



SIR – SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN
BRANCH 172, TWAIN HARTE
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SIR exists to enrich the lives of its members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making friends for life.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Place: Moose Lodge, Sonora, CA

Attendees: Clark Beermann, Tom Francis, Rick Cavil, Mark Knapp, Ken Rorabaugh, Randy Cole, Shawn Hall. Glenn Arlands and Jerry Jensen were absent. Paul Halek resigned from the BEC in September.

Little SIR Clark Beermann opened the meeting at 10:10 AM and welcomed the quorum of Branch 172 Officers and Directors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Steve Spangler emailed the September 2025 minutes before the BEC meeting. The BEC approved the minutes without changes (Francis/Cavil).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Rick Cavil discussed the following:

- Rick stated we need to find someone with the skills to update the excel spreadsheet from the old version to a new version.
- The lunch raffle drawings are making money but it's necessary to report no profit to the State. Some members return their winnings to the Branch. The Branch puts these returned winnings back into the raffle pot to increase future winnings.
- The lunches are losing money. There are a lot of "No Shows," members showing up without notice, and the Branch paying for first time guest and guest speaker's lunches.
- We need to budget for per diem and the latest claim didn't have pre-approval. It was discussed that if something happens suddenly and the entire BEC can't be contacted that the Big &/or Little SIR can make the decision to allow per diem.
- The quarterly assessment needs to be sent to the State SIR.
- The following dollar balances are from September's Form 28:

Checkbook	5325.93
Savings	0
Petty Cash	500.00
Total Cash	5825.93

The BEC approved the report (Rorabaugh/Beermann).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The Branch is up to 93 members. Tom Francis reported that 4 men remain interested in joining, although two can't attend as guests until November. David Jones and Steve Bailey are today's guests and Ray Ainger will provide his application today (given to Shawn during the general meeting). Tim Knepper will attend and be inducted today. John Nelson still needs to be inducted. There are another 4 men that are interested but requested no further contact from the Branch. They'll contact us when they're ready.

GUEST SPEAKER: Clark Beermann reported that today's speakers are Troy Vickers and Sonya Palacios who represent PHI helicopter emergency service.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Officers and Directors for 2026. The BEC members were tentatively determined during the September meeting. Paul Halek wrote in an email that these BEC members required swearing in before December and then again in January 2026 if there were any changes. The BEC decided to conduct the swearing in during the January 2026 meeting to better ensure all BEC members were included.

Lunch. The following items will be further discussed at the November meeting with any changes starting in 2026:

- Guest's lunches. Some felt that our Branch is overly generous compared to other Branches by paying for first time guests. Others felt that we have enough money, our goal is to make new friends and members, and using funds for lunch is part of doing business. Past expectations were for sponsors to pay for the guest lunch, although that would discourage successful sponsors.
- Registration. All members need to be reminded to notify the Branch of planned lunch attendance either by replying to the monthly email or phoning the listed number in the email and leaving a voice message. The voice message is sent to the Branch gmail account.
- Future 2026 price and menu. Clark is working with Jerry Morrow on this subject regarding payments to the Moose. The Treasurer and budget committee will develop a budget and the BEC will then determine any total lunch price (e.g., Moose payments + guest and speaker lunches, etc.).

Christmas Lunch. Clark is working with Jerry on the 2025 Christmas menu and price. Current Christmas options include salmon, prime rib, and tri-tip. Clark will provide the information for BEC approval either by November or via email. Christmas lunch is on Saturday, December 13.

Applications. Currently, the Branch application form states that the application can be submitted on-line, sent by email as a pdf, or mailed. The on-line submittal doesn't work, and Dick Chimenti (web master) volunteered to fix this with Shawn's help.

Speaker System. Tom purchased the new speaker system. Rick preferred a different speaker system. It was decided to see how it works and return it to Amazon if necessary. The old speaker system was approved to donate if the new system worked. The new system worked well during the general member meeting and Tom received a reimbursement check. Tom is checking to ensure no member owns any portion of the old speaker system, and if not, will donate it. The Moose showed some interest in taking possession of the old speaker system. The new speaker system is in an old red suitcase in the cabinet provided by the Moose for SIR storage.

BRANCH ACTIVITY AND GROUP INSURANCE: There are no changes in the Branch Activity or Activity Group Insurance reports from the September 2025 BEC report. There was no BEC meeting discussion regarding these topics.

Clark Beermann adjourned the BEC meeting at 11:02 AM.



Thomas M. Francis
Acting Secretary for September