



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021 – 5:45 P.M.

Craft Local Basement

Members in Attendance

Dina Harmon, *President*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Tanya Tweten, *Secretary*; René Critelli, *Past President*
Directors: Wiley Taylor, Lisa Jensen, Tanner Critelli, , Ryan Jenkins

Members Absent

Bruce Glennie, *President Elect*
Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*
Shawnee Krauszer, *Director*

Guests

Gene Jarussi (by telephone)

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Jan 2021 Meeting Minutes

Wiley moved to approve the January minutes; 2nd by Ryan; passed unanimously.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Tanya Tweten reported that two members resigned since the last Board meeting, Adrian Miller and Terry Corey. We also lost John Wilson last month. Membership now stands at 147.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ed Kaufman submitted the financial reports to the Board for review. He reported that the accounts are stable and there are not a lot of expenditures right now. Taxes are done and will be forthcoming.

President Elect's Report:

President Elect Bruce Glennie was absent and had no report.

Business Manager Report:

Business Manager Mike Fleming was absent, however, Dina reported on his behalf that the application for the new home of BEC's beer and wine license has been submitted and is being processed by the State. Once approved, announcement will be made.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising Committee

Dina reported that the committee has met and has generated the following ideas:

Restaurant Night

Set for April 22 and to be called *Bites of Billings*. Volunteers will serve as “ambassadors” and will deliver donation envelopes to restaurants, to then be submitted to patrons wherein they may give cash donations to the chosen organization. It was suggested that Family Tree Center be the recipient of those donations.

Brewery Night

Same concept as Restaurant Night, except at breweries

Wine Festival

Proposed to be held annually on the Saturday before Valentine’s Day. Attendees will purchase tickets for entry. Offerings will include wine tasting, appetizers, beer for sale, and live music. Possible venues are being explored.

Brewery Tour

Participants would purchase a mug or punch-card to be presented to breweries for a free beer.

Speakeasy

20s-themed party with jazz music and appetizers. Attendees would purchase tickets to be presented in exchange for a password for entry.

Block party

Hosted by BEC with beer sales, live music, etc.

Cornhole Tourney

Hosted by BEC with beer sales, etc.

Food Truck Battle Committee

René reported that the tentative date for the Food Truck Battle is August 28, 2021 - Location TBD

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Alcohol License Home

As reported, the application for the new home of BEC’s beer and wine license is being processed by the State. Once approved, announcement will be made.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Marketing Flyer for Catering

A rough draft flyer prepared by Dina was submitted to the Board for review. It will be finalized after State approval of the license application.

National Exchange Grant Program

Information from National Exchange Club regarding the Exchange Strong and Award Grant was presented to the Board. Each club that donates a designated \$1,500 gift to Exchange through the National Exchange Club Foundation will receive the Exchange Strong Award and will become eligible to apply for a grant from National to fund a Club program or project. Wiley made a motion that BEC not participate; 2nd by Ryan; passed unanimously.

Board Member

Article VII, Section 3, of the Bylaws of BEC provide that "A vacancy in any office, or in the Board of Directors, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the expired term." Wiley moved that Craig Burke be contacted to fill in the Board position left vacant by John's death, if Craig is interested; 2nd by Lisa, passed unanimously. Craig ran for the Board position in last year's election.

RFP

A drafted, unsigned Request for Proposals for the MetraPark Alcohol Concession was reviewed by the Board together with Gene Jarussi by telephone. After discussion, René moved that BEC submit a proposal; 2nd by Lisa; after further discussion, approved unanimously. A mandatory pre-submittal meeting and walk-thru is tentatively scheduled for next week, which will be attended by Dina, Gene, and Mike on behalf of BEC. A proposal will be generated based on the findings of that meeting and walk-thru. With the RFP, negotiations are now off the table for a BEC contract with the Metra. Consequently, the Contract Committee, which consisted of Dina, Gene, Dave Staton, Bruce Jensen, Mike Fleming, and René, is now disbanded. The Board will serve as the RFP Committee.

District Convention (5/21-23) and Nationals (7/7-10)

District will be held in Butte. Nationals will be held in Memphis, TN.
All costs of attendance to be paid by attendee.

VI. CONCERNS AND HAPPENINGS

Wiley asked about the removal of BEC supplies from Metra booths prior to Monster Trucks event - Mike has taken care of it. In addition, Mike has asked that BEC signage be covered at all booths.

In regard to members' questions regarding moving breakfast meetings from the Metra, a breakfast venue that can accommodate BEC membership is being explored. However, breakfast meetings will continue to be held at the Metra for the foreseeable time.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted 2/10/21 by Tanya Tweten