

Here is the BECON for July 12, 2024

Today was a business meeting. Shannon sent out the minutes to everyone so I won't rehash them except to expound on more information or discussion at the meeting.

First, we heard some announcements.

Craig Burke, our illustrious past president, led the meeting since Dina is at the National Exchange Club convention in San Antonio. Also at nationals is Tony Parish and Rene Critelli. If there are others there that I missed, I apologize.

Wade Austin said that the Sons of the American Legion are selling raffles tickets for a 9mm gun. I didn't get all of the details on the model. If you are interested in getting a raffle ticket, I am sure that Wade can lead you in the right direction. Tickets start at \$5 each.

The Bejot Memorial Golf Tourney is next Friday. Check-in will start at 7am and conclude at 8am. Steve hopes to get everything started by 8:30. There is no Breakfast next week.

Jeff Roach handed out a flyer showing all of the cities that flights out of Billings fly to direct. Please fly out of BIL. It is attached for those who couldn't make breakfast.

We heard from new member Krista Hood. She was sponsored by Bruce Glennie. She works for Opportunity Bank and Bruce is her boss.

News from the Meeting.

We will be granting some money this quarter. Ed told us there is \$26000 to hand out to non-profits. We have about 14 applications so there will be some hard choices to make. There are also at least 2 of the 14 applications that will help veterans so we will direct them to the Food Truck Battle committee. The Grants committee will meet August 1st at Tiny's to dole out the funds.

Membership Committee - we are down to 118 members. We all need to do what we can to bring some new blood. On that note, Dina Harmon's son Kordell is joining the club as he was approved at the last board meeting. Welcome aboard, Kordell.

Serving at events discussion.

We also had a lengthy discussion about our responsibility to serve at events. This is what we do to make money so we can donate to non-profits that meet our mission. Case in point is the Outlaws game this Saturday, July 13th. We need just 10 people to work the event but only 6 volunteered. (A call was put out at breakfast for some more members to step up. We did get 3 more with Cavin doing double duty as a captain and pourer.) As you saw in the board meeting minutes, the board voted to increase the minimum number of times a person must serve from 3 to 6. We did talk about this with most of the discussion on what happens if someone doesn't meet the minimum or no-

shows. Shannon told us that some members were asked to leave the club. She will start to let us know who those people are.

That is it in a nutshell. See you next week at the Bejot.