

Dina kicked off the meeting promptly at 7am while one particularly obedient and prepared table was already standing at attention. ;)

Announcements:

-Mark Morse who is a retired postal inspector is running for County Commissioner as a Republican was announced as a candidate who is in support of the BEC.

-Memorial Day ceremonies -

-VA -there will not be a ceremony at the National Cemetery; It will be held at the Laurel Cemetery and the gathering will begin at 12pm noon.

-Prior to that at 10am, there will be a ceremony at Mountainview Cemetery on Memorial Day too.

-If you are interested in helping to place flags at the Mountain View Cemetery, show up on Saturday, May 29th at 9am to help. The American Legion is organizing the flag placing and there will be a flag clean up on Tuesday, June 1st at 5pm.

-The Meat Locker event- Community Night fundraiser for Veteran's Meat Locker this coming Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Hooligan's from 5:00 p.m. to close. Veteran's Meat Locker is one of our non-profits we try to support, so consider taking the night off from cooking and have dinner and drinks at Hooligan's. There will be a silent auction, 50/50, gun raffles, and Bison Hunt raffle tickets available for purchase to further support them.

Today's guest speaker was Rich Lutton, Executive Director for Eagle Mount.

-#1 question he gets asked is...What do you do? Here are few things...

-They provide Therapeutic Adaptive Recreation for individuals with disabilities.

-They include everyone.

-They started with a skiing program in 1983.

-2020 was their biggest year where they had 75 folks participate in 195 camp experiences.

-They offer sports recreational activities in all four seasons where they offer golf, biking, equestrian, social, swimming, skiing and summer camp programs.

-This year they are taking folks to Rapid City for some 'glamping' and it has sold out!

-They have 5 interns that are working towards becoming certified in Therapeutic Recreation.

-Life changing things happen for individuals; yesterday they gave away two bicycles and it is very rewarding and emotional to see these folks happy and getting to participate in a way they maybe never have before.

-They can offer financial aid; they limit the camps to two per person and they ask for 25% to be paid by the family.

Rich thanked the club for all the donations and support the BEC has given over the years. Without the BEC, they couldn't do what they do.

Have an amazing weekend!