# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from August’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone

on August 11, 2020

The August regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:04 pm. Roll call indicated that there were 5 members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Jacquie Flatley, Marti Blough and Kendall Bays

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

Board Members – Dolores Dolbare, Chris Johnson and Cheryl Godley

Minutes from June and July’s meetings were emailed to the board by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting. All board members had reviewed the minutes, so they were not read. Minor corrections were made to the July minutes. Marti Blough moved to accept June and July meeting minutes. 2nd by Kendall Bays. M/C.

June and July’s Treasurer reports were also emailed prior to the meeting and reviewed by all board members. Beginning balance from 6/01/2020 was $6,557.09. June ending balance was $6,530.50. 7/01/2020 beginning balance was $6,530.50. July ending balance was $6,503.90. Marti Blough moved to accept June and July treasurer reports. 2nd by Kendall Bays. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – White Cane Law – Sherry reported that they are at the stage where they have rewritten the white cane law and driver’s education manual. Penalties for hitting a pedestrian with a white cane are currently a misdemeanor. The new animal cruelty law changed fines for first offense to $2,500 and a felony. The group changed the wording on the new white cane law for “guide dog” to “dog guide” and penalties for a first offense would be a felony and fine up to $2,500, 6 months’ imprisonment or both; second offense would also be a fine up to $5,000, a year imprisonment or both; third offense would be a fine up to $10,000, two years imprisonment or both. The driver’s manual does not currently have much about the blind or handicapped. Guide dog also changed to dog guide. She also looked at other states’ laws and manuals and found one in Alaska that was a list of things to do and not to do. She also stated that hybrid and electric vehicles do not make much noise, so they cannot be heard. The group talked about putting some of that language in the driver’s manual and having a question about it on the written test. The group was supposed to have a meeting last Tuesday, but Sherry was in Sundance. They plan to have a meeting this Thursday.

Fundraisers – None

Scholarships – D’Anna sent contact list to Sharon; however, it contained mostly email addresses and Sharon does not use email. D’Anna may end up emailing everyone the information for the scholarship and then have them send applications to Sharon in hard copy format. The group is not sure if Sharon was ever able to get the scholarship information from Dolores.

Website – None

Convention - None

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – D’Anna informed the board that the labels were mailed to Sharon and they have been updated. D’Anna has not heard anything back from the brochure holder company about the proof for the order. She will follow up with them on the status of the proof and getting the order going.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherry received an email from Rebecca, director with Wyoming Independent Living, about them having a convention. They plan to do a virtual convention and would like to partner with WyCB. Participation would allow swag with WyCB logo being included in goodie bags and allow WyCB to hold a separate meeting session during the convention. Sherry will forward email to board as well as get more information as to the cost to participate in the convention. Convention to be held in September.

No other new business.

D’Anna Feurt moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Marti Blough. M/C.

Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.