**Wyoming Council of the Blind**

**Minutes from September’s regular board meeting held via phone on September 12, 2023**

**The September regular board meeting was called to order by Pres. Cheryl Godley at 7 PM. Roll call indicated that there were six board members and two members present, thus a quorum.**

**Officers present:**

**President – Cheryl Godley**

**Vice President – Tom Lealos**

**Treasurer – Tom Smyth**

**Secretary – Sherry Leinen**

**Directors present:**

**Debra Thompson, Sharon Byers**

**Members present:**

**Jacquie Flatley, Nate Appledorn**

**Absent: Directors Gary Olson and Sara Sexton**

**Minutes from August’s meeting were emailed to the board by Sherry Leinen prior to the meeting. Tom L had a correction under WyCB Roundup. He wanted to add that all board members need to help facilitate the WyCB Roundup calls. Debra made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, second by Tom L. M/C**

**Treasurers report: Tom S**

**Beginning balance: $5737.22**

**Income: $240.74**

**Expenditures: $56.95**

**Ending balance: $5921.01**

**Tom L made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read, second by Debra. M/C**

**Payment for Annette as of April 1, 2023 will be $75.**

**Membership: as of right now we have 20 members.**

**Scholarship: Emily will get her college information to Tom S.**

**D’Anna will be the administrator for the square account for Thankful Thursday. There are a couple of plans in place in case the square account crashes. We can use Mikaela Piesecki’s account if we need to.**

**We will be changing the meeting day to the second Monday of every month at 7 PM. Cheryl will be gone on October 9 so our next meeting will be until October 23 at 7 PM.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Thankful Thursay**

**Jacquie was presented a plaque at the convention for outstanding achievement for fundraising.**

**Jacquie reported that all the credit card charges will go into the WyCB account. Please wear your T-shirts. Cheryl will bring extra T-shirts, tickets, and the table clothes. We will have 35 tables and a list of basket items and the contributors have been printed and will be put on each table. Cheryl is bringing brochures and they will be handed out at the greeting table. The baskets need to be to the Beacon by three. All the vouchers should be up-to-date. Jacquie went over the list of volunteers. We have seven aprons with pockets and two bank bags for people selling tickets to use. Tom S will be getting the change to use. There was an explanation about how the gun sales will go between Wagner’s, the purchaser, WyCB, and the Beacon. The beacon will keep a running total for the auction, but Cheryl would also like a running paper total.**

**Cheryl did an interview with Drew and talked about our basket items, including the four items donated by visually impaired individuals. Those four items will be auctioned off first.**

**There was a discussion about whether we wanted to choose certain packages and set a reserve on those. There was also a discussion about whether we wanted to not allow certain packages in the Luck of the Draw tickets. The items that were discussed were the guns and the two Cody packages. If allowed we would have those items be exempt from the Luck of the Draw tickets. 100 tickets will be sold for the luck of the draw at $10 each. There will be 25 Lucky duck tickets sold at $10 each and we get to keep half. The 50-50 raffle tickets will be sold for one dollar each or six for five dollars and we get to keep half. They will write our total amount on a large check so that we can take a picture with it, and then they will write us a regular size check at the end of the event. Glenn Woods will interview Cheryl. After the arrangements have been made, they will talk about TT and also about WyCB in general. Cheryl has a list of vendors and is writing a thank you for each one, the envelopes are addressed and will just need to be stuffed and have stamps put on them. A description of the guns has been typed up and will be given to Drew so he will be able to talk about the guns at the event.**

**Everyone that is able needs to meet at the beacon at 3 PM. The door opens at 5 PM and the auction starts at 6:30 PM. BBQ’s is open for food. Board members Cheryl, Tom S, and Sherry will be at the event.**

**Wyoming Roundup**

**This event is held every fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. September 27 will be the next one. We need everyone to facilitate. A PSA will be sent out a week before as a reminder to the email list and the snail mail list. The PSA will be sent to Tom S and he will send it to Annette and she will send it to the list.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**There was a table set up at the WIL Peer Advocacy Conference. Sharon sat at the table and talked with a few individuals during lunch and gave out a few brochures. Sharon will write up a little article about the conference for the newsletter.**

**Articles for the newsletter are due in mid-December.**

**Cheryl will send an email with totals from TT.**

**Please be thinking about the other areas that we need to address: clarification of membership each year, future convention dates, and scholarship deadlines.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.**

**Our next meeting will be Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Leinen – Secretary**