

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
January 12, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Yosemite Falls Cafe. BEC officers present were Big Sir Richard Glover, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the December, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we have ordered 85 lunches for today's meeting. In addition, it was reported that Ron Travis has moved to an assisted living facility, and Mark Isonio and Gary Morgan have volunteered to fill the two vacant caller positions.

It was then announced that there would not be a program for today's meeting.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during December 2022 involved only two transactions. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$850 during December from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023. The only other activity involved our luncheon receipts and payment that resulted in a \$51 deficit. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of December was \$12,138.59. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved and Pete Openshaw seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the December Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 333rd meeting of our branch. The report indicated 4 members were terminated during December, and one new member will be inducted upon approval this report. Consequently, despite adding 15 new members this year, we have 17 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, Form 27 revealed that 90 members attended our December luncheon. Pete Openshaw moved and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

Under the heading of Old Business, two items were mentioned. The first involved the current renewal of membership for 2023. Presently, 138 (73%) of Branch 159 members have paid their 2023 assessment. It was discussed that any member who had not paid their assessment by February 1, 2023 would be contacted by a BEC member before our next BEC meeting on February 9, 2023.

The 2023 Branch 159 Directory Update was the second old business item. Members are encouraged to review their information currently listed in the directory and contact Bruce Evans before the next luncheon if they want to make any changes to their listing. The Directory will be published when the roster includes all revisions and membership changes.

The first new business item was the 2023 contract with Pardini's. Bruce Corwin reported he had been in contact with Pardini management, and Pardini's was asking for our luncheon price to increase to \$21. Bruce mentioned that BEC could consider setting the price for members at \$20 and having the remaining \$1 paid by the branch. We have several months to decide because Pardini's will not be open to us until approximately June.

The next new business item involved the necessity of appointing an audit committee. The ensuing conversation resulted in Brian Nicholson volunteering to audit the golf committee report, and Brett Bayley agreeing to audit the treasurer report. The audits need to be completed by February 1, 2023.

Bruce Corwin then announced that the state SIR organization has made some organizational changes. The Area Governor level has been eliminated. He will now be an Area Representative. There is also the possibility that three other Fresno branches may combine into one large branch.

The final new business topic was the announcement that the branch needs a chairman for the Dine Out events. It was stated that the chairman is only a coordinator because each month a monthly chairman volunteers to coordinate the event for one month.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Duke Marshall, Brian Nicholson, Bruce Corwin, and Fred Martinez wanted to address the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley