



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, August 8th 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 Baker, PBS Jimmy Buckley, Bob Clanton, PBS Tom Costello, Rick Hom, Mark Kraut, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, PBS Lennie Silva, and PBS Mark Steffens.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Craig Weckman (sponsor is Brian Thurston) to be inducted as a member later.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Connor Chin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (10 of 12). BS Connor Chin then welcomed the guest. Secy Bernie Moreno had some pertinent items to address that may affect the continuance of this and future meetings. First item was that the State SIR procedures notes that "All members of the Branch Executive Committee are elected by the membership of each branch". The 2025 BEC nominees had been approved by the current BEC at the June's BEC Meeting and was later posted in the Branch 69 Newsletter as nominees. The members attending the General meeting were not presented with the opportunity to "elect" the nominees. It was agreed that the BS will do the election at today's General Meeting to comply with the State SIR's procedures. The official result of the election will be posted in the upcoming newsletter. Secondly, about a year ago Secy Bernie Moreno was informed no approval was required for the Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Despite this, he continued to have the minutes approved. Upon researching on the SIR's website which refers to Robert's Rule of Order, it states that any official documents of the Branch are to be approved. It was agreed to return to approving the Treasurer's Report.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections/additions to the July's minutes. John Popadak moved to accept the minutes as is and was seconded by PBS Alan Weinel. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Hal Copperberg reported cash was at \$3,947 at the end of July. This is a decrease of about a \$1,306 compared to last year this month. The annual dues were \$4,737 which is \$152 more than last year. Year-to-date expenses are \$3,768. This is an increase of \$730. Membership is at 136. Secy Bernie Moreno moved and John Popadak seconded. It was unanimously approved.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- BS Connor Chin to hold elections of the 2025 BEC Officers/Directors at today's General Meeting. He will send the results to the State Area Rep. Secy Bernie will update the on-line Form 20 by August 31st. (Received a forwarded email from BS Connor Chin regarding the State Area Rep request to delay updating until September/October to avoid confusion with 2024 listing on the website.) The results to be posted in the upcoming newsletter.
- No State Area Rep Meeting scheduled yet to vote for the new State Area Rep. Current State Area Rep, Jack Reefer, will be vacating the position beginning 2025. PBS Mark Steffens has put his name in as a nominee for this position. Hopefully there will be a meeting to select the 2025 State Area Rep by some means whether it be zoom, cell phone, etc. On another note, BS Connor Chin informed us that Branch 117 has been dissolved leaving only four Branches. The Branch decided to merge with Branch 23 instead of ours.
- LS Lieutenant Coopwood continues to monitor Branch Operations for compliance.
- Treas Hal Copperberg did pay SIR State Assessment by July 15th.
- Treas Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 Branch Cash Report (includes Branch Membership Status Report) has been submitted.
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the July's minutes to State Rep and Web Site Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. He apologized and said he mistakenly booked Wild Things for next Thursday thinking it was the second Thursday of the month. He will try to reschedule them for November. He said member Greg Powell was willing to fill in as speaker for today. PBS Mark Steffens volunteered to do a presentation as he had his dog in training with him today. LS Lieutenant Coopwood graciously accepted his offer. September's speaker will talk about Alzheimer. October's speaker will be from Haggin Oak Golf Complex.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett said Bob Dant suffered a stroke. Both he and his wife are in a convalescent home. PBS Ted Patterson informed us that Otis Benning continues to have back problems.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. Getting most articles for the newsletter in time. There are couple of late entries.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Started the year with 130 members, 2 transfer in, 13 new, and lost 9. Currently have 136 members. Average age of members now stands at 75.4 years. Scott Mackey resigned after only about three months with our branch. John moved to induct Craig Weckman and was seconded by Secy Bernie Moreno. He was unanimously accepted.
- Roster Chairman: PBS Alan Weinel. Beginning work on the roster. He will place the 2024 roster on the tables requesting members to review and make corrections or note that existing info is accurate. He will have draft copies in a few weeks. There is still plenty of time to work on it. He will forward a copy to the Secy and BS so caller assignments can be updated for 2025.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He has scheduled to be at the Renaissance Fair's "Open House" at Sac State on August 16th from 1pm to 2pm. PBS Alan Weinel will accompany PBS Tom Page. He is getting the necessary SIR table cloth, stand display, business cards, etc. for the event. He thanked Blake Thomson for recommending the event. Blake said he received a flyer indicating an earlier time. He will confirm the accurate time and relay to PBS Tom Page. John Popadak said another branch had an advertisement in the AARP magazine. He's not sure on the cost to place the ad and how effective it is enticing new members. As always, PBS Tom Page is open to new ideas for recruitment.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. It took five attempts due to last minute bowlers dropping out (including one team captain). He finally has the ten teams filled and substitutes listed. He will pass out the list of the teams with members at the General Meeting. At this time, only he and Jerry Buhlert know the team composition. The league will start two weeks early since Christmas and New Years falls on Wednesdays. The first general bowling meeting with sign ups is scheduled at noon on Wednesday, August 14th. Cost for GSA membership is \$30. Free bowling afterwards. Wednesday, August 21st is the official start of the season. Start time is tentatively set at 12:30 pm but may change to noon. This will be discussed at the general meeting. Rick Hom asked for some coordination so he can schedule golfing around the bowling events. PBS Tom Page said he will provide him with the schedule.
- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. Pat Quinn will be handling the Golf Registration this December as he has other commitments. He'll provide the rest of the info during the General Meeting.
- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. It will be at the Cattleman's on August 19th. He has 25 seats available. So, RSVP soon.
- Playing Cards: Dan Nelson. He was not present but relayed the message that the time will change due to bowling time change. He will announce later of the new time.
- Bocce Ball, Poker Chairman: Asst. Secy Bob Schrupf. Next Poker scheduled during the daytime on Tuesday, August 20th. He had 15 players the last game. Steve Haakenson was last month's big winner.
- Christmas Luncheon: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. He will coordinate with Treas Hal Copperberg before approaching Dante Club. He will get the special menu for the December 12th event.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Dante Club contract was signed this morning.
- No other business brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Branch 69 Web Site for Activities will be reviewed and updated. PBS Tom Page to review. Updates will be given to Ross Martin for the web page.
- BS Connor Chin was visiting with his daughter's family when she suggested using the Evite Computer Invitation Software in place of the caller's manually emailing, texting, or calling members. Discussion about if it's a group email or can be set up for individual preference in receiving the Evite. We still have members that are not diligent in monitoring their emails and text messages. A little more research required. No decision made at this meeting.
- No other business brought forth,

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on September 12, 2024.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary