

## **BECON 4/14/2023**

This was a business meeting this morning, so there was no speaker. Dave Staton gave the invocation and continued to pray for the Arnie Bejot family, as well as Jerry and Joey Voto's family. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

### **Announcements:**

Tarra Grazley-Pfister announced an OUTSIDE club event that is near and dear to her heart. The MT Football Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. The banquet starts at 5pm. Earlier that same day, they will hold a free event called the Speak Up Symposium. It will start at 10am, at the same location, and will address mental health issues. This is a quality event, so if you are interested, please contact Tarra or come to the symposium at no cost. Bruce Jensen added that he felt this was a very important event and that it was done extremely well and would recommend it to anyone.

Mike Hennesy announced the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame is tomorrow, Saturday, April 15, 2023. If you are interested, please reach out to Mike Hennesy to find the time and place.

### **\*Thanks to Maria for strapping on an apron this morning and cooking our group breakfast!**

Since this was a business meeting, you can read the notes attached for what was reported. Anything not in the Board Meeting notes, you will find below.

**Ed Kaufman**, *Treasurer*, reported that there was \$25k that the FTB wanted to donate entirely to Veteran's Matter. Per the BEC Policies, any donation above \$7500 would need to go to the membership for a vote. There will be three opportunities for voting, and this morning's meeting was the first vote. The vote came out in favor of this large sum. There was one objection by Jerry Voto, who feels that we should use these funds more broadly to support organizations that match our pillars rather than all entirely for Veteran interests. (Please note: Jerry himself is a veteran, so he is not against veterans. He just feels the monies should be more spread out.)

**Craig Burke**, *President Elect*, passed out the program committee sheet for next year. If you were not at breakfast this morning, please reach out to Craig to get yourself down on the list. The list will also be going around for the next couple of months presumably, so you will have ample opportunity to sign up and participate!! We would LOVE if some of the membership folks who can't make breakfasts, can still participate in the committees to really bolster support for our club and enrich our efforts.

### **Committee Reports**

**Social Committee** - Stephanie Romsa gave an update on all the upcoming events for the Social Committee. Here they are:

**Monday, April 17, 2023** - Membership Drive at the Meadowlark Brewery from 5-8pm. Bring friends and potential lifelong members!

**May 15th** - Movie Night at the Babcock! They will show Goonies (first pump). Show up time will be 6pm, there will be a 6:30pm for a brief history of the Babcock, and then the movie starts at 6:45pm. If you haven't seen Goonies before, this will be a REQUIRED event. (Just kidding...but seriously....why haven't you seen this yet?) No cost to show up, there will be snacks and an adult beverage. The sign ups are open until May 15th, so let Tanner know you are coming!!!

**June 10th (saturday)** - We are going to the Pig Races!!! The chartered bus will load at 12pm-1pm. Dinner will be at 5pm, and the final race will be at 9:45pm. So it will be a long day, but not if you're having FUN!!

**Grants Committee** - Kevin Davis announced that the next committee meeting will be held May 2, 2023, to make a decision to award the remaining \$18,500. There is \$60k of requests for funding, so this will be an important meeting. Also attached to this email is some information on Veteran's Matter so if there are any questions about what Veteran's Matter does as an organization or why they are requesting the funds, you can see it on their grant application.

### **Membership Committee**

Two applications were received at breakfast this morning, and hopefully a lot more after Monday! Please get any applications to Shannon Johnson to get before the board at the next board meeting. Let's grow our club!

### **Additional Info/Announcements by Membership:**

There was a suggestion by Dave Staton to purchase ROUND tables for our breakfasts so it was a more conducive environment to socializing during breakfasts. Cavin made a note to discuss at the next board meeting.

Dave Weller announced that after many years as President of the Board for the Family Tree Center, he will be stepping back. He would really like to turn over this position to a member of our club, who will love the organization and really want to do good things. They meet once a month, and there are subcommittees (Finance) that meet every other month. Please reach out to either Dave Weller or Bill Kennedy if you are interested in serving in this wonderful group.

That's a wrap! Have a great weekend and enjoy PBR for those volunteering!