

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
September 14, 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), 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 August, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley 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 expect 80 attendees at our luncheon today.

Steve Chase then announced that there would be no outside program today. Instead, he wanted to grow a sense of community by having individual members tell humorous stories. Also, Steve confirmed we will have outside programs for the remainder of 2023.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during August 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$80 from the 50/50 funds, and disbursed \$21 for officer related expenses. The Custodial Accounts showed the receipts for our August luncheon were \$1,900, and the luncheon expense was \$2,053. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of August was \$7,017.34. 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 stated we now have 174 active members. In addition, we have three candidates to be sworn in when they next attend, and one new member to be inducted upon approval of this report. We also learned that today will be the 342nd meeting of our branch. We also were informed that we had 93 attendees at our August luncheon, but we had zero guests for the first time this year. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Because we were limited by the unavailability of video equipment, the program prepared by Big Sir Richard Glover regarding the agenda items listed under new business was postponed until the October meeting.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, proposed that we massage our website to accurately reflect what Branch 159 activities we actually do and eliminate things we are not engaged in at this time. Brett Bayley and Russ Conrad volunteered to assist Gary with this work.

The next discussion item involved the notification from Butch Evans that at the beginning of 2024, he will have completed his one year of promised service as manager of our membership data base. Fred Martinez has been our Member Relations Chairman and working closely with

Butch to complete membership activity duties. Fred said he would do some research and determine if his computer is capable of meeting the membership software program requirements. He will report next month.

It was then announced that the membership Form 27 report will now be available on the SIRINC website. The membership chairman will only have to enter the information on the form provided and then save and print a Form 27 report for distribution within the BEC each month.

Training sessions for all new branch officers will be held on two Saturdays in October. Dates to be announced.

A discussion then took place regarding how potential new members would be introduced to SIRs and our activities. There seems to be no problem with new members that are introduced to the club by active SIR sponsors. The sponsors help the new members integrate into our group. A problem seems to occur when a potential new member finds us on our website and completes all of the required paperwork on the website. It was decided that potential new members from the website would be assigned a sponsor. Therefore, before a potential member can be discussed by the BEC, a sponsor needs to meet with the candidate and brief him on SIR meetings, activities, and functions. The assigned sponsor can then recommend the candidate for membership.

It was also mentioned that we should consider having an active member present at the door to greet guests and potential new members. We need to develop a small information package to handout to these guests. Rich Colby volunteered to be a greeter.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley