

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
September 8, 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 Javier Rodriguez (2023), Pete Openshaw (2023), and Jerry Brady (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12).

Next, a review of the August 11, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 96 lunches for today's meeting. Also, Pete Openshaw is in need of an additional caller.

Rich Glover, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Jim Patterson our assemblyman in the state assembly. Our speaker is expected to present information about current events.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during August 2022 were minimal and noted that our luncheon income actually exceed our luncheon expenses. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of August 2022 was 11,976.46. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved, and Richard Glover seconded the motion. The report received unanimous approval.

In regard to membership information, the reports indicated we will be having our 329<sup>th</sup> meeting today, and we presently have 187 members. Steve Chase moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved as sent. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item involved our meeting location for February, March, and April of 2023. Because Pardini's will be remodeling during those months, Stuart Poytress and Bruce Corwin have contacted many locations that could meet our needs. After comparing the facilities, costs, and parking information, it was decided that we would be meeting at the Yosemite Falls restaurant on Blackstone and Shaw. The cost for each lunch will be \$28, but our branch will pay \$3 of that amount, so each member will pay \$25 for these three months. Steve Chase moved and Brett Bailey seconded the motion to meet at Yosemite Falls. The motion was approved by all BEC members that were present.

Old business subject number two concerned our special luncheon next month. It was announced that callers had identified 46 members who would prefer salmon as their entrée. The remaining members will be served steak. Bruce Corwin stated he would be making an announcement regarding members who had not yet stated a preference at today's luncheon.

New business discussions began with a notice about new SIR State COVID recommendations. The BEC members decided that we would follow our local government guidelines.

A second new business item involved a letter from Dale Decker, the State Vice President of SIRs. The letter began with “My sincere compliments to all of your [sic] for such a well run branch.” The letter included other accolades and ended with “Now, tell me how I can clone your branch!” Big Sir Stuart Poytress stated we have been successful because of branch 159 member’s willingness to participate and to volunteer to meet the operational needs of our branch.

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Bruce Corwin, Pete Openshaw and Steve Chase would like to address the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley