

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
October 13, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were 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), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Pete Openshaw (2023), Mark Isonio (2024), and Jerry Brady (2024). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members in September and subsequent contacts, we have ordered 112 lunches for today's meeting.

Rich Glover, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Bernie Cargle, one of our members. The topic of the presentation involves the history of cotton picking.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during September 2022 were minimal. Our 50/50 drawing contributed \$107, while supplies cost \$228. He also noted that our luncheon income actually exceeded our luncheon expenses. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of September 2022 was \$11,900.42. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The report received unanimous approval.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford first reviewed the September Membership Report. The report shows today will be the 330th meeting of our branch. Also, we inducted one new member during September to bring our total membership to 190 members. However, we need to terminate member Randy Morris. Consequently, despite adding 14 new members this year, we have 18 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, John reviewed Form 27 that supported the Membership Report. He highlighted our branch average age of 74.9 years and the September luncheon attendance of 96 members. Steve Chase moved and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item involved our meeting location for February, March, and April of 2023. It is confirmed that we will meet during this three month period at Yosemite Falls Restaurant located at 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. It was also mentioned that we will be renegotiating our existing agreement with Pardini's during March or April of 2023.

New business discussions began with a notice from the SIR State Board that each branch would need to increase the assessment of branch members by \$0.25 per member per quarter. After some discussion, the BEC members decided that our branch would absorb the increase and the Branch 159 annual assessment will remain at \$25.

A second new business item involved plans for our December luncheon. Bruce Corwin stated we have in the past included our wives for a special luncheon in December. BEC members stated that when we had included wives in the past, attendance was lower than normal. It was then decided that we would have a special member's only holiday luncheon with ham and turkey. Some in attendance stated the Pardini's normally provided that luncheon menu. Bruce Corwin will meet with Pardini's to confirm the menu.

The next new business topic reverted to the 2023 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reminded BEC members that the 2023 member assessment will be due before the end of this year. Although the State SIR branch assessment is increasing, the assessment for each Branch 159 member will remain at \$25.

We also discussed the scheduling of programs for our luncheons during 2023. It was suggested that the Little Sir have available to him \$200 each month to help support various groups who will present the monthly programs at our meetings. It is believed that some non-profit organizations will be more willing to present programs if they are promised a contribution. It was stressed that the \$200 will be used only as necessary. Steve Chase moved that the recommendation be approved, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The recommendation received unanimous approval.

The final new business item concerned upcoming State SIR branch forums and town hall meetings. BEC members were provided a list of the dates and times of the forum meetings during November and December. The town hall meeting in January 2023 was also emphasized.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley