

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
September 12, 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 Bailey, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the August 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Two revisions were made to the minutes that had been presented to the BEC. Robert Ying moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, and Garry Elliott seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we found 84 members who stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin ordered 76 lunches from Pardini's.

Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that Dan Taylor, the Executive Director of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, author, and former ABC30 sportscaster, will be presenting his perspective on sport activities in the Fresno area.

Next, the August Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported the primary General Account expense was our State SIR assessment of \$435. In regard to our custodial accounts, our luncheon expenses exceeded our luncheon income by \$201. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of August 2024 was \$9,820.76. 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 353nd meeting of SIRs Branch 159. As of the end of August, we had 175 members. To date during 2024, we have inducted 19 new members but lost 22. At today's luncheon, we have an additional new member that is eligible to be inducted. Also, the approval of this report will include a vote to accept an additional candidate. Mike Parker moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Form 27 report was then reviewed. At our July luncheon, 42% of our membership was in attendance. This percentage is below our average monthly attendance. Garry Elliott moved that the Form 27 report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Our next agenda item involved how we are to store our historical records. A report on this item will be given next month.

We then learned that the SIR organization annual meeting will be held on September 24, 2024. A report of the actions taken by the state SIR at the annual meeting will be reviewed at our October meeting.

During August, Russ Conrad and his committee sent 170 emails and 170 surveys to members requesting information that could help us improve our club. Russ reported that he received only 54 responses. There were some interesting findings. First, there were many suggestions for changes, but few volunteers to participate in making the changes happen. Second, it was determined that most of our members are not in favor of women attending our luncheons. However, there were suggestions for new activities that would involve coed attendees. Third, it is clear that members value our luncheon speaker program. The results of the survey will be published in the October issue of the Chanticleer. Garry Elliott moved that the results of the survey be accepted, and the publication of the results be published in the Chanticleer. Mike Parker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Hector Leyva asked if he should pursue another golf cruise next April. The board noted the success of past cruises and told Hector to begin planning the event.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will include Duke Marshall, Hector Leyva, and Russ Conrad.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley