**SIR CHAPTER 169**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: October 11, 2022**

**Big SIR, Dan Linstrom called the meeting to order at 10:03 am**

**Attending:** Duane Evans; Ed Dorn, Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Nick Lopez; Dan Lindstrom; Luis Rodriquez,.

**Big SIR:** Dan reported that he is continuing to work with Yosemite Falls Restaurant to arrange a location for our luncheon meetings in January to April of 2023.

**Little SIR:** Positon currently vacant.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC With correction to change new memberapplicant’s last name

from “Corales” to “Perales”.

**PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY:** Today’s speaker will be Battalian Chief Spencer of Cal Fire.

**TODAYS LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE:**  Bernie reported that a total of 45 men will be attending the luncheon today.

**SECRETARY**: For review and discussion, Jim Forden distributed a draft of Form 27 for the months of July through September of this year. Errors noted and corrected for submission to the State SIR.

**TREASURER** : MSC with current Treasury balance reported to be $3,024.07.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Hiney reported that we have no new applications at this time.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bernie reported that there are no new reports of issues or concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1).Message received from State SIR that the quarterly assessments will be increased by an additional $.25/member at the start of 2023. The additional increase was necessitated by the need to offset a reduction in assessment revenues attributed to a drop in SIR membership Statewide. 2) Ed Dorn and, as Treasurer, Nick Lopez reminded that we need to take action now to notify our members that starting in January 2023, the Branch will be collecting $20 per member as Dues, while continuing to collect the $20 as the price for each lunch. 3) Ted Fox questioned whether we had heard anything further from either Branch 175 or 179 re their interest in merging with our Chapter. Matter still being discussed with nothing definitive to report. 4) With the new year approaching discussion continued regarding our lack of candidates for Big SIR and Little SIR. Relative to the recruitment of a candidate for Little SIR, it was proposed that we approach prospects with the idea that the individual members of the Board and the Board as a whole will do a major share of the work in finding and securing the speakers for our luncheons. This would significantly reduce what is deemed to be the most difficult part of Little SIRs job and make it easier to recruit a candidate (s). It was also concluded that going forward, there is a need to encourage more members to sit in on the Board meetings and provide some fresh ideas and perspective.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No additional items to address at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary