

Approved  
Minutes of Meeting of Elected Committee of Blind Vendors  
(ECBV)  
3-8-2005  
1:30 PM  
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Present were Sally Zenchenko, Vice Chair; Dan Sippl, Secretary; Joyce Coates, Jeff Scott, Nick Seivert. Brad Dunse and Richard Waldburger, Chair were on the telephone. Staff present were Joe D'Costa, Greg Feypel and Lori Lange. Kent Walser and Jim Juran represented RSVW, the nominee agency. Guests present were Tom Jeray and Sue Sivert.

Joe Blackstone

Joe Blackstone was on the phone; however Brad D had to be dropped for this item as there were only two phone lines available. Joe Blackstone offered the BEP 10% of his profits which exceeded \$250,000 effective 7-1-05, i.e. his profits were approximately \$380,000 last year and if his profits remain the same, BEP would receive \$13,000 (10% of the \$130,000).

He suggested a caveat that the funds only be used for continuing training operators, i.e. semi-annual and annual meetings. A sub-committee was established to develop criteria for the best use of the funds. The committee consists of Rich W, Sally Z, Tom Jeray and Jim Juran.

Finance

Lori Lange presented the finance report and stated that DWD advanced the nominee agency \$200,000 for this year, thereby allowing DWD to capture the federal funds they

needed. It was agreed that this was an amicable agreement to resolve Charlene Dwyers concern of last month.

### Minutes

The February 15, 2005 minutes were approved on a motion by Jeff S. and second by Nick Sievert.

### NTC

Jim Juran gave an update on the proposed training at NTC. There are 13 candidates expressing interest in the training. Jim stated that he is meeting with staff there to resolve the accessibility issues with the two classes we discussed last month. Jim J. and Dan S. will monitor the concerns.

### Interim Sites

Sally Z. reported the sub-committee met and recommend that the operators of interim sites need not pay an extra fee, but must keep a record of gross sales for each interim site. Motion by Jeff S. and second by Dan S. to accept the sub-committee recommendation.

### Policy and Procedures

Kent W suggested that all motions that ECBV has passed over the years which effect policy and procedures should be compiled into a manual. Dan S. agreed to this project with the assistance of Kent W, Sally Z and Tom J.

### Website

It was agreed that the website should be titled Wisconsin BEP.Org.

### WCCS Update

Joe D. reported that DOC Secretary Matt Frank has ordered the removal of all staff fund raisers through soda and snack sales.

### Semi-annual Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for 5-14-05. An organizing committee consisting of Joyce C, Nick S, Rich W and Sally Z was established to firm up the details. Two other operators may be asked to assist.

### Quarterly Meetings

Greg F. and Rich W. suggested quarterly meetings to ease the burden of ECBV. It was agreed to stay at monthly meetings for the present, but be subject to review at any given time.

### Legislation Awareness Day

Kent reported that it is set for Wednesday 3-30-05 and he will be doing e-mails and mailings in the very near future. He stressed the importance of all operators be in attendance to protect and grow our businesses.

Adjourned  
3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Sippl, Secretary