



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, May 9th 2024

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Nate Gauff (sponsor is PBS Ted Patterson) and Scott Mackey (located our branch on Google, father was a member of SIR) will be inducted as members today.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Connor Chin called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (10 of 12). BS Connor Chin noted we have a lot of absences. This month we have Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day and the Indy 500. He then welcomed the two guests.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections/additions to the April's minutes. PBS Alan Weinel 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 \$4,550 at the end of April compared to \$5471 last year. This was \$921 less. The annual dues were \$3,536 which is \$171 more than last year. Year-to-date expenses are \$1,964. This is an increase of \$370. This fluctuates depending on when bills are paid. The State Assessment is paid quarterly. Membership is at 135 members. This is up by three from last year. There were no changes to the report and accepted as is. On the subject of annual dues, there remains 8 members yet to pay and notifications were sent out with no responses. One of them should be attending the lunch/general meeting today and may pay. A situation was brought up that there was a member who insisted he had paid the annual dues in November. He provided the check date and number. Upon research, it was discovered he had paid the golf dues. It was brought up this happens quite a bit where members thinking they paid the annual dues when in fact it was either golf or bowling. A question arisen as how to handle these "members" since June is the deadline. One suggestion was to have friends of these individuals call them. The second suggestion was to place these "members" on the inactive status. This would eliminate the branch paying insurance on them. They would be reinstated when they pay.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- LS Lieutenant Coopwood continues to monitor Branch Operations for compliance.
- On another note, PBS Alan Weinel announced he had forgotten the wine for today's raffle. He'll place the winner's name on the ticket and bring their wine next meeting.
- 2025 Branch Officers nominees are still in the works and list due by May 31st. Refer to Nominating Committee Chair report later on.
- Treasurer Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 Branch Cash Report has been submitted.
- Branch Membership Status Report (formerly Form 27) no longer required by the State Branch as it has always been part of the Form 28 Branch Cash Report submitted by the Treasurer.
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the April's minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. BS Connor Chin thanked LS Lieutenant Coopwood for filling in as speaker last month when he had a no show. Today's speaker will be Richard "Dilly" Dilbeck on the topic of aviation history (Charles Edward Taylor, builder of the motor used by the Wright Brothers). June will be on disaster preparedness. July will be about the Sacramento River Cats baseball. Wild Things is scheduled for August. September will be about Alzheimer. November is still open. October will be Mike Woods of Hagens Oak Golf Course. LS Lieutenant Coopwood has a couple of speakers he is currently working with. One of them is from the Sacramento Library.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. So far things are okay. PBS Lennie Silva said that PBS Pat Quinn had neck surgery and re-cooperating just fine.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. All is going well. He inquired what the members thought of the added calendar to last newsletter high-lighting upcoming events. He got the idea from another branch. He got two thumbs up from all in attendance. So, the calendar will be included in future publications. He also informed us the Branch's website states the newsletter is four pages. Last one was eleven pages. Need to update the site.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. We added two transfers, seven new members and lost three for a current total of 136. We will add two at this meeting. Their names are Nate Gauff and Scott Mackey. John Popadak motioned and Secy Bernie Moreno seconded. They were unanimously approved.
- Roster Chairman: PBS Alan Weinel. Still too early but has been started. He will send out emails to have members confirm their info.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Not much going on. Have two new members and was hoping for a third today. Blake Thomson noticed in the Mission Oaks publication that there was a Senior Resource Fair advertisement just above ours. He asked if we were going to have a booth at that event. It happens May 23rd. Too late this year but will shoot for next year. Blake also noticed another branch had a booth at the Renaissance Fair. Blake said he could provide contacts for setting up our booth at that event.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Branch 69 bowling league has finished for the summer. There are some tournaments coming. No one from this Branch registered for the Reno tournament. We have members registered for the AMF Rocklin (May) and Red Hawk (June) tournaments. Will start recruiting for next season's teams in June and will start in August. As of now, we will be bowling an hour and a half later at 12:30 pm due to the incoming teams from closed Land Park bowling center. Country Club did give us preference of either a 9:30 or 12:30 start. The bowlers picked the later time. There is a possibility we could move the start time back to noon depending how fast the league before us finishes. They play with three-man teams and should be quicker.
- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. Terry Block will be travelling for an extended period of time this summer and will be trying to complete the sign ups early. Rick said they're less than 30 days from the club championship. The rest will be presented at the General Meeting.

- Dining Out: PBS Mark Steffens. He is not present to discuss but there is one scheduled at Vince's Ristorante on May 21st.
- Asst. Secy Bob Schrupf was thinking of having a poker night after dinner time at his house. It would be two tables of eight players for a total of 16. He was wondering how to proceed with announcing it and if there are any SIR guidelines. He was thinking of having each player put in \$10 for chips and at completion of the night awarding prize money to the top three winners. Poker is an approved activity of State SIR. What is SIR's stand on advertising this in the newsletter? Discussion was to have the money considered as entry fee to avoid the "gambling" label. PBS Alan Weinel proposed that an article be written up to submit in the newsletter by Asst. Secy Bob Schrupf. It was seconded by John Popadak. It was unanimously approved to have Asst. Secy Bob Schrupf draw up a poker night advertisement.
- Another request for donations to be offered as prizes at the annual picnic on June 19th. Please deliver to the LS Lieutenant Coopwood. PBS Jerry Schroeder said he would like to have a third grill master but two will work. He's not too worried as somebody will step in during the picnic. There will be tri-tip, chicken, and hot dogs. Back by popular demand, there will be pies.
- BS Connor Chin did a little talk for Dennis Kramer regarding the River Cats game. The price dropped from \$38 to \$25. Refer to the current Branch 69 Newsletter for details.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Membership Chair will reconfirm that Form 65 Member List was submitted after receiving a recent email reminder notice to all branches from Acting President Lee Lamp. BS Connor Chin and Secy Bernie Moreno were unable to locate the original email of February sent by Membership Chair.
- BS Connor Chin submitted Form 63 Caterer to State SIR notifying them we do not hire a caterer for our Branch activities. Secy Bernie Moreno filed a copy for the records.
- BS Connor Chin brought forth an inquiry from PBS Arnold Keller. PBS Arnold Keller was wondering how our Branch feels about publishing in the newsletter about members' history of their past accomplishments in their personal lives. The top three as voted will be published. There was concern of how members will react to the selection process ~ possible resentment of not being selected? PBS Ted Patterson proposed that it should be offered as a 'speaker' event at our lunch/general meeting. This will give the opportunity to all interested members willing to speak to do so at one of the lunches. It was the consensus of the attendees that PBS Ted Patterson's idea was more popular. BS Connor Chin will notify PBS Arnold Keller.
- BS Connor Chin received a request from State SIR to complete a questionnaire regarding our Branch lunch/meeting attendance, speakers, price of meals, buffet/served, etc. They noticed some branch's turn out is getting low. Our Branch's goal five years ago used to be to have 75% of our members attend the lunch/general meeting. It is now set at 70%. Unfortunately, we're averaging about 63% but it's been pretty consistent. He will complete and send back. He will state we're doing the best we can. We have kept prices low and we had good speakers,

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on June 13, 2024.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary