

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
August 11, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Rich Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Thomas Simpson (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), and Mark Isonio (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (11 of 12).

Next, a review of the July 14, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 95 lunches for today's meeting.

Rich Glover, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Jonathan Lopez, the Public Information Officer for the Fresno City Fire Department.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during July 2022 included some expenditures worthy of mention. One disbursement involved printing costs of \$124.50, and a second involved payment of our quarterly dues to the state SIRs which amounted to \$323.75. Also, our luncheon income exceeded costs by approximately \$72. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of July 2022 was 11,717.87. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved, and Steve Chase seconded the motion. The report received unanimous approval.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the July 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 328th SIRs Branch 159 meeting. He reported that 2 new members were inducted, and 1 roster member was terminated during July. In addition, John also indicated that the addition of two new members, and the deletion of another member would be approved by the BEC today. Next Form 27, The Monthly Branch Membership Report, was examined. Both membership reports indicated we had 188 members at the end of July 2022. At this point in the year, although we have added 11 members, we still have 19 fewer members than we did at the beginning of 2022. Steve Chase moved and Tom Simpson seconded the motion that both amended membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item was an update about the special luncheon menu planned for our meeting in October. Bruce Corwin reported Pardini's has agreed to provide salmon as a second entrée. After some discussion, it was decided that our "Callers" would be asking members to choose steak or salmon during the monthly attendance calls. The date of our October luncheon is October 13th. The lunch will be served at the tables.

A new business item involved finding a meeting place early next year. During February, March, and April of 2023, Pardini's has scheduled some renovations to our meeting room. Bruce Corwin has had a meeting with the Piccadilly managers, and they have requested a luncheon cost that is significantly higher than we are presently paying. Therefore, Bruce and others will begin

to search for other possible meeting sites for those three months. They will report their findings at our meeting in September.

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the report of the Nominating Committee presented by Bruce Corwin. Our branch members will vote on the following SIR Branch 159 Executive Committee slate for 2023 during our luncheon today:

Big Sir	Richard Glover
Little Sir	Steve Chase
Treasurer	Brian Nicholson
Assistant Treasurer	Gary Elliott
Secretary	Robert Scott
Assistant Secretary	Brett Bayley
Membership Chair	John Crawford
Directors	Pete Openshaw (2023)
	John Briceno (2023)
	Jerry Brady (2024)
	Mark Isonio (2024)
	Russ Conrad (2025)
	Robert Ying (2025)

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Javier Rodriguez, and Alex Ramirez would like to address the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley