**August 2025 WyCB Board Meeting Minutes:**

* Cheryl called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
* Roll Call: Present- President Cheryl Godly, Vice President Gary Olsen, Treasurer Tom Smyth, Secretary Sarah Sexton. Directors: Present- Sherry Leinen, Linda Woodruff, Debra Thompson, Bonnie Harrison. Absent- Robin Loen.
* July Meeting Minutes: Debra made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried.
* Treasurer’s Report: Please see Tom’s separately emailed report.
* There is a CD maturing in September and Cheryl asked the board to vote on rolling it over .
* Robin joined the meeting at this time.
* Gary made a motion to roll the CD over. Sarah seconded the motion. The motion carried.
* Robin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. Debra seconded the motion. The motion carried.
* Cheryl proposed that we change our next meeting in September because she will be out of town.
* Gary made a motion that we move the meeting to Monday Sept. 15th. Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried.
* Old Business:
* Sightings: Nothing new to report. Cheryl asked that Bonnie write up about why the Lions Club camp was cancelled.
* Support Groups:
  + Buffalo: Sarah reported that a VOS guest speaker was not professional but that they are moving on and have learned from the experience.
  + Sheridan: Linda reported that she had a good showing of people for the latest group. Linda wanted to present to the AARP outreach people but things didn’t line up for that to happen.
  + Casper: Cheryl brought in some of her adaptive technology for the group members to try out. Cheryl reports that it was a really positive group.
* Scholarships: Sherry reports that she has no scholarship applications.
* Lions Camp: Bonnie reported that the camp was two staff members short which is one of the reasons the camp was cancelled.
* The board then brain-stormed how to help make camp happen next year. Qualifications, staff, transportation, and independent pay camp attendees were discussed.
* New Business:
* Cheryl noted that Sarah communicated with ACB in relation to getting WyCBs events in the Braille Forum.
* Braille Trail 50th Anniversary: Sarah reported that the celebration and hike were spectacular. Tom then reported that he went up to hike the trail and noted that 25 people had signed in since the beginning of August.
* Cheryl shared that Sarah has magnifiers in her office and that we could distribute them to whoever may need them.

2025 WyCB Conference: Gary reported that one of the guest speakers, Aubree Helton, had to cancel for personal reasons. Gary reached out to Laurel Henry and Laurel agreed to replace Aubree. She will be doing cooking/kitchen tips.

Tom noted that he can pull the conference program together from last year’s template. Tom also requested an updated voting ballot for the spaces on the board that need to be filled.

* Bonnie asked if the Lions Club could have a table at the WyCB convention.
* Discussion about having Brailled pamphlets was had; it was agreed upon that if Braille was requested , it could be created and then mailed to the person creating it.
* Door Prizes: Bonnie offered to contribute four gift cards at $25 each from Target.
* Sherry noted the need for committee reports to be submitted for the convention.
* Debra noted that the new convention registration is not up on the WyCB website.
* Debra suggested that WyCB make an amendment to our by-laws to offer a lifetime membership. This idea will have to be presented to WyCB membership as a whole and then voted on at our next annual meeting, which will happen in Sept. 2026. $200 to $250 is generally what affiliates charge for a lifetime membership.
* Tom stated that there be boundaries surrounding this lifetime membership that are: the membership is non-refundable and it must be paid in full, no payment plans
* Cheryl asked that Debra research which states ask which amount for their lifetime memberships. She also requested the verbiage to create the amendment.
* Cheryl noted that there is one open directors position that needs to be filled.
* Discussion was had about upcoming vacancies and current vacancies followed by discussion on getting the word out about encouraging people to step in.
* White Cane Day” Sarah noted progress in establishing a white cane awareness day set up at the high school. .
* Debra brought up the idea that we may need to reapproach WyDOT and offer a virtual option to the teens taking their driver’s ed online.
* Sherry shared an email that Amtrack has paired with Be My Eyes to help people navigate train stations.
* NLS: Debra reported that the federal funds for libraries across our entire country have been cut to $6 million dollars, down from $30 million. This means WyCB may need to fundraise for library services for the blind.
* Cheryl plans on calling Leslie with VOS to discuss how we can support/help with these losses.
* Our next meeting will be on Monday Sept. 15th at 6 pm.