**March 11, 2025 WyCB Meeting Minutes:**

Cheryl Godley called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call: Present- President Cheryl Godley, Vice President Gary Olsen , Treasurer Tom Smyth, Secretary Sarah Sexton. Directors: Present- Robin Loen, Linda Woodruff, Sherry Leinen, Sharon Beyers, Debra Thompson. Absent: Bonnie Harrison.

February Minutes: Debra made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Linda made a second. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: WyCB received another generous grant from Dan Grace in the amount of $3,000.

Our second CD will mature on March 17th . Tom suggested that the board vote on what to do with this CD.

Debra made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Sara made a second. The motion carried.

Please see the Treasurer’s Report sent out by Tom for the full report.

Tom suggested that we add the $3,000 donation to our maturing CD

Robin made a motion to add the donation to our maturing CD. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cheryl suggested that we ask Dan Grace to join WyCB for free; the board would cover his membership fee.

Membership: We are officially up to 20 members.

Cheryl asked the board if anyone would be willing to call unpaid members to remind them to renew their membership. Gary stated that he would do that.

Gary suggested that we vote now on covering Dan Grace’s membership.

Sarah made a motion to have WyCB pay for Dan Grace’s membership. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Website Price: Annette informed Cheryl that our website costs are increasing from $19.99 a year to $40.99 a year.

Old Business: Photos have been uploaded by Annette.

Natrona Collective Health Trust: On March 3rd, Tom and Cheryl met with the grant administrator; the administrator was impressed by WyCB’s website and was pleased to hear of how the grant funds are being used.

Sightings: The most recent edition was emailed out on Feb.26th. The next edition is slated for the end of June. Cheryl noted several articles that should be included in the upcoming edition.

Cheryl noted that Tom L. suggested that at the end of each newsletter ,the town of residence of each board member be listed so as to show the breadth of WyCB’s reach.

Sarah made a motion to list the board members’ city of residence at the end of each newsletter. Debra seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Support Groups:

Sheridan: Linda reported that she had six members attend her last group.

Buffalo: A new member joined with macular degeneration.

Casper: a new member joined with cataracts.

Scholarships: Debra has not received any applications. She also asked to have someone else take over the scholarship chair role.

Sherry stated that she would take over the scholarship chair role Sarah offered to help Sherry with locating high schools.

Social Media: Nothing new to report

WyDOT: Nothing new to report except to say that WyDOT claims there is a funding freeze which is why they are not supplying a response/update for their driver’s ed manual.

VOS Letter of Support: Cheryl is working on the final updates to our testimonial letter.

Educational Pamphlets: Leaderdog and Guide Dog for the Blind have provided information for us to use in a public forum. Linda has information from the Seeing Eye that she would like to provide; Cheryl asked Linda to get permission for WyCB to use that information before we start doing so.

New Business: Sherry presented a project that she has been working on with WIL that is geared towards recognizing local businesses that have made their digital environments and physical environments as accessible as possible for all people with disabilities; this accessibility checklist will include how the employees interact with and treat people with disabilities . The recognition will come in the form of a window placard that can be displayed in the front of the business . Sherry made sure to clarify that these are not ADA expectations but simply easy accommodations that every business can make to allow patrons with disabilities easier access to their business.

WyCB speaker for Sheridan Lions Club: Linda stated that she has not had the time to speak with Don Chearneyyey. Linda also noted that Don is a very busy man and may not have the time.

2025 WyCB Convention: They had their first committee meeting. Gary stated that they are looking for key-note speakers. They are also looking for a presenter that could do a presentation on cooking. They are also looking for a speaker to talk about legislative initiatives. .

Legislative Imperatives: Cheryl emailed the board earlier this month and asked if anyone would like to represent Wyoming at the meetings on Capitol Hill in the month of March. Sarah replied to Cheryl’s email stating that she would gladly take part . Since then, Sarah has spoken with Allan Peterson, WyCB’s previous representative, and was given the list of imperatives to discuss and the people to contact in Washington, D.C. to set up meetings with. Sarah will provide an update at the next meeting.

Casper Mountain Board Retreat: Cheryl shared that the cost of this retreat would be too expensive and thus not realistic. Cheryl asked the board to think of other places that we could have a retreat.

Fundraiser Spoof: Debra suggested that we have a contest to see who could drive the furthest of all of our blind members.

Our next meeting is Monday April 14th at 6 pm