

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
June 13, 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 Treasurer Keith Lovgren, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Pete Openshaw (2026). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the May 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Garry Elliott 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, Pete Openshaw reported 89 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 James Obler, from Fresno Coin Gallery, would be presenting information about the history of United States coins at today's luncheon.

Next, the April Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported a net gain of \$140 in our General Accounts primarily due to our 50/50 drawing. However, we lost \$30 in our custodial accounts because our luncheon costs exceeded our luncheon income. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of May 2024 was \$10,056.81. Mike Parker moved that the report be approved, and Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

The following agenda item concerned the membership reports. The Membership Report indicated that today would be the 350th meeting of SIRs Branch 159. As of the end of May, we had 168 members. To date, we have inducted 12 new members but lost 22. Garry Elliott moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Form 27 report was then reviewed. The report indicated we had one new member but lost 3 members during May. Also of interest, the section of the report involving luncheon attendance was mentioned. During 2024, we are averaging about 49% of our members attending each monthly luncheon. Mike Parker moved that the Form 27 report be approved, and Garry Elliott seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Adding a section for an applicant's wedding date to our online application form was the first old business item. Gary Morgan stated that the task had been completed.

The next old business item concerned the consolidation of our Branch 159 historical data. It was reported that we need a volunteer for this work, and also, a space to store all of our records.

During our last meeting, the combination of our two membership reports was debated. After some analysis, it was decided that keeping the two reports separate was the best option.

The final old business item concerned the financial audit of the Branch 159 Golf Club. Brett Bayley provided an audit report that indicated all transactions were found to be in order. He also stated that Roger McCoy had done a great job recording the financial activities during the year.

Our Sunshine Committee was the following discussion item. Pete Openshaw stated that as his callers report member issues to him, he is volunteering to temporarily contact members to determine their situations and provide assistance when necessary. He will do these duties until Charlie Barrett is available.

Since our May meeting, State SIRs has requested that we analyze our luncheon attendance. It seems that since COVID, the percentage of members attending monthly luncheons has been declining. Various reasons were offered including an aging membership and COVID. It was reported that our attendance percentage was near 50%.

Bruce Corwin then acknowledged that State SIRs would be holding a townhall Zoom meeting on June 20th. He stated that this meeting will be very important because the items to be discussed involved the future direction of the SIRs organization.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will include Duke Marshall and Gary Morgan.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley