

Elected committee of Blind Venders (Open, approved)

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Location: Gef # 1, Room A415
201 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI, 53702

Present: Members: Dan Sippl Chairman, Tom Jeray Vice-Chairman, John Fritz Secretary, Nick Seivert Treasurer, Sally Zenchenko, Jeff Scott, Brad Dunse (via telephone)

Staff: Joseph D'Costa, Greg Feypel, Jim Juran, Kent Walser, Scott McDonald

Guests: Sue Seivert

Meeting called to order at 1:35 P.M. by Chairman, Dan Sippl.

1:35 Introductions

1:40 Approval of Minutes
Discussion of minor corrections, Voice vote passed.

1:45 Financial Report Update
No discussion.

New Business

1:50 Legislative Update

Joseph reported on legislative day. Topics included: separate agency, no sales tax, more funding for library for the blind. Separate agents are a hard sale due to shrinking resources. Homemakers are only counted as a placement if there is a wage earner in the home.

2:15 Operator Elections

There are three positions available and two people applied. At the end of March. Ballots were to be mailed out on April 15 by the SLA. They were not sent.

Tom moved Jeff seconded to suspend the by-laws to extend the time frame. Letter will be mailed to the operators to find more candidates. Voice-vote passed unanimously. Letters due by noon on May 5, 2006.

2:35 Wausau Training

Jim reported on the trainers doing a very good job. The trainees were a cohesive group of people. John reported that this was successful with the interaction of current operators and the Licensees. Greg reported about the good questions asked from the licensees by the trainer. Joseph reported

that there were two women in the program. Also, have more training 201 classes for current operators to utilize the same equipment.

There was discussion on the fall meeting. Sally will check on the weekend of October 13-14 for Green Bay, Madison or La Crosse.

2:55 Oshkosh Post Office

Jim reported on the startup of the machines. Some small glitches, but things are moving along.

Distribution of approved Minutes:

John questioned Joseph on the timeliness and dissemination of approved minutes to the operators.

More professional announcements:

John requested that all announcements and communications be sent out in a more professional manner; such as correct spelling, grammar and correct dates. Proof read them prior to sending them. Joseph said he would communicate the concerns of the group in an effort to fix the issue.

3:15 Kent reported building at 4630 University Avenue is adding two machines. Should this be an add-on, or in the same building? We determined that this was the same building.

Old Business

Jeff reported about a meeting being held on June 15 by the energy saving committee. They can provide the lower flow sprayer in the kitchen.

3:20 Cafeteria Profitability

Kent reported on resolving issues at the department of Transportation. Gef 1 survey info wasn't available yet. The committee needs to review the long term goals for the cafeterias. Rent discussions are on going and are a very sensitive topic. Pushing for equality in all the facilities. Building vacancies ensued. Kent will report back next month on prospective sites. Kent didn't find any Wisconsin based restaurant consulting groups. Business vending consultation.

3:45 Semi-Annual Meeting

WI rapids

3:50 Volk Field/Kenosha/Racine Update

No contract for Volk field. Others are moving along. Bob Botma was approved for the Kenosha site.

Kent asked about the late filing fee for late monthly reports.

Tom moved, Brad second, to assess \$50 late filing fee. Voice vote passed.

Closed Session

Tom moved to adjourn, Sally seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fritz, Secretary ECBV