

Minutes of SIR Branch # 159  
Branch Executive Committee (BEC) June 8, 2017 at 10 am

Present were: Big Sir Gary Smith, Little Sir Mike Rumley (excused), Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Carl Merz, Treasurer Shane Petersen, Assistant Treasurer Roger Mc Coy, Directors: Mike Moyle (2017), Mike Williamson (2017), Dell Kerns (2018), Rich Lewis (2018), Duke Marshall (2019), Stuart Poytress (2019), and Roger Deal (Hon Dir) total of 12 of 13 for a quorum (at least 7 required). Others present included Howard Zinn, Reg Rosander, Gilbert Matossian, John Crawford, Ron Wilson, Ron Travis, Ray Allen, Allan Baxter, Gary Becker, Gary Morgan, Perry Huffman, Terry Byrne, Steve Chase, Steve Whitehead, Lee Moy, and others.

**Big Sir:** At 9:59 am Gary Smith called the meeting to order. Vic Froehmer confirmed a quorum was present. A letter was sent out to Inactive Members. One responded to remain inactive and another was deceased. A follow up will be done on others. Today's speaker will be Sharon Weaver, the Executive Director for the San Joaquin River Park Way Trust. State Sir reorganized, Branch 159 is now in Region 2 Area 19.

**Little Sir:**

**Secretary:** Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz's minutes for April 13, 2017 were approved as presented. Motion made, Seconded, discussed and Passed (MSP)

**Treasurer:** Shane Petersen presented report and detail of income and expenses with a May 11, 2017 balance \$7,303.31 which includes \$500 in cash. MSP Ladies Day attendance was 206, 151, 99, 79, and 60 for 2017 picnic. In an effort to improve attendance, Shane requested \$350 for Jeremy "Elvis" Pierce for December. MSP

**Membership:** John Crawford reported that we have 198 active members plus 42 inactive, YTD change -2. He requested BEC approval of 1 new member #38, 3 members for termination #103, #168, #174, 0 members from active to inactive status, 1 member to return to active status #28, 0 members for Emeritus status. MSP Membership counts do not include those voted on today. John showed a 20 X 30 Sir poster for activities to use. John needs to hear from each activity for wording on their sign.

**Attendance:** Duke Marshall reported we have 197 active members, 132 members attended luncheon with 37 excused which is 67% of active members.

**Telephones:** Ron Travis reported today's luncheon estimate is 118.

**Sunshine:** Ron Wilson gave a detail report on many members and their families that are having health issues, those that have recovered, and those no longer with us. Sal Morales' wife Betty and Jim Whitmer passed away.

**Chanticleer:** Sir Mike Williamson announced all is fine.

**Computer Group:** Roger Deal is on summer vacation. Perry Huffman will do a speakers program of his past work on Saturday, June 24, 1 pm at Door Art gallery.

**Golf:** Gilbert Matossian reported Gary Morgan will receive his Ron Rich Tournament Jacket today for winning. Gilbert passed the jacket around, the art work was excellent. 2017 Branch 159 team championship is on Thursday, June 15 at Sherwood. NCGA individual qualifier is on June 22 at Riverside. Roger Dunn will be giving our golf members a special discount on July 19.

**New Business:**

Motion #2017-14 Nominate Rich Lewis for Little Sir. MSP Unanimous  
Motion #2017-15 List of exceptions for motion not requiring written motion form. MSP Unanimous

Motion #2017-16 Pay \$500 for a day at the races. MSP No Vic Froehmer - Pay \$600 to \$1,000 for a bench in memory of Jim Whitmer at 15 tee at Riverside. Roger Deal has samples of plaque inscription for bench. Riverside will install bench bolted to cement slab. Gilbert has offered a donation from golf. Whitmer's Warriors have offered a donation. Once we have confirmed figures, the board will vote via email on this motion 2017-17.

**Old Business:**

-Inactive letter covered above.

Adjourned at 11:00 am ---- Secretary Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz

**MOTION # 2017-14**

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on June 8, 2017 by MIKE RUMLEY “in absentee” Chairman of the Branch 159 Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee consists of an Honorary Life Time Member, A past Big Sir, a BEC Director, and the current Little Sir.

**TITLE: NOMINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR LITTLE SIR, 2018**

**IT IS MOVED THAT:** The position of Little Sir for the calendar year 2018 be extended to SIR Rich Lewis. Further, Mr. Lewis has given his consent for the nomination AND was the consensus choice of the committee.

Seconded by: Dell Kerns

A quorum of the BEC was present.

The motion is passed

MEMBERS VOTING YES: Unanimous

MEMBERS VOTING NO:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Vic Froehmer

BRANCH 159 SECRETARY

**MOTION # 2017-15**

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on June 8, 2017,  
by GARY SMITH.

**TITLE: WRITTEN MOTIONS**

**IT IS MOVED THAT:**

All motions brought before the Branch Executive Committee must be in writing in the prescribed format, except:

- 1) Procedural motions;
- 2) Motions which are totally administrative;
- 3) Motions for disbursement of funds in which the amount to be disbursed is less than \$50.00.

If any objection is made regarding whether a motion is either procedural or administrative, the determination shall be made by the Big Sir.

Seconded by: Vic Froehmer

A quorum of the BEC was present.

The motion is passed

MEMBERS VOTING YES: Unanimous

MEMBERS VOTING NO:

Dated: June 8, 2017

Signed: Vic Froehmer

SECRETARY BRANCH 159

MOTION # 2017 – 16

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on June 8, 2017

by Gary Smith

**TITLE: DAY AT THE RACES**

**It is moved that:** Branch 159 shall sponsor a race at the BIG FRESNO FAIR on the date appointed by the fair as Senior Day. This sponsorship shall be offered to the other branches in Area 29 and if accepted, all promotional activities shall be joint activities with the participating branches.

The amount of \$500.00 shall be set aside for the cost of this sponsorship to be shared on a prorata basis by all participating branches. SIR expects to recoup the entire sum by offering its members reserved seats in a dedicated section of the grandstand for a nominal sum, but in the event the total cost is not recovered, the shortage shall be borne as stated above.

Carl Merz is appointed as event chairman.

Seconded by: Stuart Poytress

A quorum of the BEC was present

The motion is PASSED

MEMBERS VOTING YES: Gary Smith, Carl Merz, Shane Petersen, Roger Mc Coy, Mike Moyle, Mike Williamson, Dell Kerns, Rich Lewis, Duke Marshall, Stuart Poytress, and Roger Deal

MEMBERS VOTING NO: Vic Froehmer

Signed: Vic Froehmer BRANCH 159 SECRETARY

MOTION # 2017-17

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on July 13, 2017,  
by Vic Froehmer.

**TITLE Jim Whitmer Bench**

**IT IS MOVED THAT** Branch 159 dedicate a bench to Jim Whitmer at 15<sup>th</sup> tee  
at Riverside at a cost of \$500.

Seconded by : \_\_\_\_\_

A quorum of the BEC was/ was not present.

The motion is **PASSED/ FAILED / TABLED**

MEMBERS VOTING YES:

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MEMBERS VOTING NO:

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Signed: Vic Froehmer BRANCH 159 SECRETARY