

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
February 9, 2023

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

Next, a review of the January, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be approved, and Steve Chase seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we have ordered 96 lunches for today's meeting.

It was then announced that Allyson Brooks, the Community Engagement Manager for Sierra Foothill Conservancy, would be our program today. She will be presenting information about the goals of the conservancy and the various programs they offer to the public. It was also proposed that a list of presenters be compiled, so any member could refer to the list and know the dates we need a program.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during January 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$700 during January from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023. We also paid \$380 for our state member assessment and some small operation costs. The only other activity involved our luncheon receipts and payments that resulted in a \$3,140 deficit. The large deficit was the result of paying the costs of two luncheons because the Piccadilly Hotel requires their payment 10 days in advance. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of January was \$9,232.74. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and Brett Bailey seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the January Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 334th meeting of our branch. The report also indicated 6 members were terminated, and one new member was inducted during January. Next, Form 27 revealed that we started 2023 with 183 members. Steve Chase moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

Under the heading of Old Business the first item involved the current renewal of membership for 2023. Presently, 164 (92%) of Branch 159 members have paid their 2023 assessment. It was discussed that any member, who had not paid their assessment by the close of today's luncheon, would be dropped from the list of our active members. Steve Chase moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that this course of action be implemented. The proposal was approved unanimously.

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.

We are still in need of a Dine Out chairman. We do have monthly chairmen meeting the needs of the dinner each month, but a chairman for the overall program is still required. Bruce Corwin is filling the vacancy temporarily, but we need a permanent chairman.

The next old business item was the 2023 contract with Pardini's. Bruce Corwin reported he signed a contract with Pardini management, and Pardini's is asking for our luncheon price to increase to \$21. It was decided that we would discuss the cost to members at our next meeting. Some BEC members are suggesting we charge \$20, with the club paying the remaining \$1, and others think \$25 is appropriate.

The next item involved our annual audit reports. The reports are completed, and they have been certified.

The one new business item involved the contract we have with the Piccadilly Hotel concerning our meeting costs during our time away from Pardini's. The luncheon cost will be \$32. Members will pay \$25 and Branch 159 will pay the remaining \$7. The lunch will be a sit-down serving and consist of a salad, main course, and dessert. There will also be a "no host" open bar with a minimum requirement of \$500 in purchases. It is anticipated that we will be meeting at the Piccadilly Hotel until our June 2023 meeting.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley