



## Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2020 – 5:45 P.M.

Meeting held via Zoom

### **Members in Attendance**

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

*Directors*: Lisa Jensen, Tanner Critelli, Dan Singer, Wiley Taylor

### **Members Absent**

*Directors*: Shawnee Krauszer, Bruce Glennie

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

## **II. April 2020 Minutes**

Wiley moved to approve the April minutes; 2nd by Cory; passed unanimously.

## **III. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Secretary Tanya Tweten reported that membership continues to stand at 167 - no change since last month.

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

Treasurer Ed Kaufman submitted the financial reports to the board for review. Monthly expenses continue to be paid, but no revenue is incoming. He anticipates that funds will have to be moved from savings to checking to stay afloat for now. Statements for dues still owed for *previous* quarters were sent out. BEC waived dues for this quarter. National did not waive dues, but delayed the due date for payment.

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

President Elect Dina Harmon reported that she emailed the committee sign-up sheet to membership. Please consider joining a committee - there are also a few chair positions open.

Dina also reported as to Rserveing renewal requirements. One member is overdue in renewing and has not responded to email reminders. It was decided that Dina will send a snail mail letter giving the member 10 days within which to come into Rserveing compliance.

### **Business Manager Report:**

Business Manager Mike Fleming reported that he talked to Tim Goodridge the day everything was moved from the Yellowstone Room as to whether a decision has been made in regard to a mobile trailer or pre-fab trailer being set up on Metra property to be used as the permanent address for BEC's liquor license. Tim said they are still kicking it around.

Discussion was had on the monthly fee being paid to the CO<sub>2</sub> vendor (for the 30+ containers and associated equipment in the Club's booths at the Metra) and whether a compromised fee could be worked out for the current time due to the fact that we are not serving; or if the equipment was returned to the vendor for the current time, would there be a fee to have it returned and could that be worked out. Mike will call them to discuss.

Mike also reported that he has talked to Ray as to the status of the fair - as of now, it's still on but nothing is set in stone. Since the Board meeting, Ray reported publicly that there may not be night shows during the fair.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Metra Contract**

No update - nothing has been received from the Metra since René received notice about a month ago that they're tied up because of COVID.

**B. Location update & move out of Yellowstone Room**

The move from the Yellowstone Room was successful. The Club's new breakfast meeting location will be at Cedar Hall, which is available through July 17 after which meetings will be held at the Exhibit Hall in the lower level of the Metra. The room capacities are large, however, it may be a while before we resume normal meetings.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Alternate fundraising**

Because we are not fundraising through our usual efforts, the Board opened discussion as to alternate fundraising efforts. The ideas presented are as follows:

Dina suggested a wine tasting party. She has attended the annual wine tasting hosted by the Helena Exchange Club in the late fall before the holidays. A fee is charged (approx. \$25/person) which includes a commemorative wine glass, all the wine you want to taste and appetizers. There is also a section with "premium" wine that you could pay extra to taste and also had beer for sale. This is an event we can look at once group meeting restrictions are lifted.

Online raffle options were also explored. The Board discussed a raffle for a half beef or 4 quarters of a beef. Lisa is going to check her sources for the availability of a cow so that we can estimate processing time (may be as late as July-August). It is anticipated that the cost to the Club for the beef would be \$1,000. Tanner is going to look into processing fees.

**B. Exchangite of the Year**

Lisa moved that a member of BEC be nominated for Exchangite of the Year; 2nd by Tanya; after discussion, passed unanimously.

The National Exchangite of the Year Award is designed to recognize an outstanding member who is active in the organization through participation in recruitment/new club building efforts, club/district leadership positions, major club or district committees, and projects or fundraisers. The award also seeks to recognize individuals who roll up their sleeves to volunteer and have a positive attitude. (Each district may submit 1 candidate.)

**C. Requirements for working shifts, officer exemption**

Discussion was had on the Club policy that all members must work a minimum of 3 serving shifts per fiscal year, and the cancellation of April, May, and June events. Wiley moved that an exception to the policy in place be made this fiscal year to waive the 3-shift requirement; 2nd by Dan; passed unanimously.

A note to those that do not know - BEC has an unwritten rule that Club officers are waived from working shifts during the tenure of their office.

**D. Rad Grad Parade**

Tony was approached by the Rad Grad committee at Senior High with a request for about 25 volunteers to assist with a parade it is organizing for graduates on Friday, May 22, tentatively at 7 p.m. In order for the parents to be able to watch the parade, volunteers are needed to assist with organizing the start of the parade at the Senior High parking lot. This will include parking and lining up the cars, and helping to decorate cars (supplies provided). It is anticipated that about 150 vehicles will be involved. The goal is to keep all students in their cars for safety reasons, so skilled, proactive volunteers will be needed to maintain order.

Please let René know if you are interested in volunteering.

**E. COVID losses**

It was asked whether there is any provision in BEC's insurance policy that will cover losses resulting from the COVID pandemic. The answer is NO.

**F. Memorial Donation for Sandra Hawke**

Ed motioned that the Club make a donation of \$100 to Dress for Success in memory of Sandra Hawke, 2nd by Cory, motion passed.

The following is an article about Sandra Hawke for those who are not familiar:

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/longtime-metrapark-leader-and-people-person-sandra-hawke-dies-at-72/article\\_0fd7efbc-9e08-5538-b03a-e9514c093700.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/longtime-metrapark-leader-and-people-person-sandra-hawke-dies-at-72/article_0fd7efbc-9e08-5538-b03a-e9514c093700.html)

**VII. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 8, 2020. The newly-elected Board members will be invited to attend. For now, it looks to be another Zoom meeting.

**BEC ELECTION REMINDER**

Final nominations and speeches by nominees will take place during the meeting this Friday, May 15.

Current nominations are as follows:

- *President Elect* - Bruce Glennie
- *Secretary* - Tanya Tweten
- *Board* (3 seats available) - John Wilson, Ryan Jenkins, Craig Burke, Tanner Critelli
- *Foundation* (1 seat available) - Chris Kosine

After the meeting, a link will be emailed to all members to vote using a program called Survey Monkey. Voting will be open through the weekend and will close at midnight on Sunday, May 17.

If you are not able to vote during that time (after breakfast on Friday through Sunday night), please notify René and arrangements will be made for you to vote ahead of time