



## Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019 – 5:45 P.M.

Yellowstone Room

### **Members in Attendance**

René Critelli - *President*; Ed Kaufman - *Treasurer*; Tanya Tweten - *Secretary*;  
Mike Fleming - *Business Manager*; Dina Harmon - *President-Elect*; and Cory Hasiak - *Past President*

*Directors:* Lisa Jensen, Shawnee Krauszer, Wiley Taylor, Bruce Glennie, Dan Singer

### **Members Absent**

Tanner Critelli

### **Guests in Attendance**

Damian Forrester

## **I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

### **A. Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **B. November 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Wiley made a motion to approve the November minutes, which was 2nd by Cory.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Tanya Tweten reported that membership stands at 169. One member has resigned since the November Board meeting, Leonie Gelfarth, due to schedule conflicts. At the end of the month, Nathan Woodard will be resigning due to his employer no longer paying dues. Membership will stand at 168 with Nathan's resignation.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Ed Kaufman submitted the financial reports to the board for review. He reported that the accounts look good and the membership account is maintaining. Dues arrears letters will be mailed to three members this week. Discussion was had on the long-term cost to the club of social memberships. Seven members will be eligible for social membership status in the next five years.

### **President Elect's Report:**

President Elect Dina Harmon reported that Seasons Beatings is scheduled for this Friday 12/13. Chase Hawks is scheduled for 12/21. There are no events scheduled for January. Dina will send an email after the December events to members who need to fill shifts to meet the three-shift minimum requirement for the fiscal year.

### **Business Manager Report:**

Business Manager Mike Fleming reported that tickets sales for *Seasons Beatings* are lower than expected.

*Kenny G* brought in \$1,170 and *Cirque Dreams* brought in \$1,279. It was reported that, at *Cirque Dreams*, Tiny's served liquor at only one location, which required many attendees to commandeer the stairs in order to get cocktails.

As of November, we are almost at \$306,000 in beer sales for the fiscal year, which is about \$100,000 behind last year at this time but \$178,000 over our sales two years ago.

Events coming up: *Monster Trucks* is set for Feb 22. The comedian who was set to perform in March has cancelled. *PBR* is set for April 17-19. Cher is set for April 26 and over 6,000 tickets sold on the first day. *In the Moment* is set for May 15 and 66 tickets sold on the first day. There are two concerts on the horizon for June, and the fair is all set.

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Food Truck Battle - June 13, 2020**

René reported that the FTB committee has had one meeting where discussion was had on the entertainment for the day and the beneficiary of this year's battle.

In regard to music, there will be two 3-hour sets. *John Roberts y Pan Blanco* is booked to play the second set. The committee is exploring bands to play the first set.

The committee is putting together an application that will be available for veteran-related 501(c)(3) organizations that would like to apply to be the beneficiary of the event. The application will be similar to the one available on our club website for grants, and will have similar guidelines and restrictions.

On the event Facebook page, which was posted last week, about 1,500 people so far have marked "interested" in attending.

It was reported to René by Ken Leslie, representative of Veterans Matter (the beneficiary of the 2019 FTB), that the program has housed a few veterans in Montana so far, but they are currently lacking case workers.

### **House Committee**

Tanya reported on the end-of-year breakfast scheduled for Dec. 20. On the menu will be charbroiled steaks, hash brown potatoes, quiche lorraine, banana bread french toast, and the usual accompaniments. The club will also be hosting a bloody mary and mimosa bar for those who wish to partake. There will be fun and prizes, so plan to attend!

### **Freedom Shrine Committee**

René reported that John Wilson advised that a Freedom Shrine rededication will take place at McKinley School in January.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Deceased Member Plaque Update**

Tony and Tanya met with Phil Bauer on Nov. 19 and had a productive meeting. Phil is going to look around for materials and the plan is as follows:

We will use a black, wooden border, a bit more substantial than the Freedom Shrine borders. The shadow box will have shelves, which we are hoping can be slid into the

border, to hold our club's awards, etc. The memorial plaque itself will either be mounted to the wall inside the memorial box or will sit on one of the shelves. There will be a plexiglass cover on the shadow box so that it can be locked. We envision the cover to slide open through the side of the border, rather than opening out like a door. Phil is looking into obtaining a "wrap" that will be the background of the shadow box (similar to the American Flag design on the Freedom Shrines).

Phil will get back to us on prices for materials and Tanya will go the Board to obtain approval for funding. Phil thinks that he can enlist some vendors to help us out at low cost. He asked for a timeline and we figured if we can have it done by July, that would be great. When it comes time to put the shadow box on the wall, we will enlist volunteers like we do with the Freedom Shrines.

**B. Club laptop ordered and received**

On Black Friday, the club purchased a laptop for \$269 to be used for club presentations at our breakfast meetings, etc.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Guest - Damian Forrester**

In accordance with the no-show policy, Damian came before the Board to explain his no-shows at the 10/12 and 10/19 events. After explanation, discussion was had, and it was determined that Damian will remain a member of the club.

**B. New-to-us free conference room chairs**

Five office chairs were donated to the club, which are much-needed at our conference table - Thank You to Kristen Stroebe! Dan Singer has volunteered to haul them to the Yellowstone Room after breakfast on Friday. Thank you Dan!

**C. Club Policies**

Tanya presented to the Board a preliminary list of club policies that have been adopted since 2018. Once finalized, the policies will be compiled and will be stored on the club laptop, to be updated as necessary, so that they may be easily referred to in the future.

**D. Family Promise "Beach Blizzard-Party for a Promise" - Feb 29**

Shawnee made a motion that the club provide a \$1,500 sponsorship for the event, which was 2nd by Wiley. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Outreach**

Shawnee reported that the bell-ringing at Scheels was very successful with many generous donors. Also, the committee will be looking for volunteers in April to help at REVEL at The Taste of Billings at the Depot.

She further reported that the committee has drafted a form letter to send to local non-profit organizations to offer our club's manpower in helping at special events. However, due to the number of requests for outreach the committee has received already, they will hold off on sending the letter.

Discussion was had on establishing club commitment, and ensuring that there is membership interest, prior to committing to outreach events. In regard to gauging interest, it was suggested that notice be given at least 2 weeks prior to an event so that a show of hands may be requested at breakfast, and an email may be sent to members requesting that they respond if interested. It was also suggested that the

Excel and Junior Excel clubs be given notice of outreach opportunities so that they may express their interest.

Community Service is a pillar of Exchange and the outreach committee was established so that BEC members would have an opportunity to make an impact on the community outside of volunteering at Metra events.

**F      Parades - Give a Kid a Flag to Wave**

Wiley will be looking for volunteers to spearhead the club's involvement in the Red Lodge 4th of July Parade (2020) as he will be traveling and unavailable.

Laurel hosts a holiday parade, which will be looked into for BEC's involvement next year.

**VI.      ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted 12/12/19 by Tanya Tweten