

BECON
9/27/24

Today was a business meeting so please reference the BOD minutes for the bulk of the information presented this morning. I have reported on a few tidbits below that are in addition to those minutes.

Announcements

- Remember the MSUB Athletics Scholarship Auction & Halloween Party fundraiser to be held October 25th at 6 pm at the Pub Station. Dina sent out an email with all the details on this event a couple of days ago.
- B-I-N-G-O and Bingo was his name-oh! You got it, the BEC Foundation fundraiser will be tomorrow, Saturday, 9/28/24 at the Columbia Club starting at 6 pm. \$50 per head gets you, well, either 5 or 8 games of bingo – I know – that’s a wide spread but an earlier email said 8 and I thought Trina said 5 this morning. Regardless, you also get a drink ticket and there will be raffle prizes and such. You don’t necessarily have to play bingo – you can just come for the fun. And you don’t have to be previously signed up to go – walk-ups are welcome!
- Misty Wittman, new member – came up and gave us a brief intro to herself including mentioning that she was a charter member of the Laurel Exchange Club; has 2 kids including a 25-year-old daughter and 16-year-old son and 2 grandkids. Welcome Misty!!
- Dina shared some BIG personal news in that she has quit working for the City of Billings and has jumped into business ownership (out of the frying pan and into the fire!). She purchased the Minute Man Press business in Billings . . . AND her husband Chris is no longer the GM of the new Albertson out on Grand. He took a District job as the Albertson’s loss manager and has started that gig working out of the Heights store. As they say, a rolling stone grows no moss . . . and these two stones are clean, or stoned, or something 😊 Good luck you two!! I’m going to order some new business cards from Dina and go do some shoplifting at Albertson just to support these two entrepreneurs and go getters!
- Just a reminder to check the work schedule for the Judas Priest concert next Thursday as this one is going to be rockin – Shawnee is even asking for a few more workers.
- Also, for you snowbirds out there, please let Shawnee know when you are taking off and will be out of service for work shifts moving forward.

- Just a heads up that next Friday we will have Lynn Cabrera from Eagle Mount as our speaker and the following Friday will be another Business Meeting to get us back on track in terms of biz mtg timing since this months' meeting was late.

Business Meeting Highlights

- It should be noted that we got a couple of new members including Ryan Stieg (husband of recent new member Jillian Stieg) and Tyler Bell – who is Lanny's son-in-law!
- Ed mentioned we have about \$35K in the general account and then mentioned that our revenue was over \$40K for the Cody Johnson concert HOWEVER, we only netted about \$4K on that event . . . which, obviously, put a lot of panties in a bunch among our members this morning wondering how that can be. Those panties were somewhat de-bunched when Mike, during his Business Manager report, mentioned that our expenses for Cody Johnson included buying enough product to get us through the Judas Priest concert so, theoretically, our revenue should match our profit for the JP concert after we give our cut to Metra. Ed also mentioned that we are a little skinny on the Membership Account, so if you are out on memberships dues, please get caught up.
- Shawnee, during the President Elect's report, mentioned that we have had a few no-shows lately for work shifts and asked to please be aware of the work schedules and find a sub if you can't make your shift.
- Mike also mentioned that we are about at the same earnings position as we were last year to date. In terms of upcoming events, the NILE Rodeo is only going to do two rodeos this year instead of three. The usual other annual events are coming up but there is a concert – Theo Von – scheduled for Oct. 25th – that has already sold 4,000 tickets. So, hopefully, that will be a good one for us.
- Sounds like the social committee has co-chairs this year with Shawnee and Jennifer Lackman stepping up. Next week is the first meeting so feel free to jump in if interested. They are currently working on an Oktoberfest event for early November and the X-Mas party.

That's about all to report. Again, check the BOD minutes for details on all of the reports.

Have a great weekend!