

**Brain Injury Alliance of SD  
Annual Meeting**

November 15, 2008  
SD Achieve Meeting Room – Sioux Falls, SD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Ron Hoops, Karen Brokenleg,, Anne McFarland and Mary Ohman. OTHERS PRESENT – Dwayne Bauder, Carol Broughton, Mary Tommeraasen, Denise Gannon, Jan Craue, Kay Gollesch, Deb Berg, Ellery Schreurs, Sue Vande Kamp, and Maralyn Hoops.

**OPEN MEETING**

Board President, Ron Hoops, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (CDT).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ron asked for approval of proposed agenda. **MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – MADE(M), SECONDED (S)) AND CARRIED (C).**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ron asked if the minutes of 11/17/2007 Board meeting could be acted upon. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES – MSC.**

**REPORTS**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron reported that as of 09/30/08 the checking account had a balance of \$3,083.53 (see attached). **MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT – MSC.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ron reported that we presently have 25 members for 2008.

Ron read a letter dated 1/17/2008 from BIASD to Governor Michael Rounds concerning the Federal TBI Grant and the Governor's response

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of 3/10/2008 indicating the leadership of the Departments of Human Services nor Social Services recommended pursuing this grant.

Ron reported that Ron Sasso has updated the BIASD brochure (copy attached) and also the BIASD website [www.braininjurysd.org](http://www.braininjurysd.org). Discussion was held on whether to include Brain Injury Support Group information on the brochure.

Ron report on the addition of two new board members, Anne McFarland and Mary Ohman.

Ron reported BIASD attended the 2008 Disability Awareness Day in Pierre, SD and reported the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Black Hills Brain Injury Conference will be held in Rapid City, SD on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**SD ACHIEVE:** Anne McFarland introduced, Denise Gannon director of Terry House. It is a home capable of serving seven men with brain injury 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and is currently full. SD Achieve has added "day program services" at Kilian Community College. Anne reported they are hoping to expand and are hoping to serve women.

**SUNRISE VILLA:** Ron Hoops reported that Sunrise Villa is currently providing care for 8 individuals in a skilled nursing care setting. Most weekdays these individuals attend work at Ability Building Services in Yankton. Aegis Therapy comes on site regularly to provide therapy care.

**COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS:** Ron Sasso was unable to participate in this meeting, so no direct report was provided. However, Ron Hoops reported that Community Transition has moved into their new facility, and it is now a stand-alone site/clinic. serving people who are funded through private pay, veterans' administration, private insurance and vocational rehabilitation. They have new speech/language software, as well as a driving simulator package. They continue to work the Black Hills Rehabilitation Hospital to strengthen services. They are also beginning to provide some services through "tele-rehab".

## OTHER BUSINESS

Members and non-members present discussed frustration over services or the lack of services and knowledge of specifically medical personnel not providing more information to families of brain injured patients. Discussed options to bring awareness to current services through media during Brain Injury Awareness month.

### **BOARD MEMBERS: MOTION MADE TO INCREASE BOARD TO NINE MEMBERS – MADE(M), SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C).**

Nominations made for re-election for a two-year term to the Board were Karen Brokenleg, Ron Hoops, Shelly Pfaff and Robert Woodring. Also nominated were Mary Tommeraasen and Ellery Schreurs.

Secret ballots were cast and counted and the following were nominated to a two-year term with the term expiring in 2010: Karen Brokenleg, Ron Hoops, Shelly Pfaff, Robert Woodring and Ellery Schreurs.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – MSC.** Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.