

This morning's business meeting was ran (very well, I might add) by Rene' Critelli, as all other officers are in Greenville at the National Exchange Convention.

Still looking for workers to help out with 2nd and 3rd shifts tomorrow at Brews & BBQ's around the lake on the METRA grounds. There are 22 signed up for each shift; to do this event correctly we need 30 per shift. So, if you can help out later in the day - 4 PM on - just show up and you'll be put to work. With 127 members, one would think that it would be easy to get enough bodies to man an event. I wonder how we'd get enough bodies to work events at the METRA if we again had ALL booths to work. We'd probably had lost our contract long ago... just my opinion.

Next week there will be no breakfast as it is the date of the annual Bejot Open Golf Tournament at Pryor Creek Golf Course in Huntley. There are still openings available, contact Steve Staebler or Larry Iacopini if you would like to get in on the action. It is a GREAT time, even if you are not a good golfer (most of us are hacks, if we weren't, we wouldn't be golfing around here... we'd be on the pro tour somewhere). \$60/golfer gets you 18 holes with a cart, flag prizes, 2 drink tickets, special libations on the 2nd hole, and a fantastic lunch afterwards. What more could a person ask for??!!

On the horizon, Mike says there are two country concerts coming up and 20 "hold" dates on the METRA books. Hopefully it will be another banner granting year. For the fiscal year ending July 1, we granted around \$100,000. Imagine what we could have done if we had had all the beer booths; oh yea, we probably could not have manned them all and would have lost our contract...

There is talk amongst the Board about upping the required events that members must work to stay (or become, a member from 3 to possibly 5. If everyone would step up and do what you became a member of this club to do, this probably would not have to happen. Hopefully, the members (to whom this applies) who are reading this BECON will see a recurring theme.

Social event coming up will be at the new Meadowlark Brewing, 3970 Pierce Parkway. \$10/per person will get you 2 libations and appetizers. Contact Wade Austin or Tanner Critelli or find it on Facebook and sign up there. Also, the social committee is working on many more socials to come...

The Food Truck Battle now has 42 trucks signed up. Put the date on your calendar NOW - August 27 - so you don't miss it (or dare I say, have an excuse for missing it). We will need ALL HANDS ON DECK for this event.

That's all I can remember as I left my notes on the table after breakfast. The board minutes went out earlier this week, so anything I missed will probably be in those.