Present were Barbara Salisbury, Bill Fierman, Bill Sparks, Deanna Austin, Don Koors, Don Lane, Gerry Koors, Jeff Busch, Lynn Powers, Mike Bowman, Rich Vonderhaar, Rita Kirsch, and Sue L’Esperance

Cindy Brooking, Edie Huffman, and John Huffman were not able to attend.

June Geiger and Sandy Lingerfelter were probably not notified and their status remains to be determined. [Note; they would have been notified by email-EH]

The meeting started at 10:02 am.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

The minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

1. On page 1, northwest needs to be replaced with northeast
2. On page 2, the July meeting will probably be a conference call, this will be discussed later in the meeting

Rita made the motion to accept the minutes, with Jeff seconding, the motion was accepted

With issues in the treasurer’s report, Lynn motioned that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Jeff made the motion to accept the postponement, with Don Lane seconding, the motion was accepted.

Don Koors mentioned that the fund raising letter in the fall of 2016 was the most successful to date. Dom also mentioned that we had a good year and that is not likely to be repeated. $3,220.00 was raised in total where $3,100.00 was contributed from names from the Circle City Chapter and $120.00 was contributed from names from the SCAVI Chapter. This means the state chapter will receive $1.932, 60%, Circle City Chapter $1,240, 40% of $3,100; and SCAVI Chapter $48, 40% of $120.

Comments were made that this fund raising should be announced and that all board members should be given the opportunity to submit possible names for the contribution list.

The first two meetings of the 2017 joint convention with Ohio were held in November 2016 and January 2017. Lynn and Barbara attended the first meeting where Ohio confirmed the location and date. ACB-Ohio entered into a two-year agreement with the Kalahari Resort & Conventions Center near Sandusky, Ohio. <https://www.kalahariresorts.com/ohio>

The dates for the convention are October 20-22, 2017. The ACB-Ohio representatives did state that the location of this resort is probably not best since transportation to the site is difficult for this community. Also, it was mentioned that convention attendees should have the opportunity to enjoy the indoor water park which includes an adult pool with a swim up bar. It was decided that on the first night, after the opening session and business meeting, the group will have the option to head to the pool for the social night.

Transportation options were also discussed with Lynn mentioning that ACB-Indiana is considering chartering a bus. ACB-Ohio is interested in similar options.

ACB-Illinois considered joining the multistate convention in 2017. One of their chapters offered to host their convention. ACB-Illinois has decided to wait until 2018 to join us for convention. The second meeting was uneventful as it was centered around Illinois decision decline. ACB-Illinois invited everyone to attend their convention which will be near St. Louis on October 5-8, 2017.

Lastly, ACB-Ohio is looking for help on their convention committees; planning and site. The board encouraged Rita to represent ACBI on the site committee and she accepted. The general setup is already established and Rita’s role as vendor coordinator would be helpful.

For 2018, a larger regional meeting is under consideration with Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. We will need to discuss this soon as it may take place in Indiana.

Focus: Deadlines

* March 1 or sooner
* June 1
* Late August to accommodate a convention announcement
* November 15 to complete before the holidays

The board suggested that we all should promote this convention and Lynn should include it in her introduction right away.

Don Koors brought up that Bosma no longer has a print shop; they now outsource it but will not charge us for printing the Focus. It was proposed by the board that an annual donation of $400 be made to the Bosma Foundation. This would cover the four issues of the Focus at the $100 for each issue as agreed on at the previous board meeting.

The 2017 meeting calendar was reviewed. The dates are:

* Feb. 4, call, this was postponed by one week to accommodate a previous commitment for Lynn
* April 29, face-to-face in Bloomington
* July 29, call
* Oct. 28, call

Barbara Salisbury is making the arrangements for the Bloomington meeting in April. She mentioned that if we hold the meeting at the library, they open at 10 AM so the start time will need to be adjusted.

The midyear meeting and legislative session will take place at the end of February near Washington DC. Barbara will be attending the president’s meeting and Don Koors will attend the legislative session.

Don Koors mentioned that the three items for the legislative session. Don’t have good notes here and cannot find it online for now. Something about a session on Wednesday, March 1…

Barbara will be participating in the first transportation committee conference call in February 21. ACB’s Tony Stephens will conduct the meeting.

Rich mentioned that SCAVI will have as a guest speaker Dr. Stephen Burns, who will discuss research on eye diseases at their next chapter meeting.

Barbara mentioned that the Heartland chapter is going out into the community to promote the work of their chapter and increase membership. They have visited senior centers in order to start a support group. This effort was very successful but they are working on attracting younger members.

Barbara mentioned that Indiana is having a transit day on February 21, 2017. From their web site…

Transit Day at the Statehouse is Tuesday, February 21. This is the one day during the Indiana General Assembly session dedicated entirely to transit education and advocacy. Constituents from across the state, including riders, community partners, and transit providers, meet with their state elected officials to share information and build support for sustainable and dedicated transit funding.

Members from the Heartland chapter will be participating. The web site is: <http://www.indianacat.org/transit-day/>

Another item Barbara brought to our attention is the employment first initiative. This is a state-wide program that has been proposed. It has low expectations as it does not have any provisions for enforcement.

Committees:

Audit: still working and will report soon. No issues, they need more time.

Web Site: The committee has been formed with new volunteers and will meet soon.

* Chair – Bill Sparks
* Ted Boardman
* Earlene Hughes
* Rich Vonderhaar
* Edie Huffman and Mike Bowman (advisors)

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

These notes/minutes may be modified as the secretary (or others) dictate.

Lynn Powers, ACBI president