

Blind Vendors Committee Meeting
Friday, June 4, 2010
4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE

Vendors present for the meeting were: Fred Scarpello, Sandy Alvarado, Judy Beck, Chairman Howard Simons, and Ray Johnson. Those attending from NCBVI were: Don Ward, Jan Stokebrand, Bill Brown and Carlos Servan.

After lengthy discussion on the continuing problem with late P&L statements, Fred Scarpello made a motion to have Don and Howard visit with individual vendors and stress the consequences that will follow if these statements continue to be late. Seconded by Ray Johnson. Motion carried.

Don reported on the meter readings that they need to be included with the P&L statements. This is a requirement of the state auditors.

The committee talked about the procedures of beginning inventory and pay off when a vendor leaves their facility. Of the vendors attending, this was handled many different ways, and needs to be consistent with each new vendor and any vendor leaving the program.

The sub-committee for researching the reader/driver wage reported \$8.10 as the amount allowed for deduction on the P&L statement. If pay is less than that amount, that is the allowable amount. It was also decided to allow actual costs for postage expenses when mailing P&L statements to NCBVI.

The contract for the National Guard expires on July 1, 2010. The SLA has a meeting on June 7, 2010 to submit a bid for renewal of the contract.

Marlin Roesler is back temporarily at the Atrium in Lincoln as the facility manager, waiting for a vendor to replace him. Hardy Holmes would add this to his facility unless a new vendor would be interested in managing the site. Don mentioned there are four possible candidates interested in the Atrium site. Jan will schedule candidate interviews with the vendor committee. Judy Beck is also resigning effective June 30, 2010. An individual in Grand Island is interested in taking over this site but waiting for approval from the committee.

Melvin Forster was appointed secretary of the Blind Vendors Committee and a vacancy for an alternate vendor is available on the committee.

Set Aside was reviewed and Fred made a motion to leave set aside at 13%. Seconded by Ray Johnson. Motion carried.

Ray Johnson voiced his concern about the Dept. of Roads and the way they handle closures without notifying the SLA. Advance notice of site closings would alleviate many dollars of out-dated product in the machines. It was requested Dr. Pearl Van Zandt send notice to the DOR asking for better communication with the state.

The next meeting will be held Friday, September 10, 2010 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Lincoln. (Note the new start time, and Dr. Van Zandt said we will have lunch provided.) Ray Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Fred seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Judy Beck, Secretary