



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BS Bob Schrupf, LS Scott Edwards, Treasurer Hal Copperberg, Secretary Bernie Moreno, and Assistant Secretary/PBS Alan Weinel. Directors: Doug Bailey, PBS Connor Chin, Bob Clanton, PBS Lieutenant Coopwood, and John Popadak.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Aylett, PBS Tom Costello, Rick Hom, Les Kurtz, HLM/PBS Tom Page, HLM/PBS Lennie Silva, Jessie Starkey, and Area Rep/PBS Mark Steffens.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

No guests present today.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Bob Schrupf called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Secy Bernie Moreno confirmed there is a quorum (10 of 12 final count). BS Bob Schrupf mentioned the upcoming holidays and observances occurring prior to our next BEC meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections brought forth of the minutes as taken by PBS Connor Chin. Asst Secy/PBS Alan Weinel moved to accept the March minutes and was seconded by Secy Bernie Moreno. Minutes was unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treas Hal Copperberg was out front collecting lunch money from members and was unable to present his report. Secy Bernie Moreno mentioned the treasury report is present in the Branch's newsletter for all members to review. There were no concerns brought forth and Secy Bernie Moreno moved to accept the report. Bob Clanton seconded and it was followed with a unanimous approval.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- LS Scott Edwards will be monitoring compliance of the Schedule of Branch Operations and report issues as they arise. As addressed in the past, this is achieved by the Secy listing the tasks per the SIR State Schedule of Branch Operations on the monthly BEC Agenda.
- Secy Bernie Moreno said no critical items to report from the State SIR newsletter or from State SIR.
- LS Scott Edwards confirmed that Treas Hal Copperberg paid the SIR State assessment.

- LS Scott Edwards confirmed the Treas Hal Copperberg submitted Form 28 Branch Cash Report (includes Branch Membership Status Report).
- Secy Bernie Moreno submitted the March minutes to 2026 Area Rep and Web Site Chairman.
- As for the Nominating Committee, PBS Lieutenant Coopwood is working on two possible members for the 2027 Little SIR at the suggestion of HLM/PBS Tom Page. They still have no candidate for 2027 Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Scott Edwards. Today's scheduled entertainment will be Larry Wilson from Reno. He is a professional speaker who provides instructional seminars to big corporations. May's entertainer will be Steve Bruner ~ a "clean" comic.
- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. HLM/PBS Tom Page had a bout with pneumonia and was in the hospital for three days. He is on oxygen but is present today. PBS Jerry Schroeder went through surgery. Fred Smith had blood clot issues and is on medication. It just got worst and he is on more medications. HLM/PRD/PBS Warren Senegal's wife, Jewel, had a heart attack. Asst Treas Jim Sprifke is on chemo treatment of six weeks. He's also experiencing back problems. Dave Bozeman had his leg crushed in a freak auto incident. Bob Clanton said he is on a non-chemo, chemical treatment. He is currently on a month break and will continue treatment thereafter.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. It's going well.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. Still at 140 members including the one new member to date this year. No new members this month but Larry Brooks will be leaving the branch.
- Roster Chairman: Asst Secy/PBS Alan Weinel. He will start working on it this April.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: HLM/PBS Tom Page. Not much going on. We have gone three months with no new members being inducted. Mission Oak Park District has finally kicked our advertisement off their publication. Currently updating our sites ~ hope to have members do social media posting to entice new members. Area Rep/PBS Mark Steffens suggested our Branch should provide members with photos/items to post on social media instead of members searching for items. LS Scott Edwards asked if there was a listing of contact information of all our members to send them an AI post for them to personally post. John Popadak has a file with that information. HLM/PBS Tom Page would love to have Golf Expo back as it was working but know it's not going to happen.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: HLM/PBS Tom Page. State SIR Bowling Championship at Country Club Lanes on May 12th and 13th, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. BS Bob Schrupf mentioned the Carson City Tournament is also in May. A full report to be presented at the General/Lunch Meeting.
- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. Terry Block in Southern California. Rick will present at the General/Lunch Meeting.
- Dining Out Chairman: Area Rep/PBS Mark Steffens. It's at Fat's Asian Bistro on Tuesday, April 21st. There is limited seating at a long single table setting. BS Bob Schrupf recommended the Yerevan Armenian Restaurant which is scheduled on Wednesday, May 27th. He also mentioned in May that the Lion's Club has a buffet dinner and bingo (prizes only, no money) all for \$25. He'll put in his flyer. Bob Clanton informed the group that there is a new Cattleman's Steak House in Elk Grove we could give a try.
- Playing Cards: Dan Nelson. He was not present but Les Kurtz said seven showed up to play Cribbage.
- Bocce Ball, Poker Chairman: BS Bob Schrupf. Poker Night is scheduled for this Saturday at 1:30 pm at his house. See our newsletter regarding Ping Pong. Bocce Ball in Carmichael Park on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.
- Summer Picnic: Ken Sawitzky. Scheduled for June 17th and BS Bob Schrupf had to jump through a lot of hoops before obtaining the permit.

OLD BUSINESS

- Regarding the Bruce Corwin's Marketing/Advertising Budget Form, PBS Connor Chin said the written form is to be submitted to the Area Rep. Our budget is at \$140. This includes postage and other appropriate expenses.
- No other old business brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

- There were no known meal issues from the last luncheon. Secy Bernie Moreno did inform that Fred Smith originally committed to the luncheon but had a last minute medical condition with blood clots. (Addressed earlier by the Chaplain, James Aylett.)
- Jesse Starkey placed the Photo Release forms on the tables for members to complete and return to him before the end of the General/Luncheon Meeting. LS Scott Edwards suggested working on the first/intro page on the website to include pictures of our activities. It was suggested to have a password to access the site as there may be some personal/confidential items. It was recommended to use a certain password which I will not address on the minutes as it is a public document. Refer to a BEC Officer for that password.
- Secy Bernie Moreno brought up the subject of scam emails. Since being a member of SIR, he had received emails from individuals claiming and using the names of members of SIR Branch 69. He believes the perpetrator may have had access to a Branch Roster. He offered to be the collection point of old rosters and will personally destroy them. BS Bob Schrumpf will bring this up at the General Meeting.
- No other new business brought forth.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on May 14, 2026.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary