



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 14 2026 – 5:45 P.M.
Billings Association of
REALTORS®
2021 Overland Ave.
Billings, MT 59102

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Members present at the meeting included Shawnee Krauszer, President; Shannon Johnson, President-Elect; Directors in attendance were Bruce Jensen, Randy Thomas, Bob Dalrymple, Scott Krauszer, Jesse McKee, and Dina Harmon.

Members not present: Ed Kaufman, Treasurer; Whitney Griffin, Director; Tanya Tweten, Secretary; Mike Fleming, Business Manager.

Guests-

Randy Stiles, Shawn and Gecko, from the Legion

Leif Welhaven

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The February 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bruce Jensen made a motion to approve the previous minutes, and Randy Thomas seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from February 2026 were approved as printed and the motion carried. There were no March meeting minutes to be approved.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Report

Tanya Tweten was absent. Based on current numbers, membership currently stands at 111 active members. We lost two members this last month; Terry Moore and Troy Wilson.

Treasurer Report

Ed Kaufman reported by email The financials are pretty straight forward. A lack of good events has us pretty low in the New General Account. Hopefully PBR will be good. We have 2- \$2500.00 checks to write to Youth of the Year Recipients in the upcoming couple of weeks. The Member's account is holding its own. The Grant request received is from the Yellowstone Conference Free Store. These are the ladies (one related to Tim Crowley) who

came to speak to us a while back. It's only for \$300.00. Might be what we can afford right now. There are a couple Golf Tourney's coming up so we might want to think about those soon also. FTNC and Riverstone Hospice.

President-Elect Report

An in-person R-Serving (TIPS) training and accreditation was offered on 4/07. Five or six people attended and received their R-Serving certification, and the training took approximately 30 minutes. The cost of the course was \$30 paid by the members, which saved a significant amount of time. However, it has been noted that the new online version of R-Serving took one member approximately one hour to complete.

A Beer Captain training takes place on April 16, 2026, at the Metra to make sure everyone is updated on anything new as a training has not happened in a long while.

Business Manager Report

Mike Fleming reported that it couldn't get much slower. We have Matt Rife coming up on June 14th. Mike and Carol have decided to retire after this December so the search begins to find someone who would potentially be able to fill those very large shoes. If anyone is interested in applying please send your resume and Letter of Interest to Shawnee and the Board.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website Committee

Shannon Johnson presented on a particular site host called Wild Apricot to house our new website. It is built for membership organizations like ours to manage memberships, hold event registrations, and even has a plug and play text feature so we can have built in text notifications. It allows invoicing and payment options with no additional fees outside the cost of the site, so it is all-inclusive to our needs. This allows us to have greater control and creative innovation over our site, with more functionality and more robust quality than our current site offers. The Board unanimously voted for the committee to move forward with Wild Apricot as the new host site.

*If anyone would like to participate on the website committee to help design and operate the new website, please reach out to Shannon for meeting times/dates.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Leif Welhaven

Leif came and spoke to the Board to make amends and take accountability for his past actions to the membership. He has been in recovery for over 6 months at this time, and is doing what he needs for his healing. The letter attached to the notes is from Leif to the membership.

Elections and BEC Member of the Year

The Board discussed the current elections and discussed who might be a great president-elect. Additional names were suggested and will be called out on Friday to see if they will accept the nomination.

A discussion was also held and voted on by the Board as to who would be the BEC Member of the Year. This will be announced at the District Conference, so please register to attend and show up since it will be in Billings this year.

FTNC Golf Team

Shawnee motioned to do a \$600 team for the golf tournament and Bruce seconded. Motion passed to participate in sponsoring a team. At this time, this is what our club is able to do to support our capstone, considering the slow down of events from the Metra.

Riverstone Hospice Golf Tourney

The Board voted not to support this tournament this year, due to a lack of funds in our accounts from slow events.

Memorial Day Parade May 23rd

The parade will be held at 10am on the typical downtown parade route. Memorial Day weekend. We will be handing out flags to kids. It would be great if the membership could make the time and come willing to participate in this event..

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

American Legion Update

Randy Stiles, the new incoming Commander and House Committee Chair at the American Legion and crew from the Legion came to discuss costs for breakfasts for our weekly meeting at the Legion. They are trying to keep breakfast costs to \$14 or under per plate, however the cost of food has gone up 30-35% due to recent economic circumstances.. They are asking what we want to see for breakfast. Shawnee shared the results of the recent poll that was sent out on what the membership would like to see for the food options. We are a small group in terms of value on the cost margin. Right now, they are giving us \$14/plate x50 and no room fee that gets charged with it. So they are not making any money on our breakfasts, and they do not have anyone they can pay a salary to in order to have a separate cook for us as a result. Shawnee offered to create a menu for the legion so they could try to customize and keep costs low. It's the variety that is tough, especially with food costs rising like bacon.

The Board discussed the need for potentially raising the cost of breakfast. What they quotes was approximately \$18/plate is about what they would need to spend in order to get us what we are asking for. That is \$4 additional per plate.

BEC has asked the Legion to prepare enough food to cover 50 people. However, there is usually a lot of food left over so not only is food going to waste, but our club is paying for food that is not being eaten. Thus, we either need to look at a system of 'signing up to eat breakfast' or somehow electing a week or more ahead of time whether or not a member will

be eating breakfast that morning. The Board is open to suggestions for how we can make this more economical on all sides.

Corporate Donation Programs/Fundraisers

Jesse said we've been set up with Toast to hold fundraising opportunities at DiamondX and is just waiting to hear back about details, but we are close. Stay tuned for how you can help contribute and spread the word to raise money for our club.

District Convention

The District Convention is scheduled for June 5 and June 6 in Billings at The Northern Hotel. The committee is working on setting up a TEDx Talk-style presentation and is organizing speakers. The committee is also planning entertainment, sponsorships, a social event, and working to secure a National Exchange Representative to attend.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled May 12, 2026, and will be held in the conference room at the offices of the Billings Association of REALTORS located at 2021 Overland Drive.

Submitted by Shannon Johnson 4/15/2026