

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
January 11, 2024

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Steve Chase, Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Treasurer Keith Lovgren, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Robert Ying (2025), Pete Openshaw (2026), and Butch Evans (2026). Robert Scott proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the December 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Pete Openshaw seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, 103 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 93 lunches. Pete Openshaw also reminded the board that he still needs two callers. In addition, we learned that Steven Deak had passed away.

Steve Chase then announced that Debra Rush, CEO of Breaking the Chains, would be presenting information about her organization's mission of "providing hope, healing, and restoration to lives impacted by human trafficking."

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Total receipts were \$2,775.02 and total expenses were \$2,049.06. The total balance shown on our December Cash Report was \$9,067.55. 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 178 active members. However, we expect to swear in a new member during our luncheon today. We also learned that today will be the 345th meeting of our branch. Garry Elliott moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item involved an update on the progress of finding two additional "callers." Pete Openshaw, chairman of the callers, will make an appeal for help at our luncheon today. A short discussion then followed about other possible systems for determining who will attend each lunch. However, it was agreed that direct calls to each member was the simplest process.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, reported that the committee organized to update our website has made many modifications and needs only to discuss the travel section with the travel chairman. They will report on their progress at our next meeting.

A short report was given regarding the collection of 2024 membership assessments. It was announced that 107 of our members had paid their 2024 assessment (60%). We expected to receive more payments at today's luncheon. At the BEC meeting in February, the board will discuss procedures to contact those members who have not paid their 2024 assessment.

Bruce Corwin then announced that the 2024 Branch Executive Committee would be inducted at today's luncheon.

Next, a short discussion occurred regarding our golfers volunteering to monetarily reward their golf chairman. It was decided that the BEC members would examine the issue and be prepared to discuss the question at our February BEC meeting.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley