**April 2025 WyCB Board Meeting:**

-Cheryl Godley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

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

* Cheryl asked someone to make a motion to accept the meeting minutes for March, barring any modifications or corrections. Debra Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes; Linda Woodruff made a second. The motion carried.
* One of WyCB’s CDs will mature on May 8th.
* Tom read an email from the grant administrator about what WyCB is allowed to do with the remainder of the grant money.
* Cheryl asked what the board wanted to do with the CD that will be maturing in May.
* Gary Olson joined us at this time and suggested that we roll it over.
* Gary made a motion to roll the CD over when it matures. Robin made a second. The motion carried.
* Cheryl approached Dan Grace about becoming a member for free as a thanks for his generous. He turned down the offer.
* Debra made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented; Sarah made a second . The motion carried.
* Sightings: Nothing new to report. Due date for articles is the first week of June.
* Cheryl suggested that an article about the Lions convention be included in the next newsletter.
* Tom suggested that someone write an article about some of the life encounters that a few of the board members have recently had surrounding illegitimate service dogs.
* Support Groups:
	+ Buffalo: shared about how the Buffalo support group wrote a letter to the state legislature clarifying the importance of the senior center and how important funding is. The letters were independently signed and mailed out to each senator and state representative.
	+ Sheridan: The most recent meeting was cancelled but the next meeting is set for next week.
	+ Casper: The risk management person for the City of Casper contacted Cheryl after being informed of the dangerous intersections in Casper.
	+ Cheryl stated that she would be taking a bit of a tangent but wanted to mention that the WyCB website has prompted several phone calls from people new to blindness, all of whom were very appreciative to have access to such a resource.
	+ Scholarships: Sherry got everything switched over to her contact information for scholarships on the WyCB website. She also spoke with Leslie at Vision Outreach Services said that she could email all of the special education teachers in the Wyoming high schools to alert them to our scholarship option.
	+ Resource Page Project: All of the loose ends are basically wrapped up. Linda stated that she did not want her photograph posted on the WyCB website.
	+ Social Media: Nothing new to report.
	+ Lions Camp Update: Bonnie detailed that their convention is April 25 and 26; Cheryl will not be speaking as their won’t be the physical space for a WyCB table in their meeting hall. .
		- WyCB Retreat: It was decided that a retreat would not be cost effective and therefore will not be happening. Adult Summer Camp: geared towards newly blinded adults.
* Letter of Support for VOS: Cheryl reviewed the letter that was composed by Sarah. The letter was also reviewed by Leslie at VOS. Tom read the letter to the board as a whole. Cheryl will put the letter on to letter head and send it to the four heads of education in the Wyoming legislature.
* Update on Presenting to Local Lions Club: Don C. out of Sheridan

Continues to be aloof and uninterested in having WyCB present.

 Bonnie suggested that we speak with the Big Horn Lions Club because they are more active and better funded. Bonnie provided the location and time that the Sheridan Lions Club meets to Linda; Bonnie also offered to reach out to the president of the Sheridan Lions club to facilitate a time and place to connect.

* 2025 WyCB Conference Committee: Gary stated that two speakers have been confirmed. They have a keynote speaker, Karen Schrader, and Aubree Helton will be giving a cooking presentation. The committee plans on reaching out to VOS and ACB on how we can better advocate for our community. As for food, pizzas will be purchased and drinks will be provided. Sherry asked the board for theme ideas for the conference.
* Legislative Imperatives: Sarah spoke on how she has been communicating with our state senators and representatives. Cheryl asked for Sarah to clarify what the three legislative imperatives are and Sarah stated:
	+ The website and software applications accessibility act which requires that a company’s website and app be accessible to those who are low vision or blind.
	+ The non-visual medical device act which requires that all medical devices be made accessible for those who are low vision or blind.
	+ The blind back to work act which states the problem of the wage cliff and the removal of SSDI when too much is earned at a job and how to ease the pains of that transition.
	+ Cheryl has receved many calls to action from the SILC to protect and support blind services across the state. She stated that there were lots of questions about the varying changes happening on the national level
	+ Sarah noted that Laurel’s husband died and asked if WyCB should send her a condolence card; Cheryl stated that she would take care of that and hand deliver it to Laurel when they meet next week.
	+ – The next WyCB board meeting is Monday May 12th at 6 pm
	+ The meeting adjourned at7:45 pm. .