

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

March 12, 2020

The meeting opened at 9:45 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC members present were Little Sir Bruce Corwin, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Robert Scott, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, and Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley. Directors present were Roger Deal (Honorary Director), Gary Morgan (2020), Ron Wilson (2020), Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), and Thomas Simpson (2022). Excused from the meeting was Big Sir Dell Kerns. Secretary Vic Froehmer announced that a quorum was present (12 of 13).

The minutes of the February 13, 2020 luncheon meeting were presented. Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted, the motion was seconded by Director Steve Chase, and the vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

Director Pete Openshaw announced that the anticipated attendance for the luncheon this day would be 131 roosters. However, Pardini's was told to prepare for 120. Our speaker for the day would be Dr. Chelsey Juarez, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, CSUF.

Next, Treasurer Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). Cash on hand was pronounced to be \$9,733.09. It was noted that the club actually loses \$.50 for each lunch served during our monthly luncheons. Steve Chase moved that we accept the report as submitted, Director Ron Wilson seconded the motion, and the vote to accept the Monthly Cash Report was unanimous.

In regard to membership information, Director John Crawford reminded us that today's meeting would be the 300th meeting of Branch 159. Next, our March Membership Report was examined. The report indicated that we had inducted 2 new members and terminated 11 members. The terminations occurred because members had failed to pay their annual assessment. Also, 6 potential members were to be accepted pending the approval of this report. Steve Chase moved that we approve the report, Ron Wilson seconded the motion, and the February Membership Report was approved 11-1 with Vic Froehmer voting "No" because members being terminated had not been sent a letter. John Crawford then reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). The report showed that as the result of adding 2 new members while dropping 11 members, our membership total at the end of February 2020 was 206. Brett Bayley moved that we accept the report, Steve Chase seconded the move, and the Monthly Branch Membership Report was approved unanimously.

Former Big Sir, Rich Lewis, stated the luncheon count for February 2020 was 123 club members and five visitors.

Little Sir Bruce Corwin then announced that the RAMP committee would be having a meeting immediately after lunch.

Little Sir Bruce Corwin then asked who would want microphone time during the meeting. Members Fred Martinez, Duke Marshall, Ron Wilson, Howard Zinn, and Reg Rosander said they needed to speak during the luncheon.

Old Business was next on the agenda. John Crawford stated that Branch 159 was celebrating its 30th year. In recognition of the event, a SIRs pin has been produced that will be available to each member.

Regarding New Business, Ron Wilson suggested that we consider not having a luncheon meeting for the next three months because of the coronavirus. After a discussion, it was decided that we would have a BEC meeting at the normal time in April, but not have a club luncheon meeting. At the April BEC meeting, it will be determined if a May 2020 luncheon will be held. Ron Wilson moved that we adopt this recommendation, Vic Froehmer seconded the motion, and the proposed action was unanimously approved.

Next, Bruce Corwin led a discussion regarding the SIR State Town Hall Notes. He emphasized the responsibilities of SIR membership and each SIR doing their part to make the club successful. He also presented a new SIRs brochure, "Free Lunch Cards", and website www.WeAreSIR.com. In addition, a conversation about SIR insurance coverage for the branch and members occurred. Bruce stated he would research the topic and report his findings to the BEC.

The next agenda item involved the March cruise. It was announced that Carnival had canceled the cruise. However, the April Princess Cruise is still scheduled.

Recently the Porterville library was destroyed by fire and 77,000 books were destroyed. Reg Rosander suggested that we examine our Branch 159 library and personal libraries and donate some of our books to the Porterville library. He said there was a special need for children books. Steve Chase moved we adopt these actions, Ron Wilson seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Finally, Bruce Corwin played a video about the fiduciary responsibilities of the BEC.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Secretaries Vic Froehmer and Robert Scott