



## Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 8th – 5:45 P.M.  
American Legion

### **Members in Attendance**

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

### **Members absent**

Chuck Rutherford, Board Member

### **Guests**

Gene Jarussi  
Tracy Elletson (potential new member)  
Jim Forseth (potential new member)  
Jaidyn Simmons (potential new member)  
Shawnah Marie (potential new member)  
Becky Beavers (potential new member)  
Jana Beckerley (potential new member)

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **September 2024 Meeting Minutes**

September meeting minutes stand as presented. Motion made by Bruce Jensen to approve meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Craig Burke. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Secretary Shannon Johnson reported that the club's membership now stands at 119. (Our stats are 0% YTD growth, and 96.6% retention). We voted in six new members bringing our growth up to 5%. Bruce Jensen made a motion to approve the new members, Stacy Dreessen gave the second. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ed reported that the actual profit from the food truck battle is around \$56k. There isn't any money left for us to grant this quarter, but there is from the FTB funds. About \$7k from the last concert was raised, which will go towards our CAP quarterly payment. Membership account is doing well. Letters went out for three of our members who are behind on their dues, and one termination letter was sent for nonpayment of dues.

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

Shawnee reported that she has been actively getting the schedule put together, but when there are two events, she is having to schedule people for multiple events in a row because she is not getting enough. The board agreed to start publishing the number of events each member has worked since the amount of required events has been increased. This will happen on a quarterly basis, starting the next business meeting. Even with the increase, she is still having trouble getting enough people to volunteer. Upcoming events include the Ranch Rodeo, Theo Von, and Price Is Right. Please be watching the schedule of events and make sure you mark yourself 'request to work!'

### **Business Manager Report:**

Mike Fleming reported we have \$173,158, and that hasn't changed. Judas Priest brought in \$6,989, and he doesn't know when Hosier is coming back. Tom Segura is coming in April right after PBR. Globetrotters in Feb. Monster Trucks, Mate Show, Festival of Trees, and Chase Hawkes are all events that are upcoming. Ranch Rodeo has dancing in the dirt after. We will use our new booth for that event.

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Social Committee**

Shawnee has not had a lot of interest in people joining so they really don't have a lot of people helping to plan the social events. If you can volunteer for the Social Committee, they need you! The first event is going to be in early November, and it is going to be Oktoberfest (just in November). A German meal, and German theme will be the idea, and it sounds like loads of fun!

### **Membership Committee - New Members**

The Board voted in **six** new members this week. Jaidyn Simmons was a leader in the Laurel Exchange Club and District; her sponsor is Tony Parish. Jim Foreseth is a retired civil engineer and spent 6 years in the Navy. Darryl Weber is his sponsor, but he also knows Shawnee really well too. Becky Beavers is also retired from the culinary world where she cooked for the last three WY governors; Darryl Weber invited Becky too. Jana Beckerley and Tracy Elletson both work at Paul Davis Restoration of Yellowstone County, MT, and are joining the club with Tony and Wade as their sponsors. Shawnah with Holiday Nights came to breakfast for a visit and decided it was a great way to give back; she was invited to the club by Stephanie Bond. Welcome to the club everyone! Shawnee made the motion to approve all new members while Bruce Jensen gave the second. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Special Circumstance**

A topic of special circumstance came before the Board which required much time, deliberation, and a difficult resolution. According to the club's bylaws, Article IV, Section 6 of the Club's bylaws provides that the Board of Directors "for causes . . . duly shown shall have the authority to . . . expel a member by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at any meeting for which advance notice of not less than fifteen (15) days shall be given." Due to a situation brought before the Board involving malfeasance of funds of Exchange Club building, Leif Welhaven was given the opportunity to come and speak to the Board to address this topic, which would result in the Board

discussing possible expulsion from the club. The Board heard Mr. Welhaven's comments, and the Board took the matter to a vote. The board members present voted unanimously in favor of expelling Leif Welhaven from the club.

### **Festival of Trees**

The Board discussed participating in the Festival of Trees. Ed Kaufman made a motion to support the Festival, and Stacy gave the second. Dina will send information out at a future date/time.

The BEC used to have Central and West High YOY in the past. At one time, West High was given to the West End Club to support, but they have not participated in it for a while, and they have limited resources to continue. The Board discussed whether the club should support both high schools or split ACE/YOY. Bruce Jensen moved to support both schools with 9 students representing each school, and Craig Burke gave the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed brought it to the Board to ask if the tips earned at the Rodeo could go to the Eva project after the Friday night (Tough enough to wear pink) rodeo. Stacy moved to give tips to Eva Project, Bruce Jensen gave the second. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

Bruce Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Teal Kaufman gave the second. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Submitted 10/08/24 by Shannon Johnson