

BECON
10/17/25

We had about 40 people this morning at breakfast – Scott K. was counting – and it was a spicey production. If the meeting was a movie, it would have been rated R for inappropriate language and some graphic scenes. We had F-bombs, sexual innuendos – all kinds of stuff. And this was a Business Meeting for Pete’s sake. Maybe that is why – no guests there to keep us in check 😊

The meeting was spicy and so were the mini-omelets made by Maria. And they were delicious! Thanks Maria!

Announcements

- Tony P. gave us a report on the membership drive earlier this week at the Red Door that was a huge success by any standard – 4 new applications including one right there at the venue. Big shout out to the Romsa’s for their cash contribution and Mike Songer for the appetizers!
- Tim Crowley is still looking for plastic bottle contributions for the ladies at the Free Store. They wash these and use them for shampoo containers and such for those folks in need of these items.
- A few people this morning were wearing pink for breast cancer month and there is still a few more weeks left for us to do the same.
- There are still some squares left on the Cat/Griz board although I know the winner of the raffle this morning (Bruce G.) commented that some of that lucky cash was going to this board – so maybe not as many squares left when you see it next.
- REMEMBER – Dress A Child is tomorrow morning at the Heights Wal-Mart. Be there by 7 am because they want to get it rolling by 7:30. If you have done this before, you know that getting there early means being able to have first pick of the clothing items, which is nice for your assigned kiddo. AND, there are usually some other groups there in addition to BEC, so it’s nice to be in front of them. If you haven’t filled out your waiver form, download that tonight and turn it in tomorrow at the check-in desk. For those interested, some members will be meeting at the Play Inn after for a no-host breakfast. Also, as an aside that is of interest to anyone that has participated in this event, or really anyone in our club, Darryl W. shared that during the mention of Dress A Child at the membership drive (I think), someone there indicated that they WERE the recipient of those news clothes - one of the kiddos at the event many years ago - , which just solidifies the positive outcomes we create through our efforts. So, well done everyone!!

Again, this was a business meeting and everything that was presented in the usual reports is in the 10/14/25 Board Meeting Minutes that are to be sent out, so I’m not going to repeat it here again. However, there are a few things I did want to mention:

We spent a fair amount of time talking about volunteering for doing our work/pouring and after an audit of the members who have, or have not, worked, Shannon reported that 8 people have not worked yet this year. And you know what, I'm one of them. So, doing my best Jimmy Swaggert impersonation, have I sinnnnned. You know, sometimes life just gets busy and you're out of town for work or family and you just can't volunteer. I know I'll make it up and get my shifts in but that doesn't do Shannon any favors as all of the past President-elects know. And, when it comes down to it, everyone is busy. So as Bruce J. so delicately put it – get off your asses and work! And I will (starting tomorrow) and hopefully everyone else will as well. We all know what we do – have to do – when we joined this club, so for those of you like me, let's do it a little better.

Some more discussion was made about altering the number of required times to work, which is now six (6), and maybe adding a number of times per quarter instead. And then there were also discussions regarding whether we still need the new member sponsor to be present at both the Board meeting where the new member candidate is being considered, as well as the new member's first work shift. It sounds like those requirements might be going away as they were initially put in place during our gold rush years of new members as these procedures' kind of slow down the process of getting these folks up and running.

And the Board will also be looking at our policy of allowing members of 20 years or longer to opt out of working. I was on the Board when this was put in place and I remember at the time looking down the list of these people and thinking to myself that a lot of these folks are our best workers. Well, most of these people are STILL our best workers and the Bruces (G. and J.) and Tony P. (as I want to say it was Tony that brought this potential policy to the Board) added some context to the discussion. During the time this policy was adopted, we were having long-term members quit the club versus having to tell anybody that they were physically unable to work. These were good members that had worked many a shift and earned the right to be excused without having to resign. Since these members could still contribute to the club in many other ways, it was felt that a policy like this was needed that allowed long-term members to remain in the club but not have to pour beer. The Board felt the same way as the policy was unanimously passed. The reason the Board will look at this policy again, if I understood Tanya's remarks this morning, is to come up with a better way for similar current and deserving members to let the executive team know when their days of pouring beer have come to an end and if so, can be discretely removed from the work list.

Have a great weekend!