

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
May 9, 2024

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Steve Chase, Little Sir Mike Parker, Assistant Treasurer Keith Lovgren, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Robert Ying (2025), Pete Openshaw (2026), and Butch Evans (2026). Robert Scott proclaimed we had a quorum (9 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the April 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Mike Parker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, Pete Openshaw reported 91 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 85 lunches.

Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that Pastor and counselor Pete Untalon would be presenting information about his life changing experiences. The subjects will include his troubled youth, service in Viet Nam, and employment as a pastor at the women's prison in Chowchilla.

Next, the April Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Bruce Corwin reported a net loss of \$336 in our General Accounts primarily due to payment of our State Board assessment. However, we gained \$45 in our custodial accounts because our luncheon income exceeded our luncheon costs. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of April 2024 was \$9,946.88. Mike Parker moved that the report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

Following the cash report, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the various forms we use to monitor the Branch 159 performance. It was decided that we would continue to utilize Form 28 to report our financial activities. Our treasurer will gather information needed to complete the membership information from the Membership Chairman's Form 27 report. The Form 27 report will continue to be utilized by our branch to determine our branch health and viability. The report will be issued prior to our BEC meeting each month. Finally, it was decided we would attempt to consolidate the information on our Monthly Membership Report on to our Form 27 report.

There were also questions and answers regarding (1) adding a place on our online application to allow applicants to enter their wedding anniversary date, (2) continuing to follow the Branch 159 Operating Procedures, and (3) establishing a Branch 159 historical document so our past leaders and operations will be available to existing and new members.

The next question involved our existing file of past members who have been terminated from our organization. After some discussion, it was decided that we would not delete the file. Instead,

we will preserve the file and carefully protect the information for historical purposes. Butch Evans proposed this idea, it was seconded by Brett Bayley. and it passed with a unanimous vote.

In regard to membership information, Form 27 indicated we now have 171 members which is 6 fewer members than we had at the beginning of the year. Our Membership Report revealed Gary Parnell has terminated his membership, and Eddie Espinoza is available for induction at today's meeting. In addition, we also learned that today will be the 349th meeting of our branch.

Under New Business, Brian Nicholson, our golf chairman, indicated that our golf financial accounts needed to be audited. Brett Bayley volunteered to do the audit.

It was noted that we have submitted Form 65 to the State Sirs as required.

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

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley