor PBS Jerry Schroeder) was present at this meeting. Rick Matthew was unable to be here today. Once again, PBS Mark Steffens brought Hazelnut, his dog in training, to the second meeting this year.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Lieutenant Coopwood called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (11 of 12). BS Lieutenant Coopwood mentioned the upcoming observances till our next meeting and placed special emphasis that tomorrow is Valentine's Day. He also welcomed the new soon-to-be member.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections/additions to the January minutes. BS Lieutenant Coopwood moved to accept the minutes as is and was seconded by PBS Connor Chin. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treas Hal Copperberg said the year-end cash in the bank is \$3,655. This is a decrease of about \$900 from last year. Dues/other income is about \$2,177. Last year it was \$2,300. Expenses are at \$1,159. An increase of \$440 largely due the carry over of the Christmas Holiday Lunch expenditures. Membership is 139 compared to 133 last year this time. Secy Bernie Moreno moved to approve and PBS Connor Chin seconded. It was unanimously approved.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- BS Lieutenant Coopwood was a little unsure on the filing of the Caterer's Insurance Form 64 or 63 to the SIR State Insurance Chairman and State Rep. PBS Connor Chin said it should be in the BS box he transferred to BS Lieutenant Coopwood. They will look into the matter
- LS Bob Schrupf and Audit Chair George Langford will send in the Branch Audit Report Form 29 after BEC approval. The Audit deals with three areas: Monday Golf, Thursday Golf, and Bowling.

Unfortunately, they're still waiting for the Monday Golf numbers. They are scheduled to meet again soon to finalize. State Rep had been notified last month that there will be a delay in sending this report.

- LS Bob Schrupf does monitor compliance of the Schedule of Branch Operations and report issues as they arise. He has noticed that the Branch's web site is need of many updates. Some activities are no longer offered and need to be removed from the site. He will work with the Web Site Chairman, Ross Martin, to bring the web site current.
- Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed Form 20 Branch Roster for 2025 Officers has been completed online. The SIR State Database Administrator, Kevin King, acknowledged receipt of changes.
- Secy Bernie Moreno reported to the BEC at this meeting that the SIR State President has a monthly newsletter. It appears not all of the Branch 69 Officers had received the email copy and only a handful of attendees received the newsletter. It was decided that John Popadak will distribute this State SIR newsletter to all Branch members but will keep it separate from our Branch 69 newsletter.
- Treas Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 Branch Cash Report (includes Branch Membership Status Report) has been submitted. As for him confirming the Branch Audit Report Form 29, refer to the above second bullet point under Branch Operations.
- Membership Chairman did submit online the Branch Membership Status Report Form 65 and forwarded an e-copy to Secy Bernie Moreno.
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the January minutes to State Rep and Web Site Chair.
- Secy Bernie Moreno did electronically submit the 2025 Branch 69 Membership Roster to the Area Rep prior to the end of February deadline. The State Rep was offered the option of a hard copy upon request. Apparently, e-copy was sufficient.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Bob Schrupf. Today's speaker will be Todd Nobbe from DA Office. He has speakers scheduled for the rest of the year. He then asked if the members would appreciate a speaker from the Community Relations Coordinator, a court appointed special advocate (CASA). They get court appointed volunteers to represent troubled youths. She would be available as a speaker for 2026. New member John O'Neal has knowledge of this program and said it is a very positive but takes time and energy. He knows of some retirees that participated. The attendees had no objections so LS Bob Schrupf will notify the future 2026 LS (when known) to contact her as a speaker for 2026.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. Bill Mullen is still at home recovering from heart problems. Bob Clanton said he has two more sessions of chemo and will continue with the "scope" for three months. It has been over a year and the cancer is gone.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. Going fine. He asked if everybody seen the section advertising the SIR apparels in the latest newsletter. Members said they did and it was good. Secy Bernie Moreno brought up the topic of State SIR's President new monthly newsletter "The Rooster Crows!". Not all of our Branch Officers received the email and only some of the members present have seen it. It was agreed to have John Popadak, being the newsletter chairperson, distribute this State SIR newsletter to the members. It will be done independently of our Branch newsletter.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Started with 138 members, 2 new members, and 1 leaving. Steve Goodman is leaving with no reason given. John Popadak was expecting two prospective additions (Rick Matthews and John O'Neal) and two guests (Henry and Sheldon) today but only John O'Neal was present. Secy Bernie Moreno moved to induct John as a member and Treas Hal Copperberg seconded. He was unanimously accepted.
- Roster Chairman: Asst Secy PBS Alan Weinel. He said not much to do now. He said currently he places six to seven members to a page in the roster. If we get more members, it will require more work to place them in the roster.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He and PBS Alan Weinel represented the Branch 69 once again at the Renaissance Fair Open House at Sac State in January. Same old story, no recruits. As he continues to say, he believes the members of the Renaissance Society are already a

pretty active group and have their plates full as is. They did have an individual say he may attend today's meeting but called in said he wouldn't be here. The District Manager of Mission Oaks bi-annual magazine has yet to respond to PBS Tom Page regarding the \$30 per member per year rate to renew advertising in the magazine. PBS Tom Page said the next publication comes out in March/April. His feeling is to not bring up the subject and hopefully they'll forget and keep our advertisement in the upcoming publication.

- Audit Chairman: George Langford. He did notify Area Rep Jack Reefer the Branch Audit Report Form 29 will be submitted once approved. However, still need to audit Monday Golf numbers. Refer to this in the aforementioned Branch Operations section.
- Picnic Chairman: PBS Jerry Schroeder. It is the third Wednesday of June being the 18th. It will continue to be at the Carmichael Park. Chef Richard Slocum will return as well as LS Bob Schrumpf. Donations of prizes should be delivered to LS Bob Schrumpf. PBS Jerry Schroeder is requesting a \$135 check to reserve the park. A motion by PBS Alan Weinel and a second by Secy Bernie Moreno and it was unanimously approved.
- Meal Cost Recovery Committee: Secy Bernie Moreno. See attachment for presentation. He opened it for members' constructive input before putting the final touches. They were okay with it as is. He will finalize and make a proposal at the March BEC Meeting. Refer to his attachment.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He'll give a full report at the General/Lunch Meeting. Still a tight race. He says they're always in need of substitute bowlers.
- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. Next dinner is on February 24th is at Bennett's American Cooking Restaurant on Fair Oaks Blvd. We have a 26-person seating capacity. March's will be at the Buckhorn Grill.
- Bocce Ball, Poker Chairman: LS Bob Schrumpf. Poker/Texas Hold 'Em is scheduled this Saturday. No Ping Pong this Monday, the 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

- BS Lieutenant Coopwood revisited last month's mention of rewarding members who recruit new members with pins or wine. Treasurer Hal Copperberg said there should be a number of pins somewhere that could be given out. PBS Connor Chin said they should be in the BS box transferred to the current BS. BS Lieutenant Coopwood said he would check out the box.
- No other old business brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

- PBS Mark Steffens asked about having emergency contact/number for members. We had situations in the past where members could not be contacted and we had no alternate contact info on file. PBS Alan Weinel said this would take a lot to add/modify to the Branch 69 Roster publication. It was suggested maybe having the Membership Chair creating another field in his Branch Membership Status Report Form 65 to include such information.
- No other new business brought forth.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on March 13, 2025.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary