

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
July 13, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. 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), Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and opened the meeting.

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

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we expect 88 attendees at our luncheon today.

It was then announced that Malcolm Gibson, a journalist, and his wife Joyce would be presenting our program today. They will be presenting information about their experiences in South Africa.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during June 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$25 for dues, and general disbursements totaled \$178. The receipts for our June luncheon were \$1,960, and the luncheon expense was \$2,053. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of June was \$7,557.82. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was acknowledged that all BEC members had received the Membership Report and the Form 27 Report from Bruce Evans. It was moved that both reports be accepted as issued. The reports showed today will be the 340th meeting of our branch. Also, we have three members to be terminated for various reasons. In addition, the report listed two new members to be inducted upon BEC approval of this Membership Report. Steve Chase moved that both Membership Reports be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item was the scheduled luncheon programs for the remainder of 2023. It was announced that we have a full schedule until the end of the year.

The second old business topic involved the Whitmer Warriors memorial bench that is located on the 15th hole at the Riverside Golf Club. Gary Morgan announced that all repairs have been completed, and the bench is now safe and fully functional.

Third on the list of old business items involved Branch 159's participation at the Clovis Community Senior Resource program. Steve Chase announced the Clovis group organized the activity solely to connect individual seniors to various resources that could personally assist them. Since our reason to attend this program was to identify potential new members, the program's purpose and our goal were not compatible.

The first new business item concerned a notification from state SIRs about the existence of the SIRs Sons in Retirement Foundation, Inc. Bruce Corwin explained that the foundation was originally established to aid SIR members who are in need. Bruce specifically mentioned SIR members who had been directly impacted by the fires in Paradise, California.

The next new business item was the approval of the 2024 Branch 159 Executive Committee. The following is the information presented by Bruce Corwin and the nominating Committee.

Big SIR	Steve Chase
Little SIR	Mike Parker
Secretary	Robert Scott
Assistant Secretary	Brett Bayley
Treasurer	Garry Elliott
Assistant Treasurer	Keith Lovgren
2024 Director	Jerry Brady
2024 Director	Mark Isonio
2025 Director	Russ Conrad
2025 Director	Robert Ying
2026 Director	Pete Openshaw
2026 Director	Butch Evans

Richard Glover moved that the candidate list be approved, and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The list of proposed candidates for the 2024 BEC was approved unanimously. This list will be presented to the general membership for approval at the August luncheon meeting.

The final new business item concerned streamlining the timing of the luncheon meeting. Items discussed included trying to complete the luncheons about 1:15 pm, asking microphone time participants to organize and limit their presentations, and allowing the speaker about 15 to 20 minutes for their information and questions. Big Sir Richard Glover will begin reviewing procedures for our next meeting.

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

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

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley