

SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

August 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:	10:00 am
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rhum C., CM J., Sherry L., Jennifer M., Dennis M., Lori M., Pete T., Mike W., Richard W.
COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:	Dan H.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mark S.
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE:	10 rough estimate (excluding council members)
MINUTES FOR JUNE 2025:	Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

- Financial Report – Lori M.
 - Beginning balance at previous council meeting dated June 14, 2025 was \$916.99. Expenses totaled \$379.02: included Brazilian Carnival decorations, monthly birthday supplies, and annual renewal of zoom membership plan.
 - Current balance is: \$537.97
 - Motion was made, seconded to accept and approve financial report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Membership Report – CM J.
 - Six (6) membership interviews and approved five (5) new members.
- Application Review Process Report – Richard W.

Richard W. distributed the revised Star Ranch Membership Application and a copy of an old membership application to council members. The finalized copy was forwarded to the Board for review. Per Council's request, the new membership application will be forwarded to office for immediate use.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Items

- Deck Crawl hosts – Mike W.
Called for volunteers to serve as next deck crawl hosts. Three (3) hosts have committed for the August deck crawl.
- Member outreach – Mike W.
Mike W. reported that no suggestions were received regarding proactive outreach to members who have not visited recently. However, he personally contacted four (4) couples whom he had not seen in over a year. One (1) couple cited spending time with grandchildren as the reason for their absence, while the remaining three (3) couples indicated that general life obligations have prevented them from visiting. Mike W. stated that he will make an effort to contact two (2) to three (3) members on a regular basis. He noted that he has an updated membership list and welcomes assistance from others in contacting members.
 - Current members: 313
- Amendment to the Constitution – Mike W.
Proposing a 6 month probation for new members. Motion was made by Rhum C., and seconded by Richard W. to adopt a 6 month probation period for new members. The motion passed by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed.
- Annual Membership Review Discussion – Mike W.
Per the Constitution, Council is to review every membership annually. Richard W. and Sherry L. to draft guidelines which will include new member applicant interview guidelines, and annual (or) biennial of membership review guidelines. Lori M. volunteered to familiarize herself with the front office accounting procedures.
- Lifetime Member Qualifications – Mike W.
To be discussed in closed session.
- Just Married Band Booking – Mike W.
The Just Married Band expressed interest in performing in March 2026 but will not be able to confirm a specific date until the end of August 2025. Sandi S. will assume responsibility for communicating with the band effective immediately to confirm the date and time.
- Joint Meeting with COG Board date – Mike W.
Per Mark S., the joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2025, and he will provide an update to the Council once confirmed.

Future Events/Activities

These items were discussed for the events/activities calendar.

- Financial Seminar by Dave L. - October 2025
- Painting and wine class by Michelle Fox - TBD
- Luau combined with Parrothead weekend – August 16, 2025
- Roadkill Cook-off – September 6, 2025 at 4:00 pm
- Next year – Christmas in June (also called Leon Day) or July
A proposal was made for June or July 2026, with further discussion to take place once the Council begins planning 2026 calendar.
- Birthday Cake – To continue through the end of 2025, with a discussion and re-evaluation to be conducted at a later date.

Board Report – Mark S.

Council was asked to exercise discretion when engaging with prospective members or selecting new members. This request is in light of recent social media marketing efforts and a recent incident in which an individual sought to visit but was found to have an extensive record of criminal charges. The importance of being selective when approving new membership was emphasized.

Member comments

- Per Nancy R., they have collected \$2,500.00 for the quilt. The squares are being sold for \$100.00 each with 25 out of 36 squares left to sell. The money collected will be for the deck at Tara Hall.
- New food truck to be here for Labor Day.

Events/Activities Calendar – Review August Through December – Mike W.

Updated future monthly calendar events/activities: August 2025 through December 2025. Mike W. and Jennifer W. added these events/activities to a separate calendar. CM J. looking for volunteers to run games on Labor Day to give Council members a break.

Action Items

- Lori M. to familiarize herself with the front office accounting procedures.
- Sherry L. to forward updated Star Ranch Membership application to front office.
- Obtain volunteers as Deck Crawl hosts.
- Monthly birthday celebration with cake follow-up.
- Membership outreach will be ongoing.

- Mike W. to write an Amendment to the Constitution regarding 6 month probation period for new members.
- Richard W. & Sherry L. to draft guidelines: new member applicant interview guidelines, and annual/biennial of membership review guidelines.
- Joint meeting with COG Board.
- CM J. to contact the last paint person to come back for a class – Mike W. instructed CM J. to contact the last paint person to come back for a class.

With no further input or issues, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry L.