



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, June 13th 2024

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BS Connor Chin, LS Lieutenant Coopwood, Treasurer Hal Copperberg, Assistant Treasurer James Sprifke, Secretary Bernie Moreno, and Assistant Secretary Bob Schrupf. Directors; PBS Ted Patterson, John Popadak, Blake Thomson, and PBS Alan Weinel.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Aylett, Bob Clanton, PBS Tom Costello, Rick Hom, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, PBS Jerry Schroeder, and PBS Lennie Silva.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

David “Dave” Bozeman, visitor BS Aurelio Posadas from Branch 117, with Mike Jones (sponsor Dan Nelson) showing up towards the end of the meeting. Both will be inducted as members today.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Connor Chin called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (10 of 12). BS Connor Chin noted we have Flag Day, Father’s Day, Juneteenth, beginning of summer, and Independence Day coming up. He then welcomed the guests.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections/additions to the May’s minutes. John Popadak moved to accept the minutes as is and was seconded by PBS Ted Patterson. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Hal Copperberg reported cash was at \$4,740 at the end of May. This is a decrease of about a \$1,100 compared to last year. The annual dues were \$4,026 which is \$189 more than last year. Year-to-date expenses are \$2,264. This is an increase of \$537. The subject of members still owing their annual dues was brought up for discussion. Of the 8 members with annual dues outstanding, three did respond. Brian Denico, Patrick Lord, Gary Ransom, Floyd Scott, and Victor Scott have not paid and were difficult to contact. Treasurer Hal Copperberg moved to have letters sent to these five members notifying them they have a 30-day deadline to respond before they will be dropped. This is consistent with the July drop dead date for payment of annual dues. They are opened to come back upon payment of the annual dues. John Popadak will send out the letters. Secy Bernie Moreno seconded and was unanimously approved. PBS Ted Patterson brought up the situation of collection of the cost of meals of the “no show” members. Refer to New Business for details.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- LS Lieutenant Coopwood continues to monitor Branch Operations for compliance.

- PBS Alan Weinel did submit the 2025 Branch Officers nominees. Secy Bernie Moreno read out loud the nominees. LS Lieutenant Coopwood will move up as Big SIR, Asst. Secy Robert Schrupf volunteered to be the Little SIR, Secy Bernie will remain, PBS Alan Weinel has volunteered to assume the duties of Assistant Secretary, Treasurer Hal Copperberg will stay on, and so will Asst. Treasurer James Sprifke. Directors will be PBS Connor Chin, Doug Bailey, Bob Baker, Bob Clanton, Ron Peters, Blake Thomson. Secy Bernie Moreno moved to accept these nominees and was seconded by PBS Alan Weinel. The nominees were unanimously approved by the BEC to be on the ballot. The attendees of the July 11th General Meeting/Luncheon will be given the opportunity to vote them in. It will be posted in the newsletter. The 2025 Officers and Directors will be inducted during the Christmas Luncheon.
- Treasurer Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 Branch Cash Report (includes Branch Membership Status Report) has been submitted.
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the May's minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. Today's speaker is Dean Hipwell talking about emergency preparedness. July will be about the Sacramento River Cats baseball. Wild Things is scheduled for August. Plan to have some of our members do a 5 minute presentation on a topic in November. LS Lieutenant Coopwood will not be at today's luncheon but has paid for his meal. He has a commitment to teach some kids. He thanked all for the picnic donations and was wondering if they require wrapping. It was decided they need not be wrapped.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. Howard Nielsen's wife, Janice, passed away. Otis Benning continues to have knee issues and had pneumonia in the hospital/home. He said he's doing better. Thomas "Train" Walton continues to have serious issues and is at risk of losing his foot. His foot is currently encased in a "box" in hopes of saving it. This is compounded with his diabetes. Have not heard of any updates on Jewell (wife of PRD/PBS Warren Senegal). Tim Salada had knee surgery and is planning to be at the luncheon today. Neck surgery not holding back PBS Pat Quinn. He's doing well and is playing golf. He should be here at today's luncheon. Bob Clanton had bladder cancer surgery in January and has gone through chemotherapy. Last check up there was no sign of cancer but will continue monthly testing. PBS Tom Page also has gone through chemo radiation and is being tested every two months. Things are going good.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. Great! All is going well.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Started the year with 130 members, 2 transfer in, 9 new, and lost 4. Currently have 137 members at an average age of 75.5 years. John moved to induct David "Dave" Bozeman and was seconded by Secy Bernie Moreno. He was unanimously accepted. Mike Jones arrived late towards the end of the meeting. John Popadak once again moved to have the new applicant inducted. PBS Alan Weinel seconded and there was a unanimous approval. John Popadak said he is running out of the little rooster pins and needs \$42.75. Treasurer will write a check.
- Roster Chairman: PBS Alan Weinel. He may not be here for the July 11th BEC meeting depending on the outcome of his knee surgery. He will start having the members confirming their personal info in July and August. Plan to print in mid-December.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He tried to email the individual in charge of the Renaissance Fair regarding a booth for future events. Unfortunately, he is hiking in Portugal and won't be able to discuss until his return to the states. PBS Tom Page is still open to new ideas for recruitment.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. BS Connor Chin presented the checks from the Rocklin Bowling Tournament to Robert Schrupf for \$83 for the Singles and All Event and Bernie Moreno got \$28 for the Singles. Later this month, he will be contacting bowlers to establish 10 to 12 teams for the upcoming season. Country Club Bowling said they will be able to accommodate up to 12 teams even with their increased bowling activities. Country Club is doubling the price of practice bowling from 25

to a “whopping” 50 cents per game. He said last season the balancing of the teams was very successful as many teams were in very close contention. First meeting will be on August 14th to show the teams. The first start is on August 21st. FYI, there is “No Tap” bowling on Fridays starting at noon. Just show up and they’ll place you on a team.

- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. He had initially contracted for less tee time but discovered more time was needed. He was able to secure additional time. The rest will be presented at the General Meeting.
- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. He was not present to discuss but there is one scheduled at Cantina Azteca on June 18th at 6pm. Contact him to reserve a spot.
- Poker Chairman: Asst. Secy Bob Schrupf had his first poker night. Seven players were present. He can accommodate 8 to 12 players on two tables. The event was posted in the bulletin and he will bring it up during the General Meeting today.
- Picnic Chairman: PBS Jerry Schroeder. He will talk to Treasurer Hal Copperberg later about the number of attendees as many members buy tickets at the meeting prior to the event. Good news is the forecast is for 83 degrees weather. Currently have 30 gifts. He will discuss more during the General Meeting today.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- BS Aurelio Posadas, Branch 117, informed us earlier of his Branch looking to merge with another. They are examining Branches 23, 69, and 112. Their Branch currently have 52 members and not able to recoup their losses. They only had 27 members attend their luncheon yesterday. The Branch is in a declining mode and having difficulties finding officers. They do have bowling and golf. Bowling is with another Branch as they only have five bowlers. They have about 16 golfers and prefer a 9-Hole course. They like to continue these activities through this year as they have already paid. BS Aurelio Posadas said they need an 80% approval vote of their Branch to continue with the merger and capping it with the State approval. BS Connor Chin asked how many members are willing to transfer to our Branch. It was not known as it depends on the travel distance for the members. If successful, they plan to merge in two to three months. PBS Alan Weinel said he would need the roster information no later than October.
- One of the new members suggested Miniature Golf which received a decent response from those present.
- PBS Ted Patterson inquired about the “no show” members at the luncheon and the collection of the cost of their meals during the treasurer’s report earlier this meeting. As it is now, the unclaimed meals are auctioned off at about \$15 each with the intention of collecting the balance of approximately \$10 from the member. Lately the number of “no shows” is at an unacceptable amount. It was recommended that the “no show” member be responsible for the full price (currently \$25 each) of the meal regardless if it was auctioned off. The auctioned amount received will be miscellaneous income and will not offset the cost of the meal. However, it is understood that there are certain unexpected circumstances beyond the control of the member from attending the General Meeting/Luncheon. It is suggested the BEC make the determination whether the excuse is valid and to waive the meal cost for that individual. BS Connor Chin is to announce this proposal at the General Meeting and obtain a consensus from the attendees. PBS Ted Patterson made the proposal on the condition we table it for discussion until the July 11th BEC Meeting. LS Lieutenant Coopwood seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- No other business brought forth,

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary