

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

August 12, 2021

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers 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), Thomas Simpson (2022), Javier Rodrigues (2023), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting was Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer. Also attending the meeting was Dale Decker our Regional Director. Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (11 of 12).

Next, a review of the July 8, 2021 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 105 Branch 159 members to attend today's luncheon. It was also announced by Bruce Corwin that our fellow rooster Jerry Poochigian had passed last night.

Stuart Poytress announced George Veater, a cattle rancher and financial planner, will be our program today. Next month, our speaker will be Edward Antenucci who will present information about the real estate market. We also learned that Alan Autry, actor and former mayor of Fresno will be our speaker at our October luncheon.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin asked who would need time at the microphone during the luncheon meeting. Duke Marshall and Regional Director Dale Decker said they wanted to speak during the luncheon.

Regional Director Dale Decker then was invited to address the BEC. He stated that he wanted to present information about three points. First, he stated he was concerned about the required number of branch officers and directors in small branches. He thought small branches needed more flexibility in determining the number of officers and directors they really needed. Second, he indicated that SIR volunteers needed more recognition. He informed us that he wanted to title 2022 the Year-of-the-Branch. When he learned of the various awards we already had in place to recognize our volunteers, he stated we were doing a good job in this area. Third, he believes we need to reconsider the various limitations, regarding term limits for officers and directors, that are currently in place. He hoped that many of these ideas would be reflected in changes of the SIRs manual he anticipated next year.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Brian Nicholson said the primary causes of the reduction of ending cash balance was payment of the State Board Assessment, and the loss of over \$400 for our July luncheon. The cash balance at the end of July was \$9,908.19. Steve Chase 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 July 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we did not induct or terminate any members during the month. Therefore, at the end of July our membership total remained at 206 active members. He then presented the potential candidates that would be confirmed by approval of his report. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Referring to Form 27, John reminded us that we have gained 14 members this year but lost 19. Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved. After the vote, it was stressed that we have been losing members because they are moving out of the area.

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 have a 6 hour class that they present at their offices. There are currently 8 Branch 159 members who have indicated they would like to receive the training. The cost for each participant is \$105. The BEC felt that having trained CPR members available at events and activities is desirable. John Crawford moved that Branch 159 pay \$50 of the program costs for the 8 members and Javier Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The topic of election of officers was next on the agenda. Bruce announced that the group of proposed officers and directors would be introduced during the luncheon. Following the introduction, a vote would be taken. The proposed list of officers is: 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.

Bruce Corwin then asked if the BEC members felt there could be interest in helping form an unassociated women's group for our wives, significant others, and friends. A flyer will be sent to all members to determine if the idea is feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.
Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer