

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
August 8, 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, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (8 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the July 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Garry Elliott 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, we found 93 members who stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin ordered 87 lunches from Pardini's.

Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that Gary Clemente, one of our members, would be presenting information about his father's career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The presentation will focus on his father's work combating the Mafia.

Next, the July Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported limited financial activity during July. We had a \$100 gain from our 50/50 drawing which was offset by \$110 of branch officer expenses. In addition, our luncheon income exceeded expenses by \$95. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of July 2024 was \$10,219.41. Jerry Brady 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 352nd meeting of SIRs Branch 159. As of the end of July, we had 173 members. To date during 2024, we have inducted 17 new members but lost 22. At today's luncheon, we have three new members that are eligible to be inducted. Also, the approval of this report will include a vote to accept two additional candidates. Mike Parker moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Form 27 report was then reviewed. At our July luncheon, 48% of our membership was in attendance. This percentage is our average monthly attendance. Keith Lovgren moved that the Form 27 report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The following discussion involved our progress in consolidating our historical records. It was reported that we have approximately 10 small bins of materials. Gary Morgan found it would cost between \$60 and \$100 each month to rent a small storage unit. After a short discussion, Reg Rosander, Rich Colby, and Steve Chase volunteered to determine how much of the information being stored is really necessary to retain. They will report their progress at our September BEC meeting.

The next old business item involved a report from our Nomination Committee. Reg Rosander, out Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the following slate of candidates for the 2025 SIR Branch 159 officers and directors:

Officers:

Big SIR:	Mike Parker	Little SIR:	Duke Marshall
Secretary:	Robert Scott	Asst. Secretary:	Brett Bayley
Treasurer:	Garry Elliott	Asst. Treasurer:	Keith Lovgren

Directors:

2025	Russ Conrad	2025	Robert Ying
2026	Pete Openshaw	2026	Butch Evans
2027	John Briceno	2027	Reg Salsman

The BEC unanimously approved the list of candidates. The slate will be presented to our full membership at our luncheon today, and voted on at our September luncheon.

Next, there was a short discussion regarding the proposed SIR reorganization. It was reported that the state SIR monthly meeting scheduled for August has been postponed until September.

Regarding new business, information about a Branch 159 leadership meeting held on August 6, 2024 was presented. Items reviewed during the meeting involved SIR reorganization, membership growth, increased activities, luncheon procedures, and luncheon time length. It was decided that we need to assess the needs of our membership. Consequently, a survey will be developed and emailed to every member. Russ Conrad will present this information at our luncheon today. Each member will be encouraged to complete the survey, so that the BEC can develop ideas for improving our branch.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will include Duke Marshall, Reg Rosander, Russ Conrad, Robert Ying, Fred Martinez, and Brian Nicholson.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley