

## SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

April 8, 2021

The meeting opened at 9:45 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC members present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer. 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 Treasurer Brett Bayley and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the March 11th meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had contacted members to determine the number of roosters who were planning to attend our April meeting. Pete Openshaw said he was expecting about 140 members to be at our first luncheon in over a year. He also reported that two volunteers had agreed to replace the two "callers" who were no longer available.

John Crawford then reported about the program for today's luncheon. Because today we are celebrating 30 years of existence, many of our past Big Sirs have agreed to present highlights of their terms in office. It was felt that both old and new members would benefit from this information.

The next item discussed involved the requests for "mike" time during the luncheon. Those requesting time to speak to the attendees were Duke Marshall, Gary Morgan, Stuart Poytress, and Howard Zinn.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activities during March was the deposit of \$175.00 for 2021 membership assessments and one disbursement for \$54.28. The cash balance at the end of March was \$13,432.64. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the March 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we have inducted four new members and terminated one member. Therefore, at the end of March we had 200 active members. He then explained that an additional four new members would be inducted today when his report was approved by the Branch Executive Committee. John also reviewed the

Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Richard Glover seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion was the golf pace of play. Although corrective practices have been presented in the Chanticleer, BEC members felt that we still need other actions. Some of the suggestions were to teach ready golf, use stroke penalties for slow players, and ask "A" players in each foursome to encourage their playing partners to meet ready golf expectations. The golf committee will continue to pursue other possible ideas. The main concerns of the BEC is the amount of time needed to complete a round of golf and that excessive amount of time possibly causing golf courses to not want us to use their facilities in the future.

The next old business topic involved CPR training for our members. We have found that we have several trained CPR providers, but they are not certified. It was suggested that we have a luncheon program to learn about CPR and promote training and certification for SIR members.

New Business was next of the agenda. It was reported that our luncheon cost would increase to \$17. It was also decided that the 50/50 tickets would be four tickets for \$3.00.

The next new business item involved scheduling speakers for our monthly luncheon. At this time, Rick Ramson a Branch 159 member will be our speaker in May. It was suggested that other branch members would be excellent speakers for our group.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin then presented three items that can help us increase our membership. First, Bruce showed a flyer that presents the SIR program and various advantages of being a SIR member. Second was a card that each member could carry and hand out to people encouraging them to attend one of our luncheon meetings. The third item was another card. This card, however, involved a member promising to personally buy a free lunch for someone if they would attend our luncheon meeting.

Our final new business item involved courtesy to our speakers. BEC members agreed that our personal table discussions can become rather distracting during our speaker presentations. It was indicated that our speakers have taken time to prepare a program and attend our meeting to present their program. It is felt that the speakers need to be shown respect and courtesy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer