

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

October 7, 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), Javier Rodrigues (2023), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the September 9, 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 have ordered 90 lunches for today's meeting. Pete also mentioned that Ken Mohn has passed away.

Stuart Poytress announced that Matthew Grundry, Fresno Deputy Mayor, will be presenting information at our luncheon about Mayor Dyer's vision and initiatives with details about the mayor's six goals. Mr. Gundry has previously spoken to our group when he was the CEO at Habitat for Humanity.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported we only had minor income and expense activities during the month. However, we did not have the attendance expected at our September luncheon, so our luncheon cost exceeded our luncheon income by approximately \$230. Brian also noted that the fourth quarter assessment fee due to the state organization was waived saving Branch 159 about \$350. Consequently, we had an ending cash balance of \$9,679.56 at the end of September. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the September 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we inducted one new member during September, and our total membership is now 209 members. John then noted a potential candidate, Gary McCrea, who 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 17 members this year but lost 21. Steve Chase moved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion that both membership reports be accepted. The reports were unanimously approved.

The subject of CPR training was on the agenda for old business. Stuart Poytress said that December 5, 2021 appears to be an available date for our training. He indicated that there are 10 SIR members who have stated they are interested in the training. He will contact each of these members to determine if the December 5th date is acceptable.

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshal and Steve Chase indicated they would like to address the group. Duke also announced that he will be “stepping down” from the golf chairman position at the end of the 2021/2022 golf year.

Each year at this time, we receive notice from Pardini’s restaurant about the anticipated luncheon cost for the coming year. The cost to SIRs 159 for each lunch next year is \$17.37. The details for the determination of this cost is available on the Pardini’s contract.

As a result of the luncheon cost increase, the BEC then discussed the monthly luncheon and voluntary 50/50 drawing costs for each member. It was moved that the luncheon cost for 2022 be \$18. Included also in the motion was a voluntary cost of \$5 to enter the 50/50 drawing. The participant in the drawing will receive 6 tickets for each \$5 purchase. Steve Chase moved that the fee proposal be accepted, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The BEC then discussed the annual membership fee. After some discussion, Steve Chase moved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion that we keep the annual membership fee at \$25. The measure passed unanimously.

With these items in mind, Brian Nicholson presented his proposed budget for 2022. The final budget will be formalized using the cost changes that were approved by the BEC.

Steve Chase and Ron Wilson reminded the BEC that we have real property in the form of audio equipment that we no longer need. It was proposed that we donate the equipment to the Westside Boy’s Club organization. Brett Bayley moved that the proposal be accepted and Steve Chase seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ron and Steve will gather the equipment and offer it to the Westside Boy’s Club.

A vote to select an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award recipient was taken. The BEC voted and awarded an HLM award to Duke Marshall. The award is to be announced at our luncheon meeting.

It was also announced that we would not have a Christmas luncheon with our wives because the past luncheons have not been well attended. Also, SIRs may be increasing its use of social media platforms in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.
Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer