



## Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 09th – 5:45 P.M.  
American Legion

### **Members in Attendance**

Dina Harmon, *President*; Craig Burke, *Past President*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Shannon Johnson, *Secretary*; Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*;  
Directors: Whitney Griffin; Teal Kaufman; Chuck Rutherford; Jesse McKee; Bruce Jensen; Stacy Dreessen

### **Members absent**

Shawnee Krauser, *Incoming President*;

### **Guests**

Rene Critelli

Tony Parish

Kordell Harmon - New member (Dina Harmon, sponsor)

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **July 2024 Meeting Minutes**

July meeting minutes stand as presented. Craig Burke made a motion to approve last month's minutes, and Teal Kaufman gave the second. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rene Critelli was present to conduct the new officer installation ceremony at the start of the meeting.

## **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Secretary Shannon Johnson reported that the club's membership now stands at 118. We had five resignations since our last meeting: Noah Brooks, Amanda Carlson, Josh Henderson, Sheri Houston, and Nicole Croaker. (Our stats are -1.7% YTD growth, and 97.5% retention to start the year off). Bruce Jensen made the motion to accept Kordell Harmon into the club, Stacy Dreessen gave the second. The motion was unanimous. Welcome to the club Kordell!

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

Ed reported that we have enough money in the account to grant about \$26k for the previous quarter. The members account is a bit scant because of national dues being paid out, but that will improve as dues are paid. Otherwise nothing much to report at this point of the year besides quarterly taxes and insurance being paid. Ed will be putting together the committee to create the budget for this new year, so that is forthcoming. There are about four people who are more than two quarters behind on dues, so notices will be going out.

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

Shawnee was not present to give a report.

### **Business Manager Report:**

Mike Fleming reported that we finished last year about the same as we did the year before. There are no new events coming to Metra at this point.

Mike brought up an issue that has already begun regarding volunteers for the next football game. There are more than 100 volunteers in our club. We only had 78 days of the prior year that had events that needed to be covered (out of 365 in the year). Mike needed 10 volunteers which were assigned and 6 backed out immediately asking for substitutes. He didn't even have a beer captain volunteer. Bruce Jensen volunteered to be beer captain and pour beer (both). However, the issue at hand is the lack of participation coming from the membership at large. The Board discussed possible solutions to this increasing issue; increasing volunteer requirements, holding an annual meeting, and how to get members to participate more in the club were the topics addressed. This continues to be an issue for the club every year. The Board liked the idea of an **annual meeting** so that will be forthcoming for the year. **Bruce Jensen moved to increase work obligations to 6 events per year. Jesse McKee gave a second. Board passed the motion unanimously. This change is effective as of July 1st, 2024.**

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership Committee**

Shannon shared that as returning Membership Committee Chair, what you can look forward to is an orientation being scheduled by September 2024 for all new members since the end of FY 2023.

The club welcomes Kordell Harmon into the fold! Kordell is very familiar with our club as his mom (Dina) is a very active member in Exchange. Kordell has a heart for veterans as his dad served, and has some connections in law enforcement as well. One fun fact about Kordell is that he is a competitive Cornhole player, and is leading the organization for the sport of Cornhole here in Billings. Perhaps a cornhole tournament is in our future this year in the club? Please make sure to introduce yourselves to Kordell as you see him at breakfast.

### **Grants Committee**

Ed reported that the first meeting for the Grants Committee for the year will be held the 1st Tuesday in August. They will be discussing the granting for the fourth quarter of the previous FY.

## **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Tony was a guest tonight and brought the new club bylaws that were approved by National; they were voted on July 7, 2023.

### **Member memorial**

Dina will be putting a group together to make a decision on how we are going to do this moving forward in our club.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

The first meeting of FY2024-25 was adjourned at 6:55pm by Dina Harmon.

Submitted 7/10/24 by Shannon Johnson