

BECON

January 17, 2020

Today was a Business Meeting. We had a nice turnout today for our meeting and breakfast.

Rene asked for someone to volunteer to give the invocations for the next month. If you are so inclined please get in touch with Rene.

New members. At the latest board two new members were voted in for membership in the club. They are Ben and Hannah Tougas. Rene had them tell us a little bit about them.

Ben is a pediatric service line manager at St. Vs. He has lived in Billings for the last 12 years. He is also an active Air National Guard member. Hannah is a nurse with Riverstone Health. She has lived in Billings since 2005 and is a Red Lodge native.

Officer reports. I attached the minutes from the last board meeting for your convenience.

Secretary – Tanya told us we now have 166 members. Randall Rice transferred back to our club from the West End club. We also had 4 members resign.

Treasurer – Ed said we have \$42,400 to grant this quarter. He did mention that since there are not a lot of events during this quarter that it may be wise to hold back some of the dollars until the next quarter. The Grants Committee will look into the requests that have been received and make the appropriate recommendations. Other accounts are in good shape.

President Elect – Monster Trucks is scheduled for February 22nd. The website will close on the 6th, so select if you are available or not. Dina also needs 2 people to volunteer to serve beer at the MATE show on February 22nd. That is a Saturday and is 12-5 or so. Let Dina know if you can help out.

Business Manager – Mike said there is a possible concert coming up in March or April. PBR is coming in April so that will be a good event as always. Mike also mentioned that Bill Dutcher will retire at the end of December 2020. Tim Goodrich has been hired as the new Assistant GM of the METRA.

Social – Christmas Party is set for tomorrow night. Remember it is \$15 per person. The pre-function starts at 4pm in the Presidential and Governors Suites. The party starts at 5 pm at the DoubleTree. If you signed up and can't make it you still have to pay the \$15.

House – Tanya asked Phil Bauer to give us an update on the Deceased member plaque. He is rounding up supplies with most of it being donated. ETA is to be completed by the time the Fair rolls around.

Freedom Shrine – John Wilson reported that he is putting one ready for McKinley school. No date yet but he will keep us informed.

General Discussion –

There was some discussion on the 3 shift rule as it pertains to social members (20+ year people) and Snow Birds (many times they are also Social members). At the last board meeting there was motion passed that said social members and snow birds still need to work at 3 events during the year unless there is a physical limitation preventing such. There was discussion that those social members and / or

snow birds have worked their fair share of events and why does it really matter. Rene said they would talk at the next board meeting about it.

There was also discussion about the upcoming contract negotiations. Please see the attached minutes for some of what was reported. The county would like to wrap this up by April. Of course they want more revenue by either charging more per beer, taking over the Tiny's portion of the contract from us, or raising the percentage we pay them. Commissioner Don Jones is to give us a proposal next month with what they are looking for. The one important note is that he said they have no intention of putting it out to bid.

Upcoming Member activities.

We have some members with some acting and singing chops.

Shannon Johnson will be in Macbeth at NOVA theater January 24th, 26th and the 31st through the 2nd of February.

Karla Stricker will be in a musical at NOVA in February. I believe it is called Inside/Out.

See you next week. Central Youth of the Year students will be our guests.