

Friday was a breakfast meeting, so no guests were present. The August Board minutes are attached.

Comment cards were on the tables, available to be completed with any comments about the breakfast food and presentation. They will continue to be on the tables at business meetings.

There were a few items left at the Metra booths after the fair, including a water bottle, some reading glasses, and a couple pair of sunglasses. They are in the Yellowstone Room, so if you think they are yours and would like to claim them, either contact Rene or come to breakfast.

Names were drawn for the **two tables at the Cole's Pantry benefit. The winners are: Kristen Stroebel, Kevin Davis, Rod Hessler, Darryl Weber, Don Lohrenz, Denny Yonts, Tanner Critelli, and Shilo Cook.**

Names were also drawn for the two golf tournaments. **Those drawn for the Hole in One tournament on 9/6/19 are: Dave Staton, Rod Hessler, John McCalla, & Randy Thomas; alternate is Butch Clapper. Those drawn for the Habitat for Humanity tournament on 9/13 are: Steve Staebler, Dan Singer, Wiley Taylor, & Larry Iacopini; alternate is Paul Grosz.** The alternates will be contacted if they are needed to fill in.

Don Lohrenz was presented with a plaque for his service on the Board. Thank you Don!

Phill Bauer (Bauer's Handyman Services) is hosting a community appreciation event on 9/8/19 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Riverfront Park. Phill would like to spread the word about why he loves Exchange and, toward that end, he would appreciate if a couple members would volunteer to attend on behalf of BEC to be available to answer any questions about the club and what we do.

Topz Sandwich Co is opening a second location at 4007 Avenue B (off Shiloh), and on 8/29/19, Topz will be donating 20% of all sales only from that location to the five local Exchange clubs. Spread the word, share the event on Facebook, and plan to eat at the new Topz location on 8/29/19 if you can.

Rene reminded us to upload our pictures to our profiles on the club website.

Tim Crowley was presented with a check in the amount of \$2,000 for the grant approved to the Kids and Cowboys program.

Huffy was presented with a check for the Foundation in the amount of \$3,512.40 (10% of the amount approved for granting for the 4th quarter of 2018-19).

Secretary Report: Tanya reported that membership stands at 170 and upon receipt of payment from Kelly Cederberg (which has been received) will stand at 171.

Treasurer Report: Financials were available on the tables. It's the beginning of the fiscal year, so there is not much to report. A few arrears letters went out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ed.

Also, it was announced that Ed was presented with the Distinguished Club Treasurer Award by National Exchange. Congratulations Ed - you deserve it!!!

Pres-Elect Report: Dina sent her report by email. Weird Al was on Sunday. There will be no other events until PBR in October.

Just a reminder that the beer booths should be cleaned at the end of our shifts at the Metra. Garbage should be removed and bags set by the doors, tap stations should be cleaned, beer boxes should be broken down and set with the garbage. Also, please respect the beer captains in respect to scheduling, which booth you are scheduled to work in, and what job you are scheduled to do. It's hard work to prepare for the events, and the captains do a great job.

Mike's Report: July was good, the fair was good, life is just good. This year's fair was better than the last 3 or 4 years - a little over \$1 million was sold in food and beverage and the rides brought in over \$1 million as well. There were approximately 26,000 attendees.

We were reminded to not discuss the proceeds from our beer sales in the presence of public ears, especially in a place such as the restrooms at the Metra during events.

Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee

Veteran's Day at Montana Fair was a success. Numbers were up from last year. A total of 3,217 went through the gate, 1,844 of which were military, veterans, or first responders (58%). With BEC's \$6,000 donation for gate entrance fees, the average cost was about \$3.25/attendee. Also, 675 of the 1,844 attended the rodeo. Tanner thanked all who helped to hand out flags and otherwise volunteer at the event.

A chili cook-off is scheduled for 11/9 at the American Legion on Broadwater. BEC is in search of a winning recipe (there are rumors that Tony might be up to the task).

Social Committee

The BEC Mustangs game is scheduled for 9/7. We have the 321 Club this year, which requires a minimum of 70 attendees, so sign up and feel free to bring the family and/or a friend or two. The gate opens at 5:30, we eat at 6:00, and the game starts at 6:35. Enter at the North gate. Also, special surprise, our own Karla Stricker will be singing the National Anthem that

evening. Terry Corey claimed some credit for that, but Tanner quickly shut him down. (I'm sure Terry's finesse played a part, though.)

An all-club social is scheduled for 9/13 at the healing field in Laurel. The group will then congregate at a place where adult beverages are served.

A pub crawl is scheduled for 10/26.

Membership Committee

Is meeting on Monday (8/26) at 5:30 at Carters.

PR Committee

Look for more press releases to come, with the goal of more recognition that the money raised by BEC stays right here in our own community.

Outreach Committee

The United Way school supply drive is currently under way. Bring your donations to breakfast on 8/30, or get cash to Shawnee and she will do the shopping for you.

Hole in One Committee

There is availability for more teams to enter in the tournament. Feel free to contact Tony with any questions.

New Business:

Credit Card Dues Payment

PayPal is all set up for dues payments. Please let Ed know if you will be paying by credit card, as a \$5 processing fee will be added to your invoice. If you pay by check or cash, the processing fee will not be added.

Brews & BBQs

Rene reported on the Brews & BBQs event. See the attached Board minutes. In summary, a few issues need to be discussed with the organizers but, overall, the event went pretty well. On our end, more volunteers were needed for the second and third shifts.

Downtown Club request for help at Fair

It was asked why the Downtown Club was seeking extra help at the Fair. It was reported that the club unilaterally decided not to sell beer at the upper grandstand, however, the Metra wanted it open. Consequently, they sought extra volunteers due to the fact that they were not prepared to man the extra booth.

Speaker at 8/30 breakfast

An officer from BPD will be speaking next week, and will discuss how the donations from BEC has helped with their Crime Stoppers program.

That's all!

Apologies for the tardiness in getting this out!