

BECON
10/18/19

It was a business meeting today and the items discussed were included in the Board Meeting minutes emailed out the other day. Please refer to these minutes – I won't repeat here but only add any information given this morning not covered in the minutes.

Rene did request that the table or area left void and quiet by Rod's departure south for the winter be replaced by someone else with a hearty laugh. Our girl Karla was here this morning and has accepted that challenge.

Announcements

- Rene showed us the Honorable Plank Holder Certificate the Club received from the USS Billings Commissioning Committee folks for our financial support of the commissioning of that ship. As you remember from Commissioner Pitman's presentation a couple of weeks ago, a part of the newly completed and commissioned ship - traditionally a plank as in deck planking - is given to each member of the ship's crew once the ship is launched into operation. The USS Billings commissioning committee from Billings made some really nice engraved "planks" for the crew and presented those to them at the Commissioning Ceremony down in Key West along with some other nice swag and BTW, this swag or care packages are kind of expected to continue coming from the ship's namesake City or State. So this is actually a point of discussion among the Grants Committee group on how best to provide care packages and the like to the crew moving forward.
- As was noted in the minutes and discussed in the Treasurer's report, if you are taking advantage of the convenience of paying quartering dues via Pay Pal, it will cost you an extra \$5 – no good deed goes unpunished right? Once Ed sees that you are regularly paying in this fashion, he will start invoicing you for \$125. If, however, you want to move to Pay Pal from just writing a check, pay the \$125 even though your invoice says \$120.
- Tonight's NILE Rodeo is the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night so wear your pink garb (tees and such are available at Shiptons if your closet is a little short on pinkish stuff) or just a pink bracelet or accessory (there will be some free bracelets and decals at check-in tonight for those that didn't make it to breakfast today). Tomorrow is a patriot themed night so red, white and blue is what's in for that night - wear your red BEC shirt if you have one.
- Rene requested that Club members please don't approach the County Commissioners or Metra staff about issues pertaining to something outside of our official beer pouring capacity while working a shift. If you think something needs to be brought to the attention of the Commissioners or Metra staff that has to do with Club business, please run this through the Club Board to handle.
- The Cat/Griz food bins are officially in place at the Yellowstone Room waiting for contributions of non-perishable food items that will ultimately go to the United Way pantry – not panty as was apparently typo'd on our Facebook page - although the bins would certainly be much more interesting. . . just sayin.

Officer's Reports

- Secretary – see minutes. Membership stands at 171.

- Treasurer – see minutes. Ed asked that members double-check to make sure they don't have outstanding dues as it appears that maybe dues payments made get applied to the most current invoice and could leave any outstanding debt not readily apparent.
- Prez Elect – see minutes. NILE this weekend – wear colors. Fluffy is next Saturday. November events are on the website, mark your availability early & often!
- Business Man. – see minutes. Mike mentioned that the really BIG show for April can't be discussed yet or he will have to kill you. He didn't really say that but he was thinking it – I could tell.

Committee Reports

- Outreach – see minutes. If you want to help out with Boo at the Zoo on 10/26 for the National Day of Service, be at the front gate at noon to help pass out flags & candy. Central Excel Club will also be helping us with this.
- Social – see minutes. Sign up for the Pub Crawl is through 10/25. This will start/pickup at the Squire Lounge and will end/dropoff at the Plaza. Five pub stops planned.
- Patriotism – see minutes.
- Membership – see minutes.
- Grants – there will be some back room Grant's Committee dealings at Tiny's on 11/5.

New Business

- With regard to the expenses and granting By-Laws discussion mentioned in the Minutes, Rene clarified that the Board has, at its discretion, the ability to increase the amount allocated to a Budget Line Item. The protocol for doing so will be to address the membership for input before ultimately motioning and changing that allocation in a subsequent Board meeting. This is only for Budgeted Line Items – not for granting.
- Till Training – in response to a question from Pam D. this morning, Rene mentioned that till training will take place for those needing it – time and date still TBD. Pam and others mentioned that when the tills are running slow or wifi is lost, the till drawer can be opened with the key to access and apparently, unlike the previous tills, the drawer can be left opened while transactions take place.

Next week the speaker will be talking “Dog Tag Buddies” so that sounds like fun.

Have a great weekend.