

SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 am

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan H., CM J., Sherry L., Dennis M., Jennifer M., Lori M., Pete T., Mike W., Richard W.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Rhum C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark S., Mark B.

NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 8 rough estimate (excluding council members)

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2026: Approved unanimously and Posted at website

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

- Financial Report – Lori M.
 - Two (2) deductions: \$229.65 (Service Charge 12/31/2025 and Karaoke License for 2025)
 - Current balance as of 03/14/2026 is: \$5,361.56
 - CM has two receipts that were given to Lori M. for reimbursement. (Pie Contest prizes and 2 towels ordered = \$95.00 (rough estimate).
- Membership Report – CM J.
 - Since December 2025 we have not had any interviews. Council has four (4) interviews today, March 14, 2026. Council has two (2) other interviews waiting, one is on March 28, 2026 due to they are in Tennessee and the other interview is sometime in May 2026 due to he is out of town.
 - For interviews, scheduling 30-minute intervals instead of one-hour gaps was discussed by Council, but no final decision was made. However, CM J. notified all interviewees on March 13, 2026, to please arrive early.
 - A couple of people have not renewed their memberships. Membership count as of today, March 14, 2026 is: 314 members.
 - The posting of Council Members and Hosts in the Hall and at the Parrot has been discussed in prior meetings; however, implementation has not occurred due to the absence of designated activity hosts. This item is on today's agenda for March, April, and May 2026 for further discussion regarding hosts for activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Items

- Special Recognition – Richard W.
 - No special recognition was presented.
 - CM J. inquired whether a decision has been made for the Council to issue certificates to members for milestone anniversaries (e.g., 5, 10, 20 years). Mike W. confirmed that this had been approved but not yet implemented. Lori M. added that the Board would like the Council to move forward with this initiative. The Council discussed timing and logistics, including whether recognitions should occur monthly, quarterly, or annually. Jennifer M. suggested presenting the certificates during the Annual Shareholder's Meeting. Additional considerations included whether certificates should be mailed or held at the office for pickup, as well as whether they should be printed in-house or professionally produced. The option of providing alternative awards or gifts for longevity milestones, instead of certificates, was also discussed. It was noted that further review is needed before implementation. The Board will cover the cost of certificates or awards. A motion was made by CM J. to present membership awards/certificates at the Annual Shareholder's Meeting held the last weekend of April, seconded by Pete T. Following discussion, CM J. amended the motion to begin the program at the 2027 Annual Shareholder's Meeting, seconded by Mike W. Point of contact will be Lori M. The amended motion passed unanimously.
 - Dan H. asked about the special recognition for Bob & Nancy R. The Board declined to move forward with that special recognition.
- Need Hosts for March, April, and May 2026 – Richard W.
 - March 13-15: Richard W. & Sherry L.
 - March 20-22: No host(s) – (Work Day)
 - March 27-29: No host(s) needed this weekend. (Bare Buns 5K weekend)
 - April 3-5: Mike W. & Jennifer M. (Easter weekend)
 - April 10-12: CM J. (Straw Poll is on the 11th)
 - April 17-19: Pete T.
 - April 24-26: Dennis M. & Lori M. (Shareholder's Meeting – Board Election is on the 25th). (**NOTE: Mark B. will be KJ'ing at his place NOT the pool. All are invited.**)
 - May 1-3: Mike W. & Jennifer M. (Cinco De Mayo)
 - May 8-10: Richard W. & Sherry L. (Mother's Day)

- May 15-17: Dan H.
- May 22-25: Mike W. & Jennifer M. (Memorial Day Weekend)
- May 29-31: Rhum C.
- Karaoke Jockey's (KJ's): **2nd & 4th Saturday of every month - 2026**
 - Jodi J. & CM J.: Primary (2nd Saturday of every month only)
 - Mark B.: Primary (4th Saturday of every month)
 - Richard W. & Sherry L.: Substitute (2nd and/or 4th Saturday of every month as needed only)
 - Michael & Vicky I.: Substitute (2nd and/or 4th Saturday of every month as needed only)
- Mark B. would like to know if there is an appetite for him to have a film festival sometime in the fall. He would like to bring it back and he will have a date for Council next month (April 2026).
- Mike W. noted that, depending on the results of the Council elections in June 2026, certain duties will need to be reassigned. For example, CM J. will no longer handle Membership, and Mike W. typically books bands and DJs, so the Council should consider who will take over these responsibilities. CM J. encouraged members present that anyone interested in serving on the Council should run. For 2026, there are four (4) open positions: one (1) couple and two (2) singles.
- Fred B. inquired about the process for running for Council. Historically, members interested in serving can indicate their interest during the elections. Last year, bios were submitted to Jennifer M. to include in the monthly newsletter. Members can also be elected at the Council meeting (the first Saturday in June) and this year it is on Saturday, June 6, 2026, if nominated by another member. Unlike Board elections, which follow a formal By-Laws process for shareholder voting, Council elections allow all members to vote and do not follow the same formal procedures.
- Straw Poll - Board position nominees – Richard W.
 - The Straw Poll Meeting is held on the second weekend in April. For 2026, it is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. The Straw Poll allows the Membership to indicate their preferred candidates for the Board to the Council, which the Council may consider when deciding how to allocate their 101 shares in the election. Historically, over the past fifteen (15) years, the Council has not voted these shares. The Straw Poll is non-binding, and in the last two (2) elections, the final Board elected candidates differed from the Straw Poll results. There is no deadline for Board position nominations; candidates can be nominated on the day of the election.

Board Report – Mark S.

The issues with the Tara Hall kitchen continue. The Board met on March 12, 2026, to discuss several options, but no final decision has been reached. Nancy R. and Jean M. relocated breakfast service to the Nekkid Parrot/Pool area, which has alleviated some immediate pressure on the Tara Hall kitchen, though the problem remains under evaluation. Potential solutions being considered include replacing the existing kitchen equipment (a bid of \$22,000.00 has been received), using a food trailer, or hiring a vendor to take over breakfast service entirely. The Board will provide an update at the next Board Meeting as research and deliberation are ongoing.

Additionally, CM J. reported that the Council hosted a pie contest, which raised \$1,900.00; these donations were applied as an extra payment toward the hot tub.

Member comments

- From mailbox suggestion box: Sauna (no explanation) but that is for the Board to address. Windsock in the back forty needs replacing; however, per Bob R. it has been replaced last month (February 2026).
- Even though we are now passed winter, it was suggested to consider a grilled chicken or chicken-themed cookoff/potluck style. Other options include a chicken BBQ or general chicken grilling event to create a cookoff/potluck, particularly for winter or early spring, as filling the activity calendar during springtime has been challenging.
- A gentle reminder: Council does **not** provide food for events/potlucks, which include meat(s). This is an established policy that Council will adhere to.
- Spa/Hot Tub Update: There have been ongoing issues with the controls. Someone made adjustments, which Bob R. corrected, but a few days later the password was changed by an unknown individual. Bob R. has since reset the system, and the issue has now been resolved. NOTE: The hot tub is limited to a maximum of 6–8 people at a time.
- Nancy R. expressed her gratitude to the members of Star Ranch for their support during the winter and in light of the kitchen issues. Members contributed a variety of excellent dishes, including quiche, casseroles, sausage wraps, tacos, homemade banana nut bread, coffee cake, and fruit. She commended everyone for their generosity and teamwork, noting that the members' efforts helped the group get through the challenges.
- Mark S. noted that a band has been arranged for this weekend by the Council and funded by the Board. The office opened the cabins earlier than usual, contributing to what is expected to be a busy and successful weekend. He was pleased to see activity in RV Row, the Pines, and that all cabins and rooms are fully occupied. He extended kudos to everyone!

- CM J. asked that members support the silent auction taking place today, Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the pool area. Any winning bids will be charged to members' accounts, so cash is not required. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to the Star Ranch project, specifically for a fence along the entry drive.

Future Events/Activities

Just Married Band:	Saturday, March 14, 2026
St. Patrick's Day:	Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Work Day:	Saturday, March 21, 2026
Memorial Day (Weekend):	Friday thru Monday, May 22-25, 2026
Memorial Day (Nude Radio):	Sunday, May 24, 2026
Garage Sale:	Saturday & Sunday, May 23-24, 2026
Chilly Cheeks 5K:	Saturday, October 3, 2026

Action Items

- Posting of Council Members and Hosts in the Hall and at the Nekkid Parrot. Nancy R. to be notified that she will write on the white board (and) Chris A. to be contacted for Council photos AFTER Council elections in June 2026. Point of contact will be Mike W. & Jennifer M.
- Council to issue certificates to members for milestone anniversaries (e.g., 5, 10, 20 years) begin the program at the 2027 Annual Shareholder's Meeting. Point of contact will be Lori M.
- Mark B. to host a film festival in the fall. Date will be given at the next Council meeting.
- Council to discuss and/or reassign Council duties before June 6, 2026 election.
- Council to discuss hosting a chicken-themed cookoff/potluck style activity.

With no further input or issues, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry L.

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