

Blind Vendors Committee Meeting  
Friday, March 5, 2010

Present when Chairman Howard Simons called the meeting to order were: Todd Shumaker, Ray Johnson, Sandy Alvarado, Hardy Holmes, Dave Hunt, Dave Johnson, Fred Scarpello and Judy Beck. Attending from NCBVI were: Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Don Ward, Jan Stokebrand, Bill Brown and Carlos Servan.

Bill Brown reported on the way the Dept of Roads is paid and is requesting rest area vendors to send the DOR check for the same month of the P&L statement. As it stands now, all are current but need to pay two months' rent so the funds are in the account when the bill is paid. The SLA will work individually with these vendors to get the accounts current.

Don Ward told the committee he has been working with repair persons throughout the state to help with repair of machines mostly from York west to the border. This should get problems solved much faster and prevent the vendor from losing the sales. Request for service will be handled the same way by notifying Don and he will contact a person available close to the facility.

Two new facilities have been added, both are Census Bureau sites, one in North Platte and the other in Omaha. Both have snack and pop machines and are expected to be open for one year or more.

The management of the cafeteria at the State Office Building is now in the hands of Melvin Forster and Dave Hunt is managing the vending machines and gum ball machines. Dave reported that the transition ran rather smoothly and all is going well.

Todd reported the operation of the National Guard in Ashland is doing quite well. He is involved with all the daily business and is keeping very busy as it is very demanding. His monthly evaluations are positive and may lead to other blind vendors working with other National Guard in the state.

Don will make annual visits to each facility, checking on the installation of meters, and verify serial numbers. By keeping track of the machines placed, he will also be tracking the age and will know the older equipment should be replaced first if needed.

The next topic was allowable and non-allowable deductions on the P&L statements. After a short break for lunch, discussion was continued at 1:10. A committee of volunteers: Howard Simons, Dave Johnson and Bill Brown will meet to decide on a recommendation on the particulars of other allowable deductions. Eventually, an updated list will be sent to all vendors.

The next meeting will be held in Lincoln on Friday, June 4th beginning at 1:00.

Judy Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fred Scarpello. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Submitted by

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\*After the meeting, Jim Budde talked about the retirement program and was available to answer questions.