



TWAIN HARTE SIR BRANCH 172  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: June 3, 2026

Place: Moose Lodge, Sonora, CA

Attendees: Clark Beermann, Ken Rorabaugh, Steve Spangler, Randy Cole, Tom Francis, Mark Knapp, Jerry Jensen, Jerry Morrow, Glenn Arlands, Paul Halek.

Big SIR Clark Beermann opened the meeting at 10:08 AM, welcomed the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen of Branch 172. A quorum was present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary Steve Spangler reported that the April 1, 2026 minutes were emailed to the BEC and our Area Representative. Ken Rorabaugh read the notes he had from the May 6, 2026 BEC meeting. The minutes were approved. (Morrow/Jensen)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Randy Cole reported a beginning balance of \$6752 and an ending balance of \$6648 for the month of May, 2026. Receipts were \$1536 and expenses were \$1640.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Paul Halek reported that membership remained at 80 in May.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Little SIR Ken Rorabaugh reported that the June lunch guest speaker is Glen Cantrell, Twain Harte Chamber President.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Home & Garden Show.** Tom Francis thanked the volunteers that participated in this event. The Home & Garden Show resulted in two new members and one guest that will be attending the June lunch for the first time. There were 13 others that were interested who are receiving follow-up.

**Picnic.** Ken Rorabaugh is working on getting donations for the picnic raffle. Paul Halek also has donations for the picnic. Randy Cole is pursuing a possible donation from Wilco. Paul noted that chicken thighs have been added to the picnic menu.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Higher Interest Options for Branch Funds.** Randy Cole brought up the idea of putting some

of our funds in higher interest options like CDs. The consensus was that it is not worth pursuing as the amounts would be minimal.

**State Report.** Jerry Morrow indicated that state is very concerned about declining membership in branches. Many have less than 80 members. Would like branches to focus on events to recruit new members.

**New Member Recruitment.** Glenn Arlands noted that we have to be friends with the Chamber of Commerce to become more visible in the community. We plan to participate in the Twain Harte Concert in the Pines as we did last year.

**New Member Cards.** A discussion on ordering cards to give to prospective members was held. Tom Francis was concerned that the cards from state had out-of-date information on them. It was agreed that Tom and Glenn will work on the design and ordering of the cards, and that 200 cards will be obtained.

**Banner.** Glenn wants to have a banner made to use at events, for a price under \$100. The limit can be exceeded with approval from the Big SIR. A motion to spend up to \$100 for this banner was approved. (Francis/Jensen)

**Birthday Drawing Amount.** Randy Cole noted that the birthday drawing is currently for \$20, while the lunch price is \$22. Consensus was that the drawing should pay for lunch, thus should be raised to \$22. Tom Francis will update the bylaws to tie the birthday drawing amount to the lunch price.

**New BEC Directors.** A motion to add Jerry Morrow and Glenn Arlands as directors on the BEC was approved. (Beermann/Rorabaugh)

#### **BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

**BIKING:** Chairman Sir Steve Happel leads bike rides on the second Tuesday of the month.

**HORSESHOES:** Chairman Sir Rich Brandau invites any interested Sir member to join the horseshoe group on the last Thursday of the month.

**KAYAKING:** Chairman Sir Steve Happel leads scheduled kayak trips on the fourth Tuesday of the month, weather permitting.

**THEATER:** Sir Dave Tibbets is coordinating group theater events at the Sierra Repertory Theatre in Sonora.

**TRAVEL:** Sir Charles Luke posts travel updates and coordinates travel events on our website

#### **ACTIVITY GROUP INSURANCE APPROVALS:**

The BEC has approved events for the groups below.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date BEC Approved</b>	<b>Schedule.</b> Dates may occasional change with notification from activity chairman
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BIKING	2/5/25	Second Tuesday of each month
HORSESHOES	2/5/25	Last Thursday of each month April through October
KAYAKING	2/5/25	Fourth Tuesday of each month May through November
THEATER		

All other activity chairmen should submit approval forms for 2026 dates so these can be approved by the BEC prior to the first event date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM. The next Branch Executive Committee Meeting will be at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at the Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Road, Sonora.

Sir Steve Spangler  
Secretary