



TWAIN HARTE SIR BRANCH 172
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: August 5, 2026

Place: Moose Lodge, Sonora, CA

Attendees: Clark Beermann, Ken Rorabaugh, Steve Spangler, Randy Cole, Tom Francis, Mark Knapp, Jerry Jensen.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Steve Spangler reported that the July 1, 2026 minutes were emailed to the BEC and our Area Representative. (Cole/Knapp)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Randy Cole reported a beginning balance of \$6676 and an ending balance of \$6370 for the month of July, 2026. Receipts were \$1018 and expenses were \$1324.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: There was no membership report.

GUEST SPEAKER: Little SIR Ken Rorabaugh reported that the August lunch guest speaker is Kris Albrecht, Veterans Service Officer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerts in the Park. The branch has not had a table at these concerts recently. If someone wants to go they can bring the displays that the branch has, and also be sure to have a list for prospective members to provide contact information. Clark and Ken expressed interest in doing this.

Lunch Registration. Dick Chimenti attended briefly to discuss progress on this. He was directed to move the lunch registration deadline to 5 days before the lunch (from 10 days). The current setup should not require members to have a google account to register for lunch. A test will be run in September since there is no lunch due to the picnic.

Picnic. Mark Knapp said that the awnings for the picnic don't work well in providing shade and brought up the possibility of moving the picnic to October in 2027 for cooler weather. It was suggested that there be only one ticket color for the raffle rather than a mix of colors. There

will be no lunch in September due to the picnic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lunch No-Shows. Randy Cole brought up that the branch lost \$80 in July due to no-shows at the lunch. This has not been too much of a problem in the past as those not showing balance with others that do show up without indicating so. We may have to take action if this becomes a consistent issue.

Form 28 Spreadsheet. There is a “#Applications” field in the Form 28 spreadsheet that is locked and cannot be changed. State wants Randy to send his spreadsheet with our financial data so it can be fixed. The BEC agreed that we will not send out financial data to state for this purpose.

Member Badges. It was agreed that if a member loses his badge or wants his name changed, that member pays for the new badge.

History Binder. Tom Francis mentioned that the binder with the branch history is left at the Moose Lodge.

Easy Hiking Activity. In the interest of some members who prefer easier hikes than those offered in Michael Clay’s Friday hiking group, Tom Francis will be offering an easier version of Mike’s hike around once each month. He will send out details as a reply to Mike’s hiking announcement email rather than maintaining a separate email list.

BEC Members for 2027. We need to start talking to members to find those who might be interested.

Plaque for Jerry Morrow. Tom and Glenn will work on getting this. They have approval to spend up to \$100.

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.

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

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 11:05 AM. The next Branch Executive Committee Meeting will be at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at the Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Road, Sonora.

Sir Steve Spangler
Secretary