

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
October 12, 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. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Brett Bayley proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12) and Big Sir Richard Glover opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the September, 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 82 attendees at our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin turned in 75 to Pardini's.

Steve Chase then announced that a representative of the Public Relations Office of Region 6 Caltrans would be our program today. They will be providing updates on ongoing projects as well as reviewing upcoming projects in the greater Fresno area.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during September 2023 involved several items. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved as submitted and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was stated we now have 175 active members. In addition, the BEC unanimously approved the memberships of Gerrard Garoian, Richard Manuel and Joe Contreras who are to be sworn in at today's luncheon. We also learned that today will be the 343rd meeting of our branch. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Treasurer Bruce Corwin discussed our annual assessment for members and it was unanimously agreed that we would maintain the \$25 assessment for 2024.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, indicated there would be a carryover to our next meeting for any proposed changes to our website. The committee that is reviewing the site for any proposed changes will be meeting again before the next BEC meeting.

Fred Martinez has done some research and determined that his computer is not presently capable of meeting the membership software program requirements. It was determined he would need a new "Access" software program and it was unanimously agreed to reimburse Fred for the cost of this software upgrade.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will involve Fred Martinez, Brian Nicholson and Bruce Corwin.

The final action involved an online review of updated SIRInc forms and State Sir manual updates. All forms are now using alpha descriptors in place of just numbers(eg Form 27, 28). Additionally, a review of available “recipe cards” for branch recruiting was shown to the BEC.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley