

SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:	10:05 am
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rhum C., Dan H., CM J. (On Phone), Sherry L., Dennis M., Jennifer M., Lori M., Pete T., Mike W., Richard W.
COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:	None
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mark S. and Jean M.
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE:	11 rough estimate (excluding council members)
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2025:	Approved unanimously and Posted at website

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

- Financial Report – Lori M.
 - Balance Forward: \$417.14
 - Total disbursements from October 31, 2025 through December 8, 2025 was: \$280.93 for two (2) low balance charges (service charge increased from \$6.00 to \$7.00 a month), Thanksgiving decorations, cookie boxes, material for necklaces for new members, Saran-wrap and cookie contest prizes.
 - Balance as of December 13, 2025: \$136.21
 - The Board will be voting on The Council's 2026 budget in December 2025. Lori M. has delivered an itemized budget totaling \$6,500.00 to the Board and is awaiting review and approval.
 - Lori M. and Mike W. mentioned that we need to reconsider the embroidery on the towels, as the cost for embroidery is increasing.
- Events Calendar – Mike W.

Mike requested new winter 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.

 - Suggestions: Billiards, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard, Darts, Bingo, Poker, Bowling, etc.

- The following events were discussed:
 - Mike W. has left a message with the Manager of the bowling alley, but Mike W. has not heard back from the Manager as of date of this meeting.
 - Lori M. will be hosting Line Dance classes every Monday at 1:00 pm beginning December 15, 2025 through February 2, 2026. Lori will be on the Boat cruise beginning February 9th-20th, 2026.
 - January 3rd and January 17th, 2026 : Introduction to Line Dancing at 1:00 pm with Lori M.
 - January 3, 2026: Family Feud game at 7:00 pm with Sherry L.
 - January 17, 2026: Billiards Tournament at 8:00 pm with Dennis M.
 - January 24, 2026 : Dart Tournament at 8:00 pm with CM J.
 - January 31, 2026: Brad's Mardi Gras Celebration at 6:00 pm.
 - January 31, 2026: Surprise by two (2) members at 7:00 pm at Tara Hall.
 - February 14, 2026: Black Tie Sweetheart Dinner by Pete T. Reservations need to be made ahead of time. Cost is roughly \$50.00 per person with menu and contact information to be announce in the Newsletter.
 - February 28, 2026: Appetizer at 2:00 pm and Soup Potluck at 6:00 pm.
 - February 28, 2026: Instead of the Boat Rance, Sandi S. will be having the Remote Control Car Race from 1 pm – 3 pm at the Pickleball Courts.
 - March 7th and 21st, 2026: Line Dance at 7:00 pm with Lori M.
 - March 14, 2026: Corn beef and cabbage potluck at 6:00 pm.
 - March 21, 2026: Work Day
 - March 28, 2026: Bare Buns 5k at 11:00 am.
- Motion was made by Richard W. to move the event calendar to the end of the agenda after all business has been conducted.
- Membership Report – CM J.
 - As of November 8, 2025, we had six (6) interviews and that makes eleven (11) new members. Total new members as of today's meeting is 318 members.
- The Council's Standard Operating Procedures – Mike W.
 The purpose of the Sahnoan Council Operational Procedures (SCOPs) is to ensure that Council preserves and administers consistent practices and activities throughout the year in achieving the Mission and Goals of the Constitution of the Sahnoans. This final version is not adopting anything but

rather a formal document of how the Council operates. It is a collection of how to do things/events, a training tool for new council members so that we collect the institutional knowledge of how events/things have been done in the past. Council has been emailed the SCOPs and we are proposing to place this document on the new website under the Members Only section.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Items

- Need Hosts for January 2026, February 2026, and March 2026 - Mike W.
 - January through March 2026: Hosts TBD.
 - A member requested that the names of the weekend Hosts be posted at the Nekkid Parrot and Tara Hall.

- Membership Qualification Discussion - Mike W.

A request was made for Council to review current membership qualifications, noting concerns that three visits and three signatures may be either insufficient or excessive. Council was asked to consider whether the membership requirements should be strengthened or relaxed.

- A request was made for a report on members who have not renewed their membership within the past two (2) years, including their length of tenure at Star Ranch, to identify who has been lost and for how long they were members. Lori M. will retrieve this report.
- A request was made to post a list of Council member names at the Nekkid Parrot; the list is already posted at Tara Hall bulletin board.
- Effective January 1, 2026, change qualifications for membership to visits having at least six (6) months; six (6) visits with at least three (3) separate overnight visits when applying for membership and there are three (3) signatures required with one (1) of those signatures must be a Council Member.

Motion was made by Lori M., and seconded by Richard W. to approve change qualifications for membership. The motion passed unanimously.

- Membership Application to be updated with new verbiage, deliver a copy to the office to begin using the UPDATED Membership Application beginning January 1, 2026. A separate one-page summary of Qualifications to become a member. Sherry L. will update and deliver membership application and one page summary to office.

Future Events/Activities

These items were briefly discussed for the events/activities calendar. We are asking for help.

- Christmas at Star
- New Year's Eve
- Valentine's Day
- Mardi Gras

Board Report – Mark S.

Regarding the hot tub, no timeframe of completion but are close to becoming ready to use.

Member comments

- No comments.

Action Items

- Joint Meeting with COG Board.
- Sahnoan Council Operational Procedures (SCOPs) to be placed on the website – Members Only section.
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With no further input or issues, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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