

## SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting March 11, 2021

The meeting opened at 11:30 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), Steve Chase (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). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the February 11th meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase 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 March luncheon would not be held. Pete Openshaw the chairman of the “callers” reported that he had received news that the wife of Ron Branam had died as the result of COVID. He also reported that two “callers” were no longer available to him, and he is seeking new members to replace them.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activities during February was the deposit of \$425 for 2021 membership assessments and one disbursement for \$81.61. The cash balance at the end of February was \$13,311.92. John Crawford moved the report be approved, and Richard Glover seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the February 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we have inducted one new member and terminated 14 members. Therefore, at the end of February we had 197 active members. He then explained that he wanted to modify the form he had submitted by deleting or adding names. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted as amended, and Robert Scott seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion the SIR Branch 159 Directory for 2021. The directory has been issued on-line to BEC members for review. A question was asked about the “interests” portion of each member’s information. It was indicated that the interests for some members were not published. John Crawford will work with Richard Colby to review this issue.

The first new business item involved a SIR COVID Survey. The state SIR officials issued a survey to determine the status of SIR members in regard to COVID. The results of the survey are to be used to help determine who might need assistance in getting a vaccine. Bruce reported he had contacted two people who needed help, and they have not responded yet.

The second new business entry was a discussion about the state SIR's Outdoor Activity Resolution and Protocols. The guidelines were issued to help SIR branches restart golf and other outside activities. Branch 159 used these guidelines to develop local proposals. Big Sir Bruce Corwin issued, with BEC approval, SIR Branch 159 Resolution 21-1 to be used for local outdoor activities. Steve Chase moved that the Branch 159 Resolution be approved and Javier Rodriguez second the motion. The resolution passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Before the meeting adjourned, Javier Rodriguez stated that several golfers were concerned about "slow play" during our weekly tournaments. Other BEC members agreed that slow play was an issue that could cause local golf courses to not accept our tournaments. It was decided that Brian Nicholson would work with Duke Marshall to convene a meeting of the golf committee, if needed, to develop suggestions for addressing this issue. However, there are published guidelines on our webpage under rules for golf which address this issue, so additional guidance may not be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

## SIR 159 Resolution 21-1

RESOLVED, that all SIR-sponsored outdoor activities including team sports, such as golf, are henceforth approved by our Branch, provided:

- (a) such activities and not prohibited by an applicable order of the California Department of Public Health or County or Municipal Health Department, and
- (b) all activities are conducted under written protocols in effect at the golf course played or the other activity venue and the members comply with said protocols, and
- (c) If a golfer who has participated in a SIR Golf event becomes ill and tests positive for COVID-19 they must immediately contact the SIR Golf Chair of their event and inform him. The SIR Golf Chair should in turn inform all participants of the event of this issue. Those members who were in the group with the ill member should be contacted directly. To assure privacy no names should be mentioned. The SIR Golf Chair should also inform the following individuals, Branch Big Sir and Activities Chair, and Area Governor