**May 2025 WyCB Board Meeting Minutes**:

* Cheryl called the meeting to order at 6:04pm
* Roll Call: Present- President Cheryl Godly, Vice President Gary Olsen, Treasurer Tom Smyth. Absent- Secretary Sarah Sexton. Directors: Present- Bonnie Harrison, Sherry Leinen. Absent- Robin Loen, Linda Woodruff, Sharon Byers, Debra Thompson.
* Minutes for April: Corrections; - The spelling of a few words needed to be corrected. Cheryl requested that Tom read the minutes, which he did. Cheryl noted several corrections that were needed.
* Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections noted. Sherry made a second. The motion carried.
* Cheryl stated that she gave Laurel a condolence card
* Treasurer’s Report: Please see the report that Tom emailed out.
* Tom noted that WyCB has not spent the total of the grant that we were awarded.
* Gary made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as read. Sherry made a second. The motion carried.
* Cheryl asked that Tom read Lois Boyd’s obituary. Cheryl then reported that WyCB has been given $525 in donations for the passing of Lois Boyd. Cheryl sent a condolence card to Lois’s family.
* Tom then read Lois’s obituary.
* Sarah joined the call during the obituary reading.
* Old Business: The WyCB phone has been getting more calls, which is exciting. Cheryl has been directing these callers to the WyCB resource page.
* Sightings: Sarah wrote an article about what has transpired in relation to service dog signs being posted locally. Sarah asked that someone write an article from their cane’s or dog guide’s point of view. Tom then encouraged the board to not feel nervous about writing and submitting an article, stating that it does not have to be perfect.
* Gary stated that he would think about writing an article from his cane’s point of view.
* Cheryl asked if Bonnie wanted to write an article about the Lions convention that happened in April. She agreed to write up a summary of the event.
* Sherry wants to write up an article about Lois Boyd.
* Cheryl stated that at the end of the next newsletter we need to include the city of residence of each board member of WyCB.
* Sherry stated that she would gather information to do a write-up about the Peer Advocacy Conference happening in Casper in August.
* Support Groups:
  + Buffalo: Sarah shared that she had Dominique Masteas come as a guest speaker. Sarah noted the positive attributes of having a resource like Wyoming Relay in our state.
  + Sheridan: Linda was not present to share about her group.
  + Casper: Cheryl stated that her group members let her know that they would not be able to attend. She then stated that Sharon Byers had been absent from not only the support group but also from the WyCB meetings; Cheryl stated that the WyCB by-laws only allow for two or three unexcused absences. Cheryl will check the by-laws and attempt to reach Sharon to see if everything is okay.
  + Cheryl stated that Laurel will be speaking at their support group in July.
* Scholarships: Sherry reported that there have not been any applicants. Sherry has been researching how colleges in other states advertise their scholarships. She has found that there are scholarship platforms on college websites. She is trying to figure out how to get our scholarship on to these platforms.
* Cheryl asked Sherry to call Annette to remove the year from the WyCB scholarship form since it is now open enrollment and thus does not require a date to be listed.
* Social Media: Nothing new to report.
* Letter of Support for VOS: Letters have been sent out.
* 2025 WyCB Convention: Gary stated that Leslie Van Norman will serve as a speaker and she confirmed that the space we requested at VOS is reserved for our convention. Gary then asked the board’s opinion about who should fill the last spot on the guest speaker roster. The choices were Claire Stanley from ACB or Jim Hocksy, the author of the book Grandpa’s White Cane and his co-author.
* After the board agreed that it would be interesting to have Jim Hocksy present, Bonnie said that she would reach out to him to confirm if they could present at theWyCB convention.
* Cheryl received a call from ACB’s Donna Brown. Donna is the head of the mentor program at ACB and she offered to join us on one of our monthly board meetings to speak about their mentor program.
* Cheryl will invite her to join us for our June meeting.
* Cheryl received a call from a man with the 7th Day Adventist church out of South Dakota and he shared that the camp they host on Casper Mountain each Summer is now open to adults and children who are blind or low vision. A sponsor will take care of the cost of attending the camp.
* Cheryl noted that white cane day is approaching and suggested that WyCB do some public education about the white cane. She noted that we could use Jim Hocksy’s experience and knowledge to our advantage.
* Sherry shared that the Peer Advocacy Conference is happening August 13th – 15th in Casper. Sherry asked for some WyCB applications and pamphlets for her to have at the conference. Cheryl and Tom will get Sherry the materials she requested for that conference.
* Sherry then shared that she watched a video about Claire Stanley from ACB taking a ride in an autonomous vehicle from her hotel to the airport.
* The next WyCB Board Meeting will be on June 9th at 6 pm.
* Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm