



## Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 9th – 5:45 P.M.  
American Legion

### **Members in Attendance**

*Dina Harmon, Incoming President; Cavin Noddings, Past President; Ed Kaufman, Treasurer; Shannon Johnson, Secretary; Mike Fleming, Business Manager;*  
Directors: Rob Romsa; Teal Kaufman; Stacy Dreessen; Chuck Rutherford; Maria Rivera; Bruce Jensen, Director;

**Members Absent** - Craig Burke, *President;*

**Guests - No guests**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**March 2024 Meeting Minutes**

March meeting minutes stand as presented. Rob Romsa made a motion to approve last month's minutes, and Chuck Rutherford gave the second. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Secretary Shannon Johnson reported that the club's membership now stands at 119. We lost three more members, Ann Gunderson, Matt Brossard, and Noah Tibesur. Our current stats as of the board meeting are: -5.6% YTD growth, and a retention rate of 87.3%. (Goal is to have 7% growth for the year, and a retention rate of at least 85%).

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

Ed reported that as for the financials, general acct is a little low. The check to Family Tree has not been cut yet, as we are in the same place as last quarter. As far as the Club's inability to Grant again this quarter due to low funds, Ed sent 3 applications to Rene for review by the FTB committee. They still have approximately \$32,000 left in their coffers to Grant. He left the ag report so everyone can see where they are at with dues. A discussion was held about two club members who are behind in dues and are not consistent in showing up to volunteer. The board determined in both cases, termination was the appropriate course of action. Rob moved to terminate the two members, and Bruce Jensen gave the second. The motion passed unanimously. Letters will be sent out.

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

Dina Harmon reported that all events are on the website except for baseball. There is nothing new as far as events. Dina will be sending the committee list around soon so members can begin to decided what committees to serve on for the next fiscal year.

### **Business Manager Report:**

Mike Fleming reported that the month of March brought in \$3,339. Journey brought in

\$32,888, and after expenses we made the club got \$9k of that. We made \$985 at the Big Air Bash. We are ahead of last year, but in May last year we made \$78k, and this year we only have Outlaws scheduled for events. Metra got a second act for the fair, Boys like Girls. Then Kip Moore is coming up as well. Hosier has about 5-6k tickets sold so far, so that sounds like a promising event. The board revisited having a trainer from the state do our Rserve for less time, if we can coordinate it. This would require everyone to ensure they can attend the event in person. Bruce Jensen is going to find out more info and get back to provide a better option for the group.

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Shannon shared that the membership committee and District will be hosting a membership drive each month for the rest of the year. Bruce Jensen is going to sponsor our May event out at the DEN. May 2, 2024, at 530-8pm, we will host another membership drive, and we've never needed members like now! We are asking EVERY member who can come, to bring even ONE person. We will have a raffle and for every member who brings a guest, they will be entered into the raffle. The membership drive in June will be sponsored by Opportunity Bank and will be at Tiny's Tavern on the patio June 6, 2024, 530-8pm. You have two great opportunities to help increase our membership which is the best support we can give the club next to our volunteer opportunities. Reach out to ALL the great people in your lives and invite them for a drink and the chance to join a really fabulous tribe.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Highway Cleanup**

The Great American Cleanup is April 27th. Ed contacted Tony and the Special and Capable Club is going to continue owning this clean-up. Our Club donated \$500 to them which we discussed continuing. Bruce made a motion, Stacy second, passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion of a way to recognize members that have passed**

Maria discussed an idea to put symbols on a placard to represent how the person served and identify their service with the club, as well as any military service they had. The board moved to table this for better ideas or put a committee together and come up with something.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Downtown Exchange Club Golf Tournament 6-14-24 Pryor Creek**

Ed reported that he has not seen any application yet. Stacy made a motion to get a team together and participate. Cavin second. Unanimous.

There was a suggestion from the membership to stop giving out plaques to speakers to save money. Cavin spoke against the idea to not hand out plaques to speakers, because he thought it was a good will gesture that shows our gratitude. The board moved to table this discussion to see how much we've spent on plaques and whether it would save enough money to make a difference.

There was another request from Flathead Valley exchange to use our flags for their Field of Honor in 2025. Cavin made a motion to approve and Stacy gave the second. Rob stated that we will need to go through the trailer first and do inventory, to be sure things are getting replaced appropriately. We have plenty of time to get this done, but we need to keep records of what we have and what comes back to us.

A silent auction basket for district convention is needed from each club. Craig is asking for help putting one together. Ed made a motion to use \$100 to put a basket together with the wine glasses that Mike brought to give away with the exchange club logo, and Maria thought it would be good to do cheese and crackers, to make a charcuterie/wine basket with glasses.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm. Bruce Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rob Romsa gave the second.

Submitted 4/11/24 by Shannon Johnson