



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 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: John Popadak, Blake Thomson, and PBS Alan Weinel.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Aylett, Doug Baily, Bob Baker, Bob Clanton, PBS Tom Costello, Rick Hom, Leslie Kurtz, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, and PRD/PBS Warren Senegal.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Jesse Starkey (sponsor Bob Schrupf) and Ken Barber (sponsor Lieutenant Coopwood) were present at this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Connor Chin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (9 of 12). BS Connor Chin mentioned the observances of Election Day, Marine Corp Birthday, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. He mentioned this is the last official BEC Meeting he will be conducting as Big SIR of Branch 69 as he hands the reigns over to the 2025 BS Elect Lieutenant Coopwood.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treas Hal Copperberg said at the end of October the Branch had \$3,741. Last year this time it was about \$4,700. This is a decrease of about a \$1,000. Dues/other income is about \$5,600. This includes meal sell off, donations, and monies found on the floor ~ yes, unclaimed money on the floor! This is an increase of \$287. Expenses are at \$4,893. An increase of \$567. Membership is up by six. Secy Bernie Moreno moved to approve and John Popadak seconded. It was unanimously approved. BS Connor Chin said that Asst Secy Bob Schrupf will be reimbursed \$56 for expenses incurred for the State SIR Annual Meeting he had attended. No approval required for this amount.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- BS Connor Chin informed us that the State SIR Richard Carlson had a disappointing attendance on the November's State SIR zoom meeting. Only Branch 93 of the five Branches participated. On another note, there will be no merger of Branch 93. They will remain in existence despite their shrinking membership. The 2025 Elects will be installed at today's General Meeting. PRD/PBS Warren Senegal will do the honors.
- BS Elect Lieutenant Coopwood will hold a meeting immediately following this BEC Meeting to develop Goals & Action Plans and assign responsibilities for 2025. BS Connor Chin handed the Big SIR Box (complete with gavel and new name tags) to the 2025 BS Elect Lieutenant Coopwood.
- BS Elect Lieutenant Coopwood confirmed BS Connor Chin as the nominating Committee and also the 2025 Audit Committee consisting of the Chair (George Langford), Asst Secretary (Alan Weinel), and a volunteer (Bob Kiehne).
- BS Elect Lieutenant Coopwood confirmed all other Committee Chairmen/Members.
- This one is a little confusing as the SIR Schedule of Branch Operations states the LS is to assist the BS Elect with Goals & Action Plans for next year. The problem is, and in our case, typically the LS is the BS Elect. Regardless, the goals and plans were addressed earlier in the second bullet point.
- LS Lieutenant Coopwood continues to review SIR Schedule of Branch Operations for compliance.
- Treas Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 Branch Cash Report (includes Branch Membership Status Report) has been submitted.
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the October minutes to State Rep and Web Site Chair.
- Secy Bernie Moreno will notify Area 4 Rep of no BEC Meeting in December when submitting the November 14th BEC Minutes.
- Secy Bernie Moreno did update the on-line Form 20 of the 2025 Officers. The SIR State Database Administrator, Kevin King, acknowledged receipt of changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. Today's speaker will be from Wild Things. There will be a collection jar for Wild Things to help finance their mission. LS Elect Bob Schrupf has already scheduled speakers for most months next year. Still searching for speakers for August, September, and October.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. Otis Benning doing better. He had a blood clot and was unable to walk. He is reportedly able to drive now. Lennie Silva suffered a stroke a day or two ago. Fortunately, the stroke was not severe. Steve Haakenson foot is doing well as he bowled 30 pins above his average yesterday. He is also scheduled to golf tomorrow.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. The submittals of articles was better than last month. He said the website states the newsletter is four pages long ~ currently it's running in the double digits. Need to update.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Started with 132, added 14, and lost 10 members. No changes expected at this time. We have two new members today. John Popadak moved to accept both Jesse Starkey and Ken Barber into our Branch 69. It was seconded by Secy Bernie Moreno and unanimously approved. This is Ken Barber's first meeting and submitted his application today. He was approved in advance as there is no BEC Meeting in December to induct him. He will be included in the 2025 Roster. We were informed that PBS Ted Patterson will be leaving for Texas very soon. He was present at the end of this meeting and plans to be at the beginning of the General Meeting/Lunch to say farewell to the members. We thanked him for all his contributions to the Branch 69 and he will be missed.
- Roster Chairman: PBS Alan Weinel. He will add the new members and electronically deliver advance copies to callers in early December.

- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He and PBS Alan Weinel will be representing the Branch 69 once again at the Renaissance Fair Open House at Sac State in January. Currently, still no Golf Expo to promote recruitment but a lot of individual efforts.
- Audit Chairman: George Langford. Have some items ready to audit and will confirm due date to submit.
- Meal Cost Recovery Committee: Secy Bernie Moreno. Had a little late start due to vacation trips but did get his notes organized and sent to the committee members about a week ago. Waiting for their input but don't think we'll have it done by this year due to the holidays. The meal process was documented to better understand it. We will establish penalties, appeals, deadlines, responsibilities, and consider exceptions. We'll consider placing the excess meal recoveries in a special fund to pay for first time guests/new inductees' meals (as mentioned at last BEC meeting by PBS Tom Page) as well as to cover excused appeals for missed meals.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Three weeks left for this half. He'll give a full report at the General/Lunch Meeting.
- Golf Chairman, Monday: Terry Block. He wasn't present but Rick Hom informed us that Terry will continue to Chair for 2025 but is seeking a replacement to train to take over for him in 2026.
- Golf Chairman, Thursday: Rick Hom. Award lunch set for November 21st at the Spaghetti Factory. Kicked off the 2025 Renewal Membership campaign. There is no rate increase, still at \$75 until December 15th. The courses have been booked but waiting to see what the rate fees will be. (I was informed after this meeting that they are waiting for the City of Sacramento and County Courses boards to decide on the rate.) The Thursday golf group is full. The Monday golf group still needs golfers.
- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. He was not present but the next dinner is at the Lazy Dog in Roseville on November 18th at 6:00 pm.
- Playing Cards Chairman: Dan Nelson. He was not present but the new start time is 10:00 am prior to the Wednesday Branch 69 League Bowling.
- Bocce Ball, Poker Chairman: Asst Secy Bob Schrupf. Ping pong is still on but he has placed poker on hiatus until January.
- Christmas Luncheon: Treas Hal Copperberg. Have 26 sign ups and expect more today. Last year we had 20 at this time. We typically get more just before the deadline. We had 101 attendees in 2022, 79 in 2023, and we'll see what happens this year.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

- Asst Secy Bob Schrupf was complimented on his write up in the newsletter about the SIR Inc. Annual Meeting he attended on September 24th. He was asked if any of the changes that was proposed were implemented. Asst Secy Bob Schrupf said no major changes ~ still called SIR and no logo change.
- No other new business brought forth.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on January 9, 2025.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary