

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting November 12, 2020

The meeting opened at 9:00 am utilizing the Zoom meeting format. BEC members present were Big Sir Dell Kerns, Little Sir Bruce Corwin, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Ron Wilson (2020), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), and Tom Simpson (2022). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Directors Gary Morgan (2020) and Steve Chase (2021). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12). Incoming Director for 2021, Richard Glover also joined the meeting.

Next, a review of the October 8th meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that “callers” had been contacted to inform the members on their lists that a November luncheon would not be held. There is some evidence that the “callers” are not making their calls. Pete should follow up with the callers to be sure they are calling their members in December.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). There were no financial activities during the month, so cash on hand remained at \$8,643.53. John Crawford moved the report be approved, and Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the October Membership Report. The report indicated we have 205 members. However, we have one new member to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and nine new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon meeting. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report also indicated we have 205 members. John Crawford moved both the Membership Report and the Form 27 report be accepted, and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda. We again discussed finding members to assume the duties presently being completed by Gary Morgan. Gary Lemaster has agreed to assume some of the duties involving the golf activities. More help is still needed to complete the needs of the golf group. Bruce Corwin said he will begin completing the duties required of the Webmaster and Publicity Chairman until replacements are found.

Next under old business was a discussion about the 2021 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reported that State SIRs has canceled the branch's 2021 first quarter assessment. Brian estimated that not having to pay the assessment would save us approximately \$350. He also said he has received about 35% of 2021 assessments due from branch members.

The third item under old business involved Form 20. It was noted that our Form 20 outlining administrative Branch 150 personnel has been submitted. It was also mentioned that Form 20 needs to be updated regularly when changes occur.

The first new business item was a reminder that our Branch Roster needs to be submitted during February of 2021.

The second new business item involved the necessity to complete new bank signature cards. The signatures will be provided at the bank tomorrow.

The next item under new business concerned guidance we have received from State SIRs regarding SIR sponsored luncheons, activities, and events. The notice informs SIR branches that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further notice. However, it was decided that since various local golf courses are following state and local guidelines and are still allowed to operate, golf chairmen should notify golfers that they may participate as individuals in non-SIR sponsored golf activities. Golf chairmen should inform the golfers that there is no insurance coverage, and they may choose to ask each golfer to sign a disclaimer stating that the golf activities are not SIR sanctioned events, and their play is totally voluntary.

Richard Glover a new BEC director beginning in 2021 was welcomed to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer