

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
April 14, 2022

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

Next, a review of the March 3, 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 100 lunches for today's meeting. It was also reported that one of our members, Hal Berg, had died.

Stuart Poytress announced that today's program will be John Mount, a forester who is retired from a career at Southern California Edison. His program will feature a slide show about the Creek Fire near Shaver Lake in 2020.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during March 2023 were all routine items. Once again, the difference between our luncheon income and expenses were within an acceptable amount. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of March 2023 was 13,165.74.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the February 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 324th SIR 159 meeting. He reported that 3 new members were inducted and 4 roster members were terminated during March. In addition, John also indicated that there are 2 members to be terminated and 2 new members to be approved by the BEC today. Next Form 27, The Monthly Branch Membership Report, was examined. Both membership reports indicated we had 185 members at the end of March 2022. John Crawford moved and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion that the membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall and Fred Martinez would like to address the group.

An item regarding old business involved the forming of a committee to assist our Little Sir in identifying speakers for our monthly luncheons. This same topic was also discussed at a recent meeting of Branch 159 Honorary Life Members and past Big Sirs. At that meeting, the attendees agreed to actively help find quality speakers and provide their names to the Little Sir.

A second old business item was the possibility of using a portion of our cash balance to fund a special menu luncheon. The BEC decided that the month of October 2022 would be a good month for the event. Bruce Corwin will meet with Pardini's to develop details.

Concerning new business items, Bruce Corwin reported that an ad seeking new members had been placed in the Clovis Roundup. Also, Bruce stated that a new awards system was being

considered at the state level of SIRs. His last item involved the list of projected officers and directors of Branch 159 for 2023. At this time, all positions have a candidate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley