

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
March 3, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Thomas Simpson (2022), Roger McEvoy (2023), and Mark Isonio (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the February 10, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 92 lunches for today's meeting.

Stuart Poytress announced that today's program will be Captain Sanchez of the Air National Guard based here in Fresno. His program will feature a slide show and will precede the luncheon service due to the captain's tight schedule.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported several activities that were indicated on his report. There was an additional \$250.00 collected in annual assessments. Brian also indicated our February luncheon was "a push." Consequently, we had an ending cash balance of \$13,184.53 for a subsequent gain of approximately \$100. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Roger McEvoy seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the February 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 323<sup>rd</sup> SIR 159 meeting. John reviewed the Membership Report (Form 27) and indicated we would be inducting three new members today ... Bill Sanders, Loren LeBaron, and Gregg Gephart. After a termination of 17 members (approved at the February BEC meeting), we now have 186 members. John Crawford moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that the membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Steve Chase, Bob Moore, Bruce Corwin and Fred Martinez would like to address the group.

Some discussion followed concerning two members who had not renewed their membership due to extenuating medical situations. It was moved by Steve Chase and seconded by Jerry Brady that we would keep them on our roster and extend our support for these individuals. It was approved unanimously.

The next new business item was a proposal by Ron Wilson to use some of our strong cash reserves to sponsor another free lunch with an upgraded menu (e.g. prime rib) to boost our attendance at the monthly luncheons. It was also proposed that to further entice our existing

membership and new member candidates, we should go after “A list” speakers. The discussion centered on a need to upgrade our speakers. Stuart Poytress suggested a Speaker Committee of 3 to 4 people in order to assist the Little Sir in seeking good speakers. Stuart indicated he would bring this up at today’s meeting.

Treasurer Brian Nicholson then confirmed that both the Branch Account and Golf Account were successfully audited as required each fiscal year.

Bruce Corwin, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated Russ Anderson for the vacated Little Sir position. Brian Nicholson moved to approve this nomination, and it was seconded by Steve Chase. The nomination was approved unanimously by the BEC, and Russ will be introduced as the new Little SIR at our April luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley