



## **PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69**

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, September 12th 2024

### **BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Doug Baily, Bob Baker, Bob Clanton, PBS Tom Costello, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, PBS Lennie Silva, Jim Smalling, and PBS Mark Steffens.

### **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

No guests attending the luncheon 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 (10 of 12). BS Connor Chin mentioned the observances of 9/2 Labor Day, 9/11 terrorist attack on U.S. soil, 9/16 Mexican Independence, and 9/20 remembering POW/MIA. PBS Alan Weinel made his annual reminder that 9/19 is 'Talk like a pirate day'. BS Connor Chin said most of us who experienced 9/11 remembers where and what they were personally doing. He then told us of his experience that terrible day twenty-three years ago. He was working in the electric distribution center at SMUD when there was an emergency alert. They had to monitor the substations for possible attacks.

### **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

There were no corrections/additions to the August's minutes. John Popadak moved to accept the minutes as is and was seconded by Treas Hal Copperberg. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treas Hal Copperberg had emailed the August reports earlier for review. Secy Bernie Moreno moved and PBS Alan Weinel seconded. It was unanimously approved.

### **BRANCH OPERATIONS**

- BS Connor Chin informed us that the State Rep said there will not be an annual Leadership Training for the 2025 Elects to attend. There is the Annual State SIR meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> which he and LS Lieutenant Coopwood will not be able to attend. Asst Secy Bob Schrupf volunteered to attend. The 2025 Elects comprise of five existing officers and one director (2025 Asst Secy). So, the invite for the 2025 Elects to attend current year BEC meetings is fulfilled. The 2025 BEC Officers/Directors were approved at August's General Meeting. BS Connor Chin sent the results to the State Area Rep. Secy

Bernie will update the on-line Form 20 prior to October 31st. (Received a forwarded email from BS Connor Chin regarding the State Area Rep request to delay updating Form 20 until September/October to avoid confusion with 2024 listing on the website.) On another note, Jack Reefer will remain as the State Area Rep for 2025. He thanks PBS Mark Steffens for his interest in this position had he decided not to continue another year.

- LS Lieutenant Coopwood has fulfilled his advance training having conducted at least one BEC meeting and General meeting.
- 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 August's minutes to State Rep and Web Site Chair.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Program Chairman: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. Today's speaker will be Bonnie talking about Alzheimer. October's speaker will be Mr. Wood from Haggin Oak Golf Complex. Wild Things will be here in November. PBS Pat Quinn has a collection jar for Wild Things. It will be at the luncheon to help their organization. Please donate!
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett is in Washington DC. BS Conor Chin said two members not attending today's lunch due to Covid. They are Arnie Keller and Mike Brassil. Amnon Igra had a stint inserted in his heart and then had a second heart attack. He is at home recovering. Bob Clanton said he had his second cancer exam and is currently cancer free. Great news!
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. Received all articles for the newsletter in time.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. No changes this time. Started the year with 130 and currently have 136 members. Average age of members stands at 75.4 years.
- Roster Chairman: PBS Alan Weinel. Going well. He will place the updated roster copies on the tables once again requesting members this time to just make corrections. No need to indicate if your data is correct. Orangevale Printing will do 150 copies for \$236 or \$250 for 175 copies. That's \$1.20 per copy. Discussion about printing in color was brought up but group opted for black and white. PBS Alan Weinel moved to approve the \$250 for 175 copies. It was seconded by John Popadak and unanimously approved. Secy Bernie Moreno will confirm callers this month and notify PBS Alan Weinel of changes to the new roster.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. He and PBS Alan Weinel had a booth at the Renaissance Fair's Open House at Sac State on August 16<sup>th</sup>. They had two interested individuals that may attend a future General Meeting. PBS Tom Page said the Renaissance crowd is a very active, engaged group and the SIR's activities probably not their cup of tea. While there, PBS Tom Page signed up for the Bob Dylan class on Fridays and is thoroughly enjoying it. He jokingly said he's also recruiting for the Renaissance Society. There will be another open house in January which he plans to return. He has a possible recruitment from the web page and who may attend our meeting in October. As always, PBS Tom Page is open to new ideas for recruitment.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Bowling at a later time has created challenge at the bowling alley. When our bowling takes a little longer it runs into the disabled adult bowling time slot. They've been coming into our lanes and interfering with our bowlers. PBS Tom Page said he was confronted by one angry individual who cliched his fist at him. PBS Tom Page had six meetings with Country Club and yesterday's bowling was a better day. There was talk of possibly moving the disabled adults to lanes further from ours. The league is going well. Last week had two openings and five subs were present. This week had nine openings and only three subs.
- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. Pat Quinn will be handling the Golf Tournament Sign Ups today.

- Dining Out Chairman: PBS Mark Steffens. It will be at the La Porta Restaurant and Bar on September 16<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of parking and tables. So, RSVP soon. Cattleman's had a good turn out but PBS Mark Steffens wasn't fond of his meal this time but said he had a great drink at a very good 'happy hour' price.
- Playing Cards: Dan Nelson. He was not present but PBS Ted Patterson said it's about the same even with the later start time due to bowling being later.
- Bocce Ball, Poker Chairman: Asst Secy Bob Schrupf. He wasn't available to discuss.
- Christmas Luncheon: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. Treas Hal Copperberg said Dante Club's cost went up from \$34 last year to \$38 this year for the "Mistletoe Buffet Option". Keep in mind this is not a buffet but menu applies to our lunch. After some discussion, it was moved by PBS Alan Weinel to have the two entrees as Tri tip and Salmon. The vegetarian will be the Butternut Squash. The Salad will be Mixed Greens. Dessert will be Pecan Pie. It was seconded by Treas Hal Copperberg and unanimously approved. There was discussion on member's price per meal of increasing it from \$25 to \$35. Treas Hal Copperberg's 2024 Holiday Luncheon Cost and Budget worksheet indicates the projected bank balance at this year-end, before any subvention, is \$3,200 or \$24 per member. State recommends it should be at \$25 per member. Treas Hal Copperberg recommends the \$35 per meal for estimated 80 attendees which will be \$18 per member, \$7 shy of the State's recommendation. We can support this. Additional costs are about \$200 for wine, \$100 for supplies, and \$60 for roses. John Popadak moved to approve the \$35 meal cost to each member/guest. PBS Alan Weinel seconded and it was unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- No business brought forth.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Branch 69 Bowling Tournament approval request by Jim Smalling (for Tod Davis, Tournament Manager). Tournament rescheduled to February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. No upfront funding required. Golf Chairman, Rick Hom, will be notified of the dates to avoid scheduling conflicts. Secy Bernie Moreno moved to approve the bowling tournament. Treas Hal Copperberg seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- Request for cost reimbursement for new SIR Branch 69 tri-fold flyers prepared in advance for the past Renaissance Society 'Open House' was made by PBS Tom Page. John Popadak moved to approve the \$110 reimbursement (approval required for reimbursements exceeding \$100). PBS Ted Patterson seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- The existing meal cost recovery/reimbursement policy approved months ago remains with new clarification on assigned responsibility for notifying and collecting meal cost. The BS will be responsible for inserting a statement of this policy in his monthly emails to callers to forward to the members. He will also be responsible for notifying and collecting the meal cost from those 'no show' members. Members wishing to appeal will continue to present their explanation to the BEC for a decision to excuse or not.
- BS Connor Chin discussed the rumor of merging Branch 93 to 69. IT IS NOT TRUE! This rumor stemmed from Rick Hom's offer to Branch 93 of "golf membership only" to Branch 69. It is assumed that about ten will accept the offer. Branch 93 has a shrinking golf roster. They currently have 84 members of only about 40 are actively participating.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

***Bernie Moreno***

Branch 69 Secretary