

Elected committee of Blind Venders (ECBV, Approved)

Date: November 8, 2005, 1:30 P.M.

Location: Gef # 1, Room 415A
201 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI, 53702

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

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

Meeting called to order at 1:40 P.M. by Chairman, Dan Sippl.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made, seconded, with no discussion and passed to approve the October 11, 2005 minutes.

Financial Report Update: Presented by Scott McDonald, with no discussion.

New Business

Annual Meeting Report: Kent reported that the fall meeting was as success and the outcome was very professional with good information presented. There was an attendance of 31 out of 35 operators present. Letters have been drafted and will be sent to those who didn't attend with a \$100.00 fine assessed or a written response to appeal the fine.

WRC Presentation--D. Sippl & K. Walser: Dan reported that we are actively working on improving the BEP's image with the WRC by educating them on how the BEP is funded by operator and federal matching moneys. Dan has been appointed a place on the WRC which will give the BEP a more positive role in bringing more updates and reports to the WRC.

SLA/MOU Next Step--J. D'Costa: Joseph indicated that Dan needs to write a letter to the SLA presenting the level of contribution that will be available and the details of the tiered set-aside starting in January 2006. Kent will be writing a letter of negotiable terms suggested to be included in the MOU to attempt to expedite the signing of the MOU prior to the year's end. Joseph made public that Janet Dickie's letter was received and read. The committee agreed that a response was not necessary.

Senate Oversight Committee:

Old Business

State Capitol Update: Kent reported that he received 212 results on the capital survey, which is very good. He has developed a business plan and projected income through-out the year with sales coming from the cafeteria, vending and souvenir items. It is agreed that it's a positive benefit for the BEP to have the location operational, and to have a presence at the capitol. A long discussion followed, talking about both negative and positive aspects of the viability and success for the operator. It was agreed to provide the \$5,000.00 for startup inventory with repayment on non-perishable items. The announcement will be sent out this week and an operator will be selected ASAP. Sally brought up the Capitol, saying that everyone before Michael had made money, and the reason Roy Burley left is because they were closing it down to remodel, which has taken at least 6 years? We did still have a few vending machines where they could find space for us.

Closed Session

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM?

Respectfully submitted,
John Fritz,
Secretary ECBV