

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
November 9, 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, Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), and Robert Ying (2025). Robert Scott proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and Big Sir Richard Glover opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the October, 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, 95 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 90 lunches. Pete Openshaw also reported that two members who were callers had stated they were relinquishing their duties at the end of this year.

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Steve Chase then announced that John Mount, a former forester for Southern California Edison and an author of forestry books, would be our program today. He will be presenting his ideas about forest management.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Receipts from General Accounts were \$250 in dues and \$80 from our 50/50 drawing. Total receipts were \$330. Disbursements from the General Accounts totaled \$619 for officers' expenses. Receipts from our October luncheon was \$1,800, and the disbursement for the luncheon was \$1,889. As a result of these transactions, the balance shown on our October Cash Report was \$6,726.95. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was stated we now have 176 active members. During this month, we terminated one member, and proposed the addition of 4 new members that will be ready for induction upon the approval of this report. We also learned that today will be the 343rd meeting of our branch. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Mark Isonio seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, reported that the committee organized to update our website had met and determined that we would continue to utilize our current website format. The committee also felt that the references to COVID 19 should be removed. In addition, the wording on various activity items was revised to accurately represent our present involvement in those activities. The proposed changes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business involved the contract with Pardini's for our monthly luncheon. The price to our club for each lunch served during 2024 will be \$23.30. The BEC felt that \$25 would be the price that each member pays for lunch. Also, it was agreed that we would continue to meet the second Thursday of each month. Steve Chase moved that the proposal be approved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion.

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

A discussion about a possible field trip to Studio Golfer that would be of interest to our golfing members then occurred. Steve Chase will gather information about facility and report at our next BEC meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley