

Minutes of SIR Branch # 159 Rev 1
Branch Executive Committee (BEC) **August 9, 2018** at 10 am

Present were: Big Sir Mike Rumley, Little Sir Rich Lewis, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Carl Merz, Treasurer Stan Day, Assistant Treasurer Bruce Corwin, and Directors: Dell Kerns (2018), Gary Becker (2018), Joseph “Duke” Marshall (2019) (excused), Stuart Poytress (2019), Gary Morgan (2020), Ron Wilson (2020), and Roger Deal (Hon Dir) total of 12 of 13 for a quorum (at least 7 required). Others present included Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford, Mike Williamson, Rich Colby, Howard Zinn, Reg Rosander, Ron Travis, Gary Morgan, Mike Moyle, Fred Martinez, Perry Huffman, Lee Moy, Terry Byrne, and others.

Big Sir: At 9:43 AM Mike Rumley called the meeting to order. Vic Froehmer confirmed a quorum was present.

Secretary: Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz’s minutes for July 12, 2018 were approved as presented. Motion made, Seconded, discussed and Passed (MSP)

Telephones: Ron Travis reported today’s luncheon estimate is 116.

State Annual August 7 Meeting Notes: Mike Rumley gave recap from his notes that he sent out before today’s meeting. Inactive category eliminated, branches decide if luncheon attendance is required, minimum bank balance at \$20 per member maximum \$40. We are at \$30 per member. Look like State assessments will increase again in 2019 by 15%. Ed Benson is chairman of a new committee to expand membership. His suggestions include: Open membership to all men, not just retired. Change name from SIR to The Men’s Social Club. Replace roster with fighting game cock. Add 5 new branches in northern California including Nevada. Remove the word retirement from all SIR documents. Discussion at our meeting felt these were not good changes and 15% increase is too much without cutting their expenses first.

Little Sir: Rich Lewis announced today’s speakers is Ralph Kachdourian a Fresno employee responsible for high speed rail acquiring land and route planning.

Nominating Committee: Reg Rosander nominating committee presented 2019 ballot that will be voted at today’s August Luncheon. New nominees are Little Sir Dell Kerns, Directors Steve Chase (2021) and Pete Openshaw (2021), Area 29 Governor Mike Rumley. Returning officers will be on ballot. Big Sir Rich Lewis, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Carl Merz, Treasurer Stan Day, Assistant Treasurer Bruce Corwin MSP

Treasurer: Stan Day presented report and detail of income and expenses with a August 2, 2018 balance \$5,888.07 which includes \$500 in cash. MSP We have a new contract

with Pardini's is at \$16 with only 1 buffet line starting today. MSP Budget committee will present a 2019 budget that may include increased assessment to \$20 or more and members paying \$16 for lunch which is the amount we pay Pardini. This will be old business next month. This increase is needed due to increased expenses including State branch assessment increases.

Membership: John Crawford reported that we have 198 active members plus 14 inactive. He requested BEC approval of 2 new members #8, #13, 1 member for termination #163, 0 members from active to inactive status, and 0 members to return to active status, 0 members for Emeritus status. MSP Approval to buy 1 polo shirt for John Crawford who brought in most new members in 2017. MSP

Director's Report: Ron Wilson gave his report.

Dine out Night: Wednesday, August 15 Mimi's Café in Riverpark, Fresno, and Social 5:30, Dinner: 6:00 sponsored by Danny and Gail Munoz.

Golf: Mike Moyle announced he is still looking for someone to replace him as Area 29 Golf Chairman effective January 1, 2019.

Chanticleer: Fred Martinez will replace Mike Williamson.

Attendance: Fred Martinez will replace Dell Kerns.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourned at 10:59 AM ---- Secretary Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz