



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 – 5:45 P.M.
American Legion

Members in Attendance

Shawnee Krauszer, *President*; Dina Harmon, *Past President*; Ed Kaufman, *Treasurer*; Tanya Tweten, *Secretary*; Mike Fleming, *Business Manager*

Directors: Whitney Griffin; Bruce Jensen, Jesse McKee, Randy Thomas, Bob Dalrymple

Guest: Tony Parish

Not Present: Shannon Johnson, *President-Elect*; Scott Krauszer, *Director*

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

August 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Tanya noted that one amendment is required to the Aug minutes: the Foundation donated \$10,000 to Family Services, not Family Promise as set forth in the minutes.
- Tanya moved to approve the August meeting minutes with the above amendment; seconded by Shawnee; approved unanimously.

II. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION/RESIGNATIONS

- Membership Application for Terry Moore came before the Board for approval (sponsored by Darryl Weber).
 - Tanya moved that Terry's application be approved; seconded by Bruce.
 - After discussion, it was unanimously approved that Terry be accepted as a member of the Club upon payment of his initial membership fee and first quarterly dues.
- Sheila Wilson and Kanon Torgerson both resigned from the Club.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

- After adding Terry as a member, the club's membership stands at 106 active members.
- There have been 4 resignations and 2 new members since July.
- *Matters that require memorialization:*
 - Final Budget Approval - Ed presented a final draft of the budget to the Board by email on 7/11/25. Tanya moved to approve the budget; seconded by Whitney; approved unanimously.
 - \$10,000 grant request from Impact Montana (submitted to FTB Committee) - Ed emailed the Board on 7/14/25 with the grant request, which had been pending prior to the change in Club administration. Shannon moved to approve the grant; seconded by Dina; approved unanimously.
 - Purchase of BEC branded portable awning - Shawnee emailed the Board on 7/29/25 re: purchase of BEC branded portable awning for \$460 from Minuteman Press, to be paid from FTB funds. Shawnee moved to approve; seconded by Shannon. Dina abstained from voting, but the motion otherwise passed unanimously.

- Purchase of 4 hand-held credit card processing units - Ed mailed the Board on 8/18/25 re: purchase of 4 hand-held credit card processing units for \$200 each (\$800 total) from David Riley-Titanium Products, to be paid from the general fund (can be used at Food Truck Battle if purchased now). Ed moved to purchase the units; seconded by Shannon. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Thank you to Rob Romsa for the lead on this opportunity.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported that the membership account is sitting fairly low. If you are behind on dues, please catch up on payment. Dues arrears letters will be mailed this month.

President Elect's Report:

- There are 3 shows scheduled in October: Ian Munsick on Oct 9; Nile on Oct 18; and Zach Top on Oct 31. There are 4 shows in November: MercyMe on Nov 1; Jeff Dunham on Nov 5; Pentatonix on Nov 12; and Kevin Gates on Nov 13. A show has been added in January: Nate Bergatze.
- There seems to be some hiccups with the website in regard to scheduling, which are being addressed.
- Two people are seeking subs this Sat, so please reach out if you can help out at the Fusion Fights.

Business Manager Report:

- Final report on the Fair after the rodeo: BEC brought in \$36,558 which is almost as much as last year. The rodeo brought in half as much proceeds as last year.
- Through August, the Club has earned \$50,326 compared to approx \$63,000 in 2024 at this time.

President's Report:

Shawnee reported that the Board of Realtors is interested in asking BEC to serve at a private event on Dec 11. After discussion, it was agreed that BEC would charge a \$200 set-up fee, and that the tip proceeds may be donated to the charity supported by the Board of Realtors at that event, if the charity supports the mission of BEC.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

Tony came before the Board to discuss the Membership Committee goals and visions for the year. The committee met on 9/8/25. Initial goals for the year are to host two member orientations and to host member recruitment events. The committee is focused on reinvigorating membership. A member recruitment event is proposed to take place on Oct 15, with a raffle for new attendees; and the committee is looking to host a member orientation in Nov.

Patriotism Committee

Tony came before the Board to discuss the Patriotism Committee visions for the year. 2026 will mark the 250th anniversary of the USA, and the 25-year anniversary of 9/11.

- The committee will seek Board approval for the Club to march in either the Red Lodge or Laurel 4th of July parade in 2026.
- The committee would also like to host two "healing fields" in 2026 (in July and Sept), with a minimum of 250 flags each, partnering with local sponsors.
 - Can partner with College of Technology for Sept field (where a piece of the Twin Towers is on display).
 - For 5x3 flags, a space of approx 5400 sq ft will be required (with grids of 25 rows by 10

columns, spaced 5' apart).

- Bruce moved that the committee move forward with planning the healing fields and come to the Board with a proposal; seconded by Randy; passed unanimously.

Foundation Board

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. Invites to area clubs and member friends and family are greatly encouraged.

Social Committee

- The committee is hosting a pre-Bingo social on Sept 13 at 5:00 in conjunction with the Foundation Bingo event (at the Columbia Club). They are planning fun ways to stretch your Bingo dollar, including a chance to win CASH just by showing up.
- The committee and Don Lohrenz are hosting an after-work shop party at Don's shop (1705 60th St. W.) on Sept 18 at 5:00. There is no cost to attend and no need to sign up. The committee asks only that you bring your favorite snack to share.
- A Halloween Crawl is being planned for 11/1/25.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Request from Food Truck Battle Committee to increase the amount given to the Special and Capable Club for its help at FTB to the sum of \$1,550.
 - Shawnee moved to approve; seconded by Bruce; approved unanimously.
- Dress-A-Child is scheduled for Nov 8 at the King Ave Walmart.
- Discussion on letter to Board from Maria and the American Legion re: member reviews of Friday morning breakfasts.
- Review letter from National President, Joe Dudek (attached).
- Discussion on reinvigorating participation of inactive members.
- Grant Application from Bis Sky Warrior Outreach in the amount of \$7,000
 - FTB recommends approval
 - Shawnee moved to approve; seconded by Tanya; After discussion, approved unanimously.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Quentin Staton Memorial check is outgoing
- Club business cards are being drafted
- By-Law/Policy Review: Membership
 - The Board discussed revisions to the Membership Policy, and a revised policy will be drafted and voted on by the Board.

VII. CLUB CONCERNS AND HAPPENINGS

Please note that foreign currency is not accepted by BEC.

VIII. ADJOURN

Shawnee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm; seconded by Whitney; approved unanimously.

Submitted 9/10/25 by Tanya Tweten