



Breakfast Exchange Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026 – 5:45 P.M.
American Legion

Members in Attendance

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

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

December 2025 Meeting Minutes

The December minutes were amended after the 12/12/25 business meeting to reflect that Nate Bergatze is performing on 1/18/26 (not 1/5/26 as stated); and to reflect that, beginning at the Chase Hawks rodeo, all beer will be priced at \$8.00, and BEC will receive the same percentage of that \$1.00 sale price increase as currently received on all regular-priced beer sales (BEC will not keep the entire extra \$1.00 as stated). Randy moved to approve the December meeting minutes as amended; approved unanimously.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Report:

The membership application of Bo Swayze came before the Board with the request that, in lieu of paying dues, his membership be approved on the caveat that he provide radio PR for BEC. After discussion and agreement among the Board, Tanya moved that his application be approved on the proposed terms, to be effective for one year, after which the renewal terms of his membership will be reviewed by the Board; seconded by Jesse; approved unanimously.

Membership stands at 110 active members after approval of Bo's application.

Treasurer Report:

Ed reports that the operating account sits at about \$10,000. There has been no granting to Family Tree Center this quarter due to lack of available funds. A few members are in arrears of dues over two quarters, and those members will be contacted. The credit card processing fee at the Metra is now 5%, up from 3%.

President-Elect Report:

One member has failed to renew their R-serving (TIPS) certification, which expired in Aug. That member has received reminders about renewing their certification, and has acknowledged that they are not yet recertified. After discussion, Tanya moved that said member's membership be terminated if they have not completed their R-serving requirements by Jan 31, 2026; seconded by Shawnee; approved unanimously.

An in-person R-Serving (TIPS) training and accreditation will soon be offered on a date to be determined. If you desire to attend this in-person training rather than online, the cost will be \$30 and the class will be about 2 hours. Shannon will soon announce the date and location.

A Beer Captain meeting is scheduled for 1/25/26 @ 2pm (Gordy's is the tentative location), at which an SOP for beer and wine sales will be discussed.

Business Manager Report:

BEC has earned \$190,977 to date this fiscal year, most of which was from the Food Truck Battle.

Events coming up this fiscal year:

- Nate Bergatze on 1/18/26
- February: MSU-B basketball games and the MATE show
- March: Christian-music concert
- April: Big Air Bash, 3 concerts currently on hold, PBR
- May: 2 concerts currently on hold

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

The committee is planning a membership drive and a new-member orientation. The District clubs will join for a membership drive this spring.

Patriotism Committee

The committee will meet on 1/14/26. They are planning to start a Facebook page and are brainstorming sponsorships.

Book of Golden Deeds

The Book of Golden Deeds award is scheduled for the first breakfast meeting in May. Nominations are welcome.

Food Truck Battle Committee

The committee will most likely meet in Feb. Sponsorship forms will be sent to previous sponsors prior to the committee's first meeting.

Foundation Board

The Foundation Board met on 1/13/26.

Social Committee

The BEC Christmas Party is set for 1/24/26 at the Petroleum Club. Sign up by 1/17/26. A shrimp boil with horse races is being planned for Feb.

Fundraising Committee

The committee will meet next week.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Membership Applications Available at Breakfast

Applications will now be available at breakfast meetings and at Metra beer booths.

FTB Grant Requests

The Food Truck Battle committee recommended approval of two grant requests: (1) \$3500 to Montana Soldier Support for care packages for deployed Montana soldiers; and (2) \$5000 to Friends of Yellowstone National Cemetery for flags (replaced about 5 or 6 times per year due to weather).

Shawnee moved to approve both grant requests; seconded by Whitney; after discussion, the motion passed with approval by all Board members except Bruce, who opposed the \$5000 to Friends of Yellowstone National Cemetery.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Corporate Donation Programs/Fundraisers

Jesse proposed that BEC look into participation in corporate donation programs/fundraisers such as the one offered by Diamond X/Brew Pub/Vig where a customer can opt to round up their payment to the nearest dollar, with the extra being donated to the chosen organization (BEC). Other ideas were also proposed for exploration, such as a “coffee for kids” donation at local coffee shops, a gift certificate bundle to be raffled off, corporate sponsorships of BEC, etc. Jesse will reach out and report back on possible participation in the “round up your payment” fundraiser at Diamond X/Brew Pub/Vig.

New Website Design

The BEC website is outdated and users continue to experience glitches. At the December meeting, it was approved by the Board that Shannon draft a few sample pages for a new mock website through Squarespace (after she offered to do so).

Shannon presented the sample web pages she created and explained the capabilities of a website on this platform. Most importantly, it can be maintained by the club (and not a third party), and can easily be updated and used as an anchor for club information. The cost would be approximately \$325 per year which is a substantial savings to the current cost of \$3200 per year to a third party. Shannon offered her skills in creating and maintaining the new website.

After discussion, Bruce moved that Shannon move forward with creation of a new website on Squarespace which will go active after Board approval and upon expiration of the current website contract and transfer of web domain; seconded by Randy; passed unanimously.

******After the new website is created, learning sessions will be offered at a couple breakfast meetings

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, to take place in the conference room at the offices of the Billings Association of Realtors (2021 Overland Drive).

Submitted 1/14/26 by Tanya Tweten