

SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:	10:00 am
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rhum C., Dan H., CM J., Sherry L., Jennifer M., Pete T., Mike W., Richard W.
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Dennis M. and Lori M.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mark S., Jean M., Mark B.
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE:	8 rough estimate (excluding council members)
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2025:	Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

- Financial Report – Mike W. (Lori M. was not present)
 - Beginning balance at previous council meeting dated August 9, 2025 was \$537.97. Expenses totaled \$237.97. Lori M. was not present and did not provide an expense total; however, Mike W. reported the current balance. The total expenses were determined by subtracting the current balance from the beginning balance at last council meeting.
 - Current balance is: \$300.00
 - The Board President, Mark S. has requested milestone awards for membership anniversaries at 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50 years, and beyond. Lori M. proposed a total council budget of \$10,000.00. Prior to approval, the Board is requesting a detailed breakdown of expenses along with a justification for the \$10,000.00 council budget. The council has agreed that Lori M. will provide/present an itemized budget summary but did not specify a submission date.
 - The food committee will no longer provide paper plates, napkins, cups, or plastic utensils (spoons, forks, and knives) for council events such as meet-and-greets and potlucks. Lori M. has included these items as a line item in the proposed budget. For smaller quantities, the council has been allocated two shelves in the locked supply room at the Nekkid Parrot. Additionally, for easy access, the council may store bulk

supplies in a labeled box or container marked “Council Supplies” in the Silver Shack.

- No motion was made to accept and approve financial report.
- Membership Report – CM J.
 - As of August 9, 2025, there have been four (4) membership interviews and approved nine (9) new members. One (1) person did not renew their membership.
 - Current members: 317 (no definite number at this time)

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Items

- Event scheduling and conflicts - Mike W.

At meet the President’s meeting on October 4, 2025, Mike W. discussed with Mark S. that the Board has been approving events. Mike W. expressed that he did not believe the Board’s role includes event approval, and Mark S. agreed.

The council requests to be notified of any member-scheduled events at least one week in advance, or sooner, if possible, as a courtesy to allow for coordination assistance if needed.

For music and games listed on the calendar, the council will place an asterisk next to these events to indicate they are “subject to change,” so members understand they may schedule events at any time of their choosing.

Council is not in favor of a formal calendar for use of facilities at Star Ranch.

The drum circle will be held at the labyrinth on every full moon, and April will notify the council of each scheduled date and weather permitting.
- Traveling Totties (used to be called Deck Crawl) hosts for October – Mike W.

Called for volunteers to serve as next Traveling Totties (deck crawl) hosts. We have no member commitments as of this meeting.
- Octoberfest – Mike W.

Discussed in the past. This meeting no decision was made to host an Octoberfest this year.

- Amendment to the Constitution – Mike W.
Proposed Amendment to the Constitution which will go into Article IV. 5. All new members approved by the Council for membership shall be subject to a 6-month probationary period. This period begins on the date that payment of initial membership dues is tendered to the office. This proposed amendment cannot be approved at today's meeting because it requires a 30-day waiting period. It will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.
- Annual Membership Review Discussion – Richard W.
Per the Constitution, Council is to review every membership annually. Mike W. developed and distributed a guideline for all Council members. Richard W. drafted the Sahnoan Council Operating Procedures (SCOPs) and shared them with the Council for review.
The SCOPs includes new member applicant interview guidelines, and annual (or) biennial of membership review guidelines. These procedures reflect the same practices the Council has followed in the past; however, they are now formally documented to consolidate institutional knowledge. The purpose of the Sahnoan Council Operating Procedures (SCOPs) is to ensure that the Council maintains consistent practices and activities throughout the year in support of the mission and goals outlined in the Sahnoan Constitution. The SCOPs are essential for promoting consistency, efficiency, accuracy, compliance, transparency, effective training, knowledge management, and legal protection. Mike W. will send Richard W. 2 sections to add and Mark S. requested Richard W. send a copy to the Board Members. Add the following: Appendix and Definitions. It will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.
- Just Married Band Booking – Mike W.
The Board approved the funds for the Just Married Band and they are booked for March 14, 2026 and Star Ranch will provide free accommodation for two (2) nights.
- Joint Meeting with COG Board date – Mike W.
Per Mark S., the joint meeting is TBD, and he will provide an update to the Council once confirmed.
- Sprong's request for Predator Awareness – Mike W.
Per Mark S., consider Predator Awareness training for all members, new applications and/or applicants. Motion that any application approved effective November 1, 2025 must complete the Predator Awareness class within their 6-month probationary period made by Richard W., and seconded by CM J. The motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and two (2) opposed and two (2) not present.

Future Events/Activities

These items were discussed for the events/activities calendar.

- Sock Hop – October 18, 2025 at 8:00 pm
- Spooky Halloween Golf Cart Ride – October 25, 2025 meet 7:30 pm at the Silver Shack
- Halloween – activities and prizes – November 1, 2025: CM J. will check about towels as prizes. Mike W. has asked a person to DJ but no response from the DJ.
- Financial Seminar by Dave L. – TBD – Mike W. will ask Dave L. for a specific date.
- Painting and wine class by Shawna – October 25, 2025 from 1:30 pm -4:00 pm – CM J. stated that they still need 20 members to be signed up by October 25, 2025 in order to hold the class. As of this meeting only ten (10) people have signed up. The image will be the wagon with the pumpkins in it.

Board Report – Mark S.

The pool & hot tub situation is currently under review, and no decisions have been made at this time. The Board will discuss the matter at their next meeting on October 18th.

Member comments

- Membership Application: three (3) members must sign the application and member is asking what the council does with those names and numbers. Mike W. replied, if Council has questions about the applicant, Council will call the member who signed their application and ask what their thoughts are on the applicant. The member is concerned about their names and numbers on the application for anyone and everyone to see that information.
- Jean M.: On Thursday before the race, Steve O. handed in a bag with metal scrap, screws, and nails underneath the table at the Pavilion and outside of the fence. For our volunteers and members, we appreciate your work but please pickup and cleanup afterwards.

Action Items

- Lori M. will provide/present an itemized budget summary.
- For music and games listed on the calendar, the council will place an asterisk next to these events to indicate they are “subject to change.”
- Proposed Amendment to the Constitution - Article IV. 5.
- Proposed Sahnnoan Council Operating Procedures (SCOPs) to be approved next Council Meeting.

- Joint Meeting with COG Board.
- Any application approved effective November 1, 2025 must complete the Predator Awareness class within their 6-month probationary period.

With no further input or issues, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry L.