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This was the year end meeting today and we said goodbye to some folks and thanks to some folks.

First off, let me be the one to formally thank our outgoing President Cory Hasiak. Cory had a lot on his plate this year – a lot of club business, some of which was a bit contentious. But he always took it head on and addressed it in a thoughtful and pragmatic fashion, which I appreciated. And always ran our Friday meetings very well. Our club is better for your service Mr. Hasiak so thank you!

I am also sad to see my fellow Clubmate (2008 joiners), and fellow table mate, Dale Miller – or R. Dale to some, leave the club. Dale and his wife are making a leap of faith and moving to Florida to enjoy the good life. Not quite in retirement as Dale will probably work at something for a few more years. But still young enough to explore what FL has to offer. I say a leap of faith because that is fitting for Dale – his strong faith was demonstrated in the morning prayers he delivered so eloquently and with such conviction to start each meeting. Thank you Dale and have fun! Don't be a stranger! R. Dale mentioned that he had the privilege of working with 10 Club Presidents . . . and Cory Moore😊

Finally, another good member, Frank Gurrera, and his wife are also moving and Frank stood to say so long and thanks to the membership this morning. Good luck to you Frank and thank you for your Club efforts.

#### Announcements

- Tony P thanked everyone for their efforts particularly Glenn H, Trina W and Kelly E, and the BEC sponsorship of the Memorial Run held last Friday. Apparently around 200 runners participated, which is pretty darn good for an inaugural event. Thanks also to Briggs Distributing for donating the beer.
- Tanner C reminded us of the September 7<sup>th</sup> Game at the Mustangs (in the 329) club. Always fun – good fun, good seats.
- Steve S mentioned the Bejot Open again – the Club's annual golf event at Pryor Creek to be held July 26<sup>th</sup>. 67 players have signed up so far. Check-in is by 8 am and he could still use some flag prize donations. No breakfast that morning.
- Dina mentioned that the Brews & BBQs event is on the website for shift signup so get in there and pick a shift to get the one you want. Three shifts will be staffed. Now, from past experience, I can tell you that this event probably has more no shows than anything and we are always scrambling for help. So please, signup for a shift (or two). Yep, it's a grind, but it's better than selling oranges door to door (with all due respect).
- Al J. updated us on the Reading Rocks program that BEC sponsors and with whom some members participate. This is where folks read to kids and where these kids can score a free book. Apparently, like 900 kids have taken part in this and 1,300+ books have been given away.
- The Big Sky State Games is July 19<sup>th</sup> and we need more volunteers to give away flags and water bottles.
- And the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Red Lodge is next week and we are having a float and need about a dozen folks to also give out flags and man the float. This starts at noon, but gather earlier at the staging location around 15<sup>th</sup> St. And wear a BEC shirt.

### Awards and Acknowledgments

- Mr. Tim Crowley was recognized for Da Man who worked the most shifts – 18! Thank you Tim and we'll see you at Brews and BBQ☺
- The Beer Capitans were mentioned and awarded with a little gift card swag – all right! Wiley, Dale, John W., Randy, Bruce and yours truly; and our illustrious manager Mikey (and Carol). On behalf of the Captains, thank you, our members, for doing the real work!
- Tony P was plaqued, for his Past President duties and was especially thanked by Cory H for his mentorship and advice during Cory's year.
- Our outgoing Board members, John Eastman, Chris Kosine and Don Lohrenz were recognized and thanked for their 2-year term.
- Treasurer Ed Kaufman was recognized as a "Distinguished Club Treasurer" per National Exchanges definition, which goes above and beyond the normal Treasurer duties.
- Dina, although we are lucky to be gaining a President Elect, we are losing a very good Secretary. Dina was recognized for the Secretary Award.
- And the Exchangite of the Year is . . . Stephanie Romsa. For her many contributions to the Club recognized both at the local and District Level. Thanks so much for all you have done to make our club better this year!
- And just in time, Rene Critelli, was asked to come up and accept her "new member" packet and tell us a little about herself. A Forsyth, MT native and MSUB alum, Rene works for HUB Insurance as the HR manager and, spoiler alert, loves event planning. It's good that Rene's introduction was completed this morning given that she is becoming our new PRESIDENT – first female President in Club history, and an incoming leader who reminded of our "whys" and will practice an open door policy where Members are welcome to Board meetings or given the ability to question the status quo behind the scenes via the use of online surveys and the like. You have done a LOT in a short time and we look forward to your leadership!

Remember, no breakfast next week July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great weekend.