



## Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025 – 5:45 P.M.  
American Legion

### **Members in Attendance**

Shawnee Krauszer, *President*; Dina Harmon, *Past President*; Shannon Johnson, *President-Elect*;  
Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Tanya Tweten, *Secretary*; Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*  
Directors: Whitney Griffin; Bruce Jensen, Jesse McKee, Randy Thomas, Bob Dalrymple, Scott Krauszer

Guests: René Critelli

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **July 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Whitney moved to approve the July meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Shannon; approved unanimously.

### **II. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

Prospective new member, Charlie Loveridge, came before the Board for approval of his application for membership (sponsored by Bruce Jensen). Shawnee moved that Charlie's application be approved. After discussion, it was unanimously approved that Charlie be accepted as a member of the Club upon receipt of payment of dues and membership fees.

### **III. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

After adding Charlie to membership, the club's membership stands at 107 active members.

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

Ed reported that we are holding firm. We lost money on Hozier (expended approx \$15K on beer and lost approx \$1300). Funds will be granted to Family Tree Center for the quarter.

Ed submitted the proposed budget to the Board by email on July 11, 2025, and approval is pending. Tanya moved to approve the budget; seconded by Whitney.

Accounts Receivable were reviewed and a few members will receive letters re: overdue dues.

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

Shannon has been working on getting events scheduled. There were a couple no-shows for

fair events, which was discussed. She is going to work on a proposal to the Board re: members' serving requirements.

**Business Manager Report:**

Mike reported on beer sales. Hozier on 7/2/25 brought in \$13,598. There was a New Music Reading Workshop in July (sponsored by Eckroth Music) which brought in a whopping \$170! Fair events: (1) Flo-Rida brought in \$7700; (2) Fluffy brought in \$10,118; and Russell Dickerson brought in \$7722. So far, we made \$8900 more this year at Fair events than 2024.

Upcoming events: Fusion Fight League on 10/13; Ian Munsick on 10/9; Zack top on 10/31; Mercy Me on 11/1; Jeff Dunham on 11/4; Kevin Gates on 11/13; Festival of Trees on 12/1; and Chase Hawks on 12/20.

**President's Report:**

Shawnee reported on committee reports received (see below).

## **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership Committee**

Tony is the chair. The committee goals for this year are (1) to host 2 new member orientations; (2) to hold 4 membership drive socials; and (3) to re-energize membership.

**Patriotism Committee**

Tony is the chair. 2026 will mark the 250th anniversary of the USA, and the 25 year anniversary of 9/11. The committee will seek Board approval to enter the Red Lodge 4th of July parade in 2026; and also explore hosting a 'Field of Flags' with at least 250 flags over the 4th of July and again in September.

René reported that Billings is a proposed location for a Veterans' Wall Memorial. The memorial would be on display 24 hours from Tue-Sun, and guards will be needed 24/7. It will be about the size of a football field.

**House Committee**

Tony is the chair (there seems to be a pattern here....). The committee will seek to re-establish the Christmas/New Year breakfast.

**Youth of the Year Committee**

Shannon Christensen is the chair. The committee is light and invites members to become involved. The committee will reach out to counselors at West & Central in Sept/Oct to give plenty of time to meet deadlines. The ACE program will be re-integrated this year.

**Foundation Board**

Trina White is the Foundation President. The Foundation recently granted \$10,000 to Casa and \$10,000 to Family Promise (grant requests were few). The Foundation balance stood at approx \$575,000, and 3%-5% of the fund balance is usually distributed.

A Bingo fundraiser is scheduled for 9/13 at the Columbia Club. A \$50 buy-in gets you 6 game cards, a drink ticket, and a dauber. The Foundation is seeking two sponsors to put together Cat and Griz baskets; and is also seeking eight sponsors for the Bingo games (\$100 for regular rounds and \$200 for blackout rounds). Invites to area clubs and member friends and family are greatly encouraged.

### **Social Committee**

René reported that the committee met on 8/10/25. The committee is planning a social to run in conjunction with the Foundation Bingo event. An after-work social is being planned for 9/18; and a Halloween Crawl is being planned for 11/1.

### **Food Truck Battle Committee**

FTB is in the final stretch!

Volunteers are needed on 8/16 to hang flags and banners. The committee will finalize set-up for the event on 8/22.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. René came before the Board to discuss the following:

1. Request to the Board to revisit sponsorship requirements for new members, and allowance for recruitment of prospective members on social media. At the National level, 250 members were lost this year due to death. More active members are needed. She would like to commence the social media campaign in Sept. In lieu of sponsors, a 'mentor sub-committee' was discussed to align within the membership committee.
2. The possibility of business memberships. This discussion was floored and will be revisited.
3. Seeking donations on social media and the BEC website by offering a 'donate now' button. Donors would be able to give a one-time or recurring donation. The Club would use the Eventgroove platform, which takes roughly 10% of all donations, but does not require a monthly fee. Fees are paid only through submitted donations. All donations would filter through the Foundation so they are tax-deductible. Tanya moved to approve donation-seeking on social media and the website through Eventgroove; seconded by Scott. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
4. United Way will start charging \$25 per month for storage (\$300 per year). BEC currently uses their storage for Food Truck Battle items (about 10' x 6' storage unit). Discussion was had on finding one-stop storage for all BEC needs. This discussion was floored and will be revisited.
5. A BEC team needs to be assembled for the Heights Exchange Club Golf Tourney on 9/19/25 (Friday). Names will be drawn at breakfast on Friday.
6. The keg-lines need cleaning in the new NW booth at the Metra.
7. New t-shirt order deadline is 8/14/25 @ 4pm. (Now expired). You can still order shirts after that date, but they will not be here for FTB.

B. Lease electronic signage at Metra? Expensive. This discussion was floored and will be revisited

- C. Dress-A-Child - proposed dates are 10/18, 10/25, and 11/8. A vote will be held at breakfast on 8/15 for the date.
- D. Monthly Dues Increase at National Level:
  - \$21.50 for Active, Active Honorary, At-Large, Active Family, Business, and Collegiate Members
  - \$13.50 for Excel Members
  - \$9.00 for Honorary Members
  - \$11.00 for Additional Family Members

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **John Ostlund Memorial**

\$462 total was donated to Chase Hawks in honor of John Ostlund (\$250 approved by the Board, and \$212 raised at the “pass-the-hat” at breakfast).

### **Quentin Staton Memorial**

\$100 will be donated on behalf of BEC to a memorial for Quentin

### **Business Cards with Club Information**

Shannon will design a card, and will submit a draft to the Board for approval.

### **By-Law/Policy Review - Membership**

This discussion was floored and will be revisited.

## **VII. CLUB CONCERNS AND HAPPENINGS**

### **Double-Wristbanding Required at Metra Events?**

There is no need to put an additional wristband on a customer if they have a wristband from the other group. Be sure to ID anyone if you question their age, but no need to double-wristband.

### **Metra signage**

New, current signage states “4 beers per transaction” (not per person). Mike confirmed again that we are allowed to serve 4 beers per person, however, a separate sales transaction should be performed for every 4 beers that are purchased.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16.

Submitted 8/14/25 by Tanya Tweten