

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
March 14, 2024

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Steve Chase, Little Sir Mike Parker, Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Robert Ying (2025), Russ Conrad (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 February 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, 90 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan serving 85 lunches.

Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that Dave Bower of the Bricks 4 Kidz organization would be presenting information about the organization's programs to encourage creativity, to promote learning through play, and to spark interest in science, technology, math, and engineering.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported a \$43 net decline in our General Accounts because we paid our state assessment of \$435. He also stated that we had a gain of \$94 in our custodial accounts because our luncheon receipts exceeded luncheon costs. The total balance shown on the February Cash Report was \$9,777.20. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, as we near the end of the membership renewal period, it appears we have lost 16 members and gained 9 new members this year. After the membership reports reflect these changes, it is estimated we will have a little under 170 members. In addition, we also learned that today will be the 347th meeting of our branch.

As we search for a new membership chairman, it has been noted that we need to evaluate our existing software and report formats. Butch Evans and Rich Colby will begin to examine our present procedures and offer updates that will streamline and simplify our present practices. At the end of their work, membership reports for January, February, and March will be published. The goal is to make the Membership Chairman's job simpler and to have the membership committee work up-to-date when the new chairman is appointed. Big Sir Steve Chase has volunteered to provide a computer to our branch for membership activities. Pete Openshaw moved that the membership reports be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, will begin making modifications to a membership application format that will allow potential members to complete an application on line after finding our branch website.

The next agenda item involved our luncheon program time limitations. During our February BEC meeting, it was agreed the Big Sir would ask the membership during a monthly meeting about the amount of time that should be allotted to each luncheon speaker. The item is on today's luncheon agenda.

The Branch Audit Report was discussed next. The committee, consisting of Bruce Corwin and Brett Bayley, reported that the summary of receipts and disbursements for 2023 balanced with the branch cash balance of \$9,067.55. All 2023 transactions were found to be in order. Butch Evans moved that the audit report be accepted. Jerry Brady seconded the motion, and the report was approved unanimously.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will involve Brian Nicholson, Duke Marshall, and Butch Evans.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley