**SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­** February 14. 2023

**ATTENDING:** Frank Bavaro; Ed Dorn; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Nick Lopez; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp

**Guest(s):** None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC Approve and accept

**BIG SIR REPORT:** Big SIR, Jim Hiney shared with the Board: 1) Following our last meeting, he visited Yosemite Falls Café to finalize a contract with the facility that would provide our meeting place through the 4 month period during which Pardinis is being renovated. From that visit, it became apparent that Yosemite Falls would not be suitable for our luncheon. The room to be provided was small with long tables, no rostrum or flag, noisy and the food to be provided was not adequate for our needs, particularly at the per plate price to be charged. Having this information, Dan Lindstrom and Hiney approached the Piccadilly Inn to explore this facility as an alternate option for the luncheon during the period that Pardinis would be unavailable. This facility which is located across the street from Pardinis was able to offer a room and lunch that would be suitably equipped to meet our requirements at a price of $25/plate. The draft contract with Yosemite Falls was withdrawn and a new agreement with the Piccadilly was drawn. MSC to put into effect a contract with the Piccadilly Inn for the interim period and the second contract with Pardinis for the period June through December 2023. 2) Big SIR provided an update re the long pending prospect of SIR 159 and/or SIR 175 merging with our Chapter. He has entered into discussions with the leaderships of both Chapters, with the result being that the two chapters would be disbanding to make it possible for the individual members of the two to join either Chapters 159 or 169. The final decision re these actions would probably be made in May so that the changes would take effect in June when the Pardini facilities would again be available to us.

**PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY:** Todays scheduled speaker had to withdraw, so there will be no outside program today.

**LITTLE SIR REPORT:** Little SIR, Ernie Sopp: 1) Surprised the Board with an announcement that he and Luis Rodrigues have managed to secure program speakers for all of the meetings yet to be held in 2023, and was pleased to report that the two of them, as a Program Committee of two, are in the process of attempting to line up potential speakers for next year! 2) Ernie posed the idea of including ladies in our luncheon schedule at not only Mother’s Day and Christmas, but Valentines Day as well. Discussion ensued with the general feeling that this would be an idea to consider, but given the fact that this year we will be in a temporary location in May, we should defer implementation until we have returned to Pardinis.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jim Forden: 1) Shared with the Board that with support, he has been working on moving the SIR169.org website to a new platform. The conversion is being accomplished to modernize its overall appearance, while simplifying the posting of information and news updates to the site. 2) He also noted that the signatories on our Chapter’s bank account have been updated and a copy of our letter to the bank initiating this action, has been attached to the Minutes distributed today.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** As Treasurer, Nick Lopez reported that there is a balance of ???? (*Nick, I apologize that he missed the figure that you gave us*). He then distributed copies of the year-end Audit Report compiled by Larry Zander and forwarded to the State Offices of SIR. MSC to accept and approve both reports..

**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn reported: 1) At todays luncheon, there is a sign up sheet for the Couples Night Out dinner this Thursday at the Vino Grill and Spirits restaurant. 2) Currently, after the NCGA and other obligations have been satisfied, there is a balance of $1,200 in the Golf treasury.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Acting in the role of Membership Chair, Jim Hiney reported he has one new membership application submitted by David Goodwin, who is being sponsored by Ted Fox. MSC to approve for induction today.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bernie Hollenbeck reported that long time member of our Chapter, Tom Blower, recently was injured in a fall. He received considerable medical attention, but appears to be on the mend. Further, it is reported that our chapter Chaplain, Tom Good is undergoing medical treatment for a condition. Our thoughts and prayers need to be directed to these two gentlemen and others who may be experiencing difficulties.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing in addition to what has been discussed in other sections above.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary