

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
August 10, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Little Sir Steve Chase, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Steve Chase proclaimed we had a quorum (9 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the July, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin 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, we expect 100 attendees at our luncheon today.

It was then announced that Toni Tinoco, the Assistant Regional Director of the High Speed Rail Project in our area, would be our program for today. Melissa Flores, who is with the Rail Authority, would also assist with the program. They will be presenting information about the current and future high speed rail projects.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during July 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$180 from the 50/50 funds, and paid our state board assessment of \$346. The Custodial showed the receipts for our July luncheon were \$1,720, and the luncheon expense was \$1,950. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of July was \$7,111.23. Garry Elliott moved that the report be approved, and Russ Conrad seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was stated we now have 170 active members. However, we have four new members to be inducted into our organization. We also learned that today will be the 341st meeting of our branch. Bruce Corwin moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Bruce Corwin then announced that during our luncheon, the election of officers would be conducted. The following is the list of the proposed 2024 Branch 159 board members.

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  
2025 Director  
2026 Director  
2026 Director

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley