

## SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting February 11, 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 Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), Thomas Simpson (2022), Richard Glover (2023), and Javier Rodriguez (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Steve Chase (2021). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the January 14th meeting minutes was conducted. John Crawford moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Tom Simpson 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 February luncheon would not be held. Pete Openshaw the chairman of the “callers” reported that he had not received any unfavorable information about members this month.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activity during January was the deposit of \$850 for 2021 membership assessments. The cash balance at the end of January was \$12,968.53. Brett Bayley moved the report be approved, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the January 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we have 210 members. The report also specified 12 members have requested leaving our group, and two members have passed away. On the positive side, we have one new member to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and fifteen new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon. Brett Bayley moved that the Membership Report be accepted, and Pete Openshaw seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion involved the 2021 membership assessment. It was reported that all members who had not paid their 2021 assessment as of January 14, 2021 had been contacted to determine their intentions to maintain their membership. For various reasons, Branch 159 will have 14 fewer members as of February 1, 2021.

The first new business item concerned our Branch Roster. Each year the roster needs to be submitted to our state organization after the 2021 assessments have been collected. John Crawford will complete this requirement. In addition, Rich Colby will be finalizing our 2021 roster. For the first time, the roster will only be published online.

The second new business entry was an announcement that Gary Morgan would be taking over the duties of Branch Webmaster.

The next topic of discussion involved the birthday and anniversary gifts that are presented at our monthly meetings. After a short discussion, it was decided that no awards would be necessary for the meetings we have missed. We will simply resume the practice when we begin our luncheon meetings.

Before the meeting adjourned, Javier Rodriguez suggested that we should consider identifying branch members who are willing to be acknowledged as CPR certified. This information would be invaluable at all branch activities. It was decided that an email message would be sent to all members requesting information about their CPR skills and their willingness to be identified as CPR trained. The possibility of CPR training classes was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer