



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: July 1, 2026

Place: Moose Lodge, Sonora, CA

Attendees: Clark Beermann, Tom Francis, Mark Knapp, Jerry Morrow, and Randy Cole. Paul Halek attended as an observer.

Big SIR Clark Beermann opened the meeting at 10:06 AM and welcomed the quorum of Branch 172 Officers and Directors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Steve Spangler (absent) emailed the June 2026 minutes on June 13. The BEC approved the minutes without changes (Jensen/Beermann).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Randy Cole reported the following:

	Nearest \$\$
Beginning Cash Balance	6650
Receipts	108
Disbursements	8
Ending Cash Balance	6675

The BEC discussed the new Form 28 and its requirement to list new member applications received during the reporting month. Randy questioned whether the month should be by calendar or bank period. The BEC consensus was to measure from beginning to end of the current calendar month.

There was a discussion about using Venmo or another service for members to pay for lunches &/or dues. Paypal did not work effectively in the past and there was no general BEC interest regarding Venmo or another service.

The BEC members can ask for the lunch report if wanted, otherwise the report can be filed without further review.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Paul Halek stated the Branch has 82 members (3 new applications received from Gary Sanchez, Steve Miller, and Mark Mazza are not included in the total).

Paul rewrote the Membership Chair Position Description and split some duties with an assistant. The BEC approved these position descriptions (Francis/Knapp).

Paul intends to resign as Membership Chair on February 28, 2027.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ken Rorabaugh arranged for Neil Gamez from Tuolumne Fire District and a Cal Fire Battalion Chief as guest speakers. There was a schedule issue and no speakers were available at the general meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

State SIR. Jerry Morrow participated in the State SIR zoom call on Friday 26. The main discussion items were: the Big and Little SIRs should attend the State SIR meeting in September; there will be a vote to allow women into SIR (but not be able to vote); and how to increase membership. Jerry will resign from State SIR Area Representative position in September, and he has 5 potential candidates for consideration to replace him.

Nominating Committee. Mark Knapp and the Nominating Committee called many members to request their interest in becoming BEC members. Most contacts reported "No," although a few stated they may consider later.

Ladies Picnic. Randy Cole withdrew \$300 from the bank for Rich Brandau to use as change at the September picnic. The BEC approved this bank withdrawal (Morrow/Beermann).

Ken Rorabaugh is in charge of organizing the picnic. Paul Halek has a list of raffle items for the picnic and will provide them to Ken. There will be chicken breasts and thighs as well as beef. Volunteers are needed.

Twain Harte SIR Cards. Tom Francis showed a draft card specifically for the Twain Harte Branch. This draft may have some nuisance changes before finalizing. The BEC approved 300 cards (up from 200 cards previously approved in June) to be printed at Staples or another established business (Knapp/Beermann).

Lunch Registration. Branch 77 found a Google form that makes it easier for lunch registration. It's easier for the member and easier for the person responsible for collecting the data and forwarding it to the Moose. Dick Chimenti researched this and sent an email to the BEC stating, "**We send a form in our monthly email to branch members that allows them to register for the upcoming luncheon.** That form asks for their email address, name & badge number, if they will attend, and if they are bringing a guest. **We need the Guest's first & last name, phone number and email.**"

After much discussion the BEC approved this procedure on a trial basis (Francis/Beermann).

Bylaws. Tom Francis discussed approved bylaw changes from the June BEC meeting. These changes include items 2b clarifying free lunches to guests and new members that hadn't been guests before joining, and the addition of item 2g clarifying that the birthday boy raffle will reimburse the winner for the lunch costs. The BEC approved the bylaw changes (Morrow/Knapp).

BRANCH ACTIVITY AND GROUP INSURANCE: Dave Tibbetts submitted the Theater, "Twain Harte Group Activity Approval Form." The BEC approved the form (Francis/Knapp). Tom Francis scanned and emailed to form to Secretary Steve Spangler.

ACTIVITY GROUP INSURANCE APPROVALS:

The BEC has approved events for the groups below.

Activity	Date BEC Approved	Schedule. Dates may occasional change with notification from activity chairman
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	7/1/26	6/25/26, 8/8/26, 10/29/26, 12/20/26

Clark Beermann adjourned the BEC meeting at 11:05 AM.

Thomas M. Francis
Acting Secretary