

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting January 14, 2021

The meeting opened at 9:00 am utilizing the Zoom meeting format. BEC members present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), Richard Glover (2023), and Javier Rodriguez (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Past Big Sir Del Kerns also joined the meeting. Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the December 10th meeting minutes was conducted. John Crawford moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Brett Bayley 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 January luncheon would not be held. More BEC members reported receiving a call. The callers reported that only significant news regarding the branch members was the death of Jack Neugebauer.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activity during December was the deposit of \$825 for 2021 membership assessments. The cash balance at the end of December was \$12,118.53. John Crawford moved the report be approved, and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the December Membership Report. The report indicated we have 211 members. In addition, we have no new members to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and fifteen new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon meeting. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report also indicated we have 211 members. Brett Bayley moved both the Membership Report and the Form 27 report be accepted, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion involved the 2021 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reported that 67 members have not submitted their 2021 membership payment. It was decided that BEC members would contact each of the 67 members to remind them that the membership payment is due by February first, and it should be sent to Brian Nicholson. The members are to be reminded that our first luncheon meeting would be free.

The first new business item was a review of the branch activities and the chairman of each activity for 2021. Steve Chase moved that the activities and chairmen be approved as presented, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

The second new business item was an announcement that Brian Nicholson would be submitting our annual audit to the state organization by February 10, 2021.

The next agenda item involved our branch roster which will be completed by John Crawford. The roster will be prepared and presented to the state organization during February after the member assessment process is completed.

Our branch Membership Directory was the next item of conversation. After much discussion, it was decided that the 2021 directory would only be available on-line. This will save printing and mailing expenses. It was noted that there are still copies of the 2020 Membership Directory available on request. Steve Chase moved that we approve the suggestion, and Javier Rodrigues seconded the motion. The idea of having the 2021 roster available only on-line was approved unanimously.

The ensuing topic was the announcement that Dale Decker will be both our Area Governor and Regional Director until a new Area Governor is found.

Bruce Corwin then reminded BEC members that today was the final session of the leadership training that has been occurring this week. It was stated that all of the training will be posted on the state website at a later date.

The final new business item involved Del Kerns installing the 2021 officers for Branch 159.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer