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Minutes of the Meeting of
Elected Committee of Blind Vendors
7-12-05
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1:30 PM

Present were John Fritz, Tom Jeray, Jeff Scott, Nick Seivert, Dan Sippl and Sally Zenchenko. Brad Dunse was connected via telephone. Staff present were Joe D'Costa, Greg Feypel, Rich Dalaher and Scott McDonald. Kent Walser and Jim Juan were present for the nominee agency, RSVW.

Elections

Elected were Chairperson Dan Sippl, Vice Chairperson Tom Jeray, Secretary Jeff Scott and Treasurer Nick Seivert.

Minutes

The minutes of the 6-14-05 meeting were approved on motion by Jeff Scott and second by John Fritz.

Finance

Rich D and Scott M presented the financial report without debate.

Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council

Linda Vegoe presented an overview of the council. It is an oversight advisory council of the DWD, established by Federal Law consisting of 24 members, which serve three year terms. She was seeking candidates to be reviewed and appointed by the governor.

RSVW Contract

DWD, ECBV and RSVW will set a meeting to work out a new contract. Dan S will represent ECBV, Sally Z and Kent W will represent RSVW, Joe D and Staff will represent DWD.

Memorandum of Understanding

A Memorandum of Understanding must be ready by Sept 05 to present to the Rehab Council for approval of a 60-40 percent split.

UWSP

Joe D. and Kent W. met at UWSP with Rich Lampe, Jerry Lineberger and two other vending companies.

Kent W. and Joe D. indicated that it may not be a prudent investment to bid on this campus as Pepsi has 80% of the soda and is paying 71% commission and the RFP request for all of the snacks and 20% of the soda a 25% commission. As well the machines would not be located in the most desirable locations, i.e. basements. ECBV agreed to concur with Joe D. and Kent W. to pursue other campuses and let UWSP pass. They will review UW-Waukesha.

Confidentiality

Joe D. reported that he honored the open-records request of Janet Dickey without violating the confidentiality of the operators pursuant to Wis. Stats.

Fall and Spring Meetings

Dates considered for this fall are 10-8 or 10-15 at either La Crosse or Wisconsin Dells. Kent will report next month. A committee for this is Joe D, Kent, Tom Jeray and Sally Zenchenko. The spring meeting may be in Sheboygen on 4-22-05. Nick S. will check availability and report next month.

Set Aside

It was agreed that this issue must be studied for stability and growth of the program. Several options were suggested: Do nothing and let program fade, raise set-aside across the board for status quo, set a cap on net income of 150 or 175 thousand dollars, or evaluate the tiered rate. A committee will be re-established to prepare a report for the fall meeting.

Interim Sites

This committee will be re-established to insure uniformity.

Consortium

Tom J. agreed to be diligent about attending these meetings or ask for assistance.

RSVA

Dan S. reported that he gave a report on our progress with a nominee agency at the RSVA convention/national meeting in Las Vega, Nevada.

He also reported that he was elected to the Board of Directors of the RSVA, thereby allowing Wisconsin direct input into concerns on a national level.

Buying Power

Dan S. reported that this project is moving, however, slow at best. He reports that he has not been rejected by any wholesaler or manufacturer---communications will continue. (Editors Note) On Friday 7-15-05 Hersheys notified Dan S. that they will join us!

Policy

Dan S. reported that he has completed reviews of all past ECBV minutes for motions and segregated them. Copies were given to Kent W. and Sally Z. for their perusal.

The three of them will meet before reporting back to the entire body of ECBV.

Open Records

The ECBV requested Dan S. to draft letters to the SLA and RSVW for copies of documents furnished to Janet Dickey as long as there is no charge to ECBV.

RSVW Quarterly Report to SLA

This meeting has been re-scheduled for 7-19-05 at 10:00 AM.

Ken Johnson Retiring

A farewell is set for 9-29-05 for Ken. Kent W. will be sending the details as soon as possible.

Adjourned at 4:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Scott, Secretary and Dan S. past Secretary