

## SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

June 10, 2021

The meeting opened at 9:45 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2021), Steve Chase (2021), John Crawford (2022), Thomas Simpson (2022), Richard Glover (2023), and Javier Rodriguez (2023). Excused from the meeting were Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer. Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12).

Next, a review of the May 13<sup>th</sup> 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 submitted their reports, and we expect 95 members to attend today's luncheon.

Stuart Poytress announced that a member of the Clovis Police Department would present the program at the luncheon. The topics of the presentation would involve fraud and scams that are so prevalent today.

The next item discussed involved the requests for microphone time during the luncheon. Those requesting time to speak to the luncheon attendees were Duke Marshall and Stuart Poytress.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Only minor financial activity occurred during May. The cash balance at the end of May was \$10,633.27. 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 May 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we inducted two new members during the month. Therefore, at the end of May we had 204 active members. He then presented two potential candidates that would be confirmed by approval of his report. In addition, John stated that six members who had been approved by the BEC at previous meetings would be inducted when they attended their next meeting. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Thomas Simpson seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda. The idea of pursuing CPR training for SIR members has been discussed during past BEC meetings. Stuart Poytress reported he had contacted the Red Cross, and they are willing to come to a location of our choosing if we have eight or more members desiring training. Stuart stated he would present the idea to members during the luncheon and ask that anyone interested sign a signup sheet.

New Business was next of the agenda, and the first topic involved the election of officers and the report from the nomination committee. At this time, the proposed candidates are Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Richard Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Because Richard Glover is vacating a Director position to perform the duties of the Little Sir, three new directors are required. The three members proposed are Mark Isonio, Jerry Brady, and Roger McEvoy. This slate of officers will be presented to the membership, and a vote will be taken during the August 2021 meeting.

The next new business item involved new Honorary Lifetime Members (HLM). It was announced that Perry Huffman would be getting his award at lunch today. It was also noted that Ron Wilson has been an HLM for over 10 years, so we can choose an additional HLM. Consequently, Steve Chase moved that Bruce Corwin receive the additional HLM, and Richard Glover seconded the motion. The branch BEC approved the motion unanimously.

Everyone was reminded that our July meeting would involve all four of the SIR branches in Fresno. The program is of special interest because it involves the unusual experiences of an Italian man during World War II. A book has been written about the experiences, and the program will be presented by the man's son.

Next, it was indicated by Gary Morgan that we need to determine the activity chairmen for 2022 because the webpage needs to begin publishing activity dates. Stuart Poytress will begin contacting existing activity chairmen.

Bruce Corwin suggested we consider beginning the BEC meetings at 10:15 am instead of 9:45 am. The BEC members agreed with this suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.  
Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer