

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
June 8, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's. BEC officers present were Big Sir Richard Glover, Little Sir Steve Chase, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Treasurers Gary Elliot and Keith Lovgren, Membership Chair Butch Evans and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Directors present were Russ Conrad (2025), Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Mark Isonio (2024), Jerry Brady (2024), Robert Ying (2025). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the May, 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, Pete Openshaw indicated we expect 105 attendees at our luncheon today. 95 were reported to Pardini's.

It was then announced that our scheduled speaker would be Ellington Smith, robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) expert who will be discussing the impact AI will have on us and society.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during May 2023 involved several items. The general disbursements totaled \$59.07 for officer's expenses and \$2,880 for monthly luncheon. The receipts for our May luncheon were \$1,965. The cash balance at the end of May was \$7,718.84. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and John Briceno seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the May Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 337th meeting of our branch.

The Membership Form 27 was also briefly discussed. The report stated Branch 159 had 173 members at the end of May 2023. Steve Chase moved that the report be accepted, and John Briceno seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

Under new business, Gary Morgan discussed how the Whitmer Warriors Memorial Bench at the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at Riverside GC has been damaged by course maintenance equipment. While having brought this to the attention of operations management at the course, they have been unresponsive. The bench is owned by our Branch and it was agreed that Gary Morgan would contact Airways GC concerning moving the memorial bench there.

Rich Glover and Lee Moy (representing the State SIR) then presented an opportunity to man a table at the upcoming Clovis Community Senior Resources event to be held June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. As a positive senior outreach event, we will have a recruiting team at the event headed by Little SIR Steve Chase.

Under old business, Bruce Corwin indicated the State SIR organization would be tabling any further discussion about women joining SIR for at least the balance of the year. The recently conducted state-wide membership survey resulted in an overwhelming “no” majority.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley