

SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:	10:00 am
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	CM J., Sherry L., Dennis M., Jennifer M., Lori M., Pete T., Mike W., Richard W.
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Rhum C. and Dan H.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mark S., Jean M., Mark B.
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE:	12 rough estimate (excluding council members)
MINUTES FOR October 2025:	Approved unanimously and Posted at website

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

- Halloween Report – Jennifer M.
40 people attended and the potluck was a success. At 9:00 pm Halloween Costume Contest was held and the results were:
 - Funniest Costume (Tie): Mrs. Claus and Nudicorn, Scariest: Freddy Krueger, Best Male: Chief Poc, Best Female: Dark Fairy, Couple: Woody and Jessie
- Financial Report – Lori M.
 - Two (2) transfers from the office to cover charges and The Board transferred \$500.00. The total receipts is \$1,312.97.
 - Total disbursements was: \$895.83 for ParrotHead Weekend, patches for bags and small towels, small towels, paper plates, stars for towels, towels, three (3) service charges due to low balance, Anniversary Weekend, and Towels and Embroidery.
 - The Board will be voting on The Councils budget in December 2025.
 - Current balance is: \$417.14
 - Mike W. mentioned that we need to reconsider the embroidery on the towels, as the cost for embroidery is increasing.
- Membership Report – CM J.
 - As of October 11, 2025, last Council Meeting, we have three (3) new members. The Council has six (6) interviews scheduled today,

November 8, 2025 until 4:00 pm. These applications were delayed because emails sent from the office did not reach Council. Although the office sent them, they were not received for an unknown reason.

- Two (2) applications are scheduled for December 2025 and one (1) may need to be cancelled.
- Events Calendar – Mike W.
Mike requested new event ideas and encouraged members to sign up as hosts to assist with upcoming activities. He will forward all confirmed information to Mark D. for posting on the website.
 - Mark S. suggested repeating the “pie in the face” event with Mike W., though no commitment was made.
 - The following events were discussed:
 - December 6, 2026 at 2:00 PM: Family Feud–possibly Council vs. Board.
 - January 2026: Proposed nude bowling event, pending discussion with the Manager of the bowling alley regarding the nudity policy.
 - January 2026: Shuffleboard clinic and Texas Hold 'Em event.
 - March 2026: Potential scavenger hunt, with Mark S. planning to ask Sandi S. if she is willing to coordinate.
 - April 4, 2026: Suggested adult Easter egg hunt. CM has plenty of plastic eggs.
 - Additional ideas included line dancing, crochet, general crafts, a Super Bowl gathering, Daytona 500 watch party, dart tournament, pool tournament, ping pong tournament and other games such as Trivia Pursuit.
 - Mike W. Will get with Pete T. and Dennis M. and schedule how to setup the various equipment's for the games.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Items

- Need Hosts for November and December 2025 - Mike W.
 - Week 3 in November 2025: Dan H.
 - Week 4 in November 2025: Dennis M. & Lori M.
 - Week 1 in December 2025: Richard W. & Sherry L.
 - Week 2 in December 2025: Mike W. & Jennifer M.
 - Week 3 in December 2025: Pete T.
 - Week 4 in December 2025: Host to be determined. (TBD)

- Amendment to the Constitution - Mike W.
Article IV.14 was brought to a vote.
A six (6) month probation for new members. Motion was made by Richard W., and seconded by Pete T. to approve a six (6) month probation period for new members. The motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 1 opposed.
- 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.
- Hall Upkeep request – Jennifer M.
Housekeeping requests that all members assist with end-of-night cleanup, including removing food and trash bags and trash bags to be taken to the dumpster, to help prevent pests. Suggestion was made that perhaps placing signs in Tara Hall and Pavilion stating: Please clean up after yourself. Be respectful of others. Mark S. noted that he will draft an item for the newsletter and coordinate with Tim, the General Manager, to have signs posted.
- Review Predator Awareness Training for all new applications – Mike W.
Mike W. was asked by a couple of members to place this on the agenda. A motion was made by CM J. and seconded by Dennis M. to exempt both new and existing members from being required to complete the Predator Awareness Training course. Instead, the council will ensure that new applicants are made aware of the course, have access to it, and maintain an open discussion to keep all members informed. The motion passed with six (6) in favor and two (2) opposed. Members noted that the mandatory aspect of the training was the primary concern but agreed to encourage participation. As of November 8, 2025, nine (9) members have completed the course.

Future Events/Activities

These items were briefly discussed for the events/activities calendar.

- Yarn Group – November 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Tara Hall Cafe
- Thanksgiving, Cowboy Campfire, Christmas at Star, and New Year's Eve

Board Report – Mark S.

The hot tub has been purchased, with delivery expected between November 10–15, 2025. Significant work is required on the patio, which will serve as the temporary location. The Board voted to demolish the pool/hot tub room, including removal of the roof, all three walls, the pool, and the hot tub. The Board will determine future plans for the resulting space.

Member comments

- Mike W. stated that, in his opinion, the Board should either impose a membership cap or implement a temporary pause on accepting new applications, as Star Ranch was not designed to accommodate 200 members much less 300 members. He noted that the current number of members is placing a strain on the facility.
- Mark S. stated that the Star Ranch office has mailed out the rate increase notifications via certified mail to ensure that all members were properly notified and acknowledged receipt.

Action Items

- Joint Meeting with COG Board.

With no further input or issues, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry L.