

## SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

November 11, 2021

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were 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 Rodriguez (2023), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12).

Next, a review of the October 7, 2021 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Richard Glover 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 David H. Johnson has passed away.

Stuart Poytress announced that today's program, the National Guard in Fresno, had to be rescheduled for December because the unit was participating in Veterans Day activities. Instead, he planned to present information regarding Veterans Day that he thought the members would find interesting.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported we had minor income and expenses involving stationery and computer program updates during the month. In regard to our luncheon expense, we did a better job of forecasting our attendance in October, so our luncheon expense only exceed our income by approximately \$60. Consequently, we had an ending cash balance of \$9,185.45 at the end of October. Brett Bayley moved the report be approved, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the October 2021 Membership Report and noted this would be our 319<sup>th</sup> SIRs 159 meeting. The report also indicated we inducted one new member and terminated 2 members during October, and our total membership is now 206 members. John then noted a potential candidate, Ron Dunkin, 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 18 members this year but lost 23. Steve Chase moved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion that both membership reports be accepted. The reports were unanimously approved.

Regarding Old Business, Ron Wilson announced that he had collected SIR 159 audio equipment we were no longer using, and as approved during our October BEC meeting, donated the equipment to the Fresno Boys Club. The FBG will distribute the equipment to various club locations throughout Fresno.

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshal, Fred Martinez, and Ron Wilson indicated they would like to address the group.

The idea of reestablishing the Ambassador Program for new members was presented. Some members mentioned that when the Ambassador Program was in practice, it often resulted in duplicate information being given to our inductees. After a review of our present procedures, it was decided that an Ambassador Program was not necessary at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.  
Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer