

BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF SD

May 9, 2014

Members Attended:

Ron Sasso, Justine Ashokar via Skype, Mary Ohman, Karen Brokenleg, Glenn Schumacher, Doris Schumacher, and Mary Tommeraasen

Not in attendance:

Denise Johnson and Patricia Patrick

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Old Business:

We have gotten nowhere on the 501(c)3 application yet. Lori has been a very busy woman taking care of her parents who both have Alzheimer's. She is cognizant of our desire to get it done, and told Mary O. to authorize any officer to execute or sign documents to send them in. There was a motion to do this and it was approved.

Justine knows Erica Olson who is someone who could finish the 501(c)3 application. Mary O. agreed to ask Lori if a period of 30 days was too tight to get it done for us. If Lori feels she would not be able to get it done, Justine is willing to email Erica Olson to finish the application for us.

Doris and Glenn went to Pierre to the Special Ed. Conference and stated many people were interested and stopped at their booth. They had printed some flyers of the BIASD and were hoping for new members. We have not heard of any yet.

Karen mentioned she had received an invoice from Dakota Broadcasting for the month of March. Mary O. said they broadcasted from the ND border to the NE border. A radio station in Sioux Falls said they would run it and Mary O. will find out who it was.

New Business:

August 16th is the date for the annual meeting. We will meet at 1:00 in Sioux Falls and use Skype to communicate with people from Rapid City and people in Aberdeen.

Mary T. should send a reminder to everyone in the group a month early so that people can be contacted appropriately for the meeting. Denise has the updated mailing list and could maybe do this for us.

There was further discussion regarding publishing an agenda for the meeting on the website and informing people of the meeting time and date. It was determined that the notification must be 15 days prior to the meeting. People were concerned that individuals would forget if mailed the information 15 days prior to the meeting. Social media, email, and texts might also be good to reach people.

A motion was made to amend the bylaws to incorporate the 15-day notification of the annual meeting so that it may be done by other modes such as the Internet websites, email, text, or mail. It was

questioned as to whether or not the change needed to be reported to the state, distribute changes and have copies for sharing. Karen read the bylaws and found only “B” under Article 7 needed to be modified. The motion passed and was approved.

The Amendment for 05-09-2014: Brain Injury Alliance of SD Bylaws (approved as of March 27, 2004)

(C) ARTICLE 7—MEETINGS

Meeting of Association Members-

- a) Time: Brain Injury Alliance of SD will hold at least one meeting annually. Other meetings may be called as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- b) Notice: Notice of all meetings shall be given by the BIASD website, email, text or mail at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting date.
- c) Quorum: The presence of ten (10%) percent of members or twenty (20) members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

A “Walk for Thought” was mentioned but we will wait for the 501(c)3.

Karen gave the Treasurer’s Report—She wrote a check for the banner, etc. in Pierre, and the charge for the booth was \$100. We may still owe something.

5 people paid dues

\$2,411.27 as of today and \$300 more as Lori is holding on to the check for the 501(c)3

\$2,711.27 then

Mary O. and Adam paid \$20 today

The conference and presenters were good. Ron and his staff did a good job again. We would like to see more activities to help work with the individuals who have sustained a brain injury. Hands-on training would be beneficial. Justine would like to encourage that, also. They have done it at the conference in the past.

Mary O. mentioned a fusion team at Farm Credit Services to work on understanding disabilities. Her team let her do some of the activities demonstrating TBI difficulties and they thought it was wonderful and insightful.

Karen was “Train the Trainer” and did similarly. She mentioned it may be beneficial to have a family/caregiver track separate from those who sustained a brain injury. That has been done in the past at the conference, also.

Doris wondered if Ron would want our board to assist with “things” for the conference. (Ron was providing a tour for this part of the meeting, so no answer at this point.)

Doris also mentioned that the purpose of the BIASD is to let people know about our group. She wondered if a newsletter would be beneficial. A Question/Answer section could be part of the newsletter. The latest information in SD and nationwide could be included. Someone noted Ron does post articles like this on our website.

Karen mentioned that Mary O. had been contacted by Stacy Weller from Sanford’s Neocritical Care Unit. Karen and Mary T. met with her and Sanford will be printing our Sioux Falls support group brochure.

Karen and Mary T. met with the doctors and are hoping they may join the BIASD in the future along with Avera McKennan. Perhaps they would be willing to hold offices!

One of the presenters at the conference mentioned "Connect Trial" starting by Mayo Clinic. It will include the MN Dept. of Health, IA Dept. of Health, Trinity Health in Minot, ND and Regional Health in Rapid City. The SD Dept. of Health is not included. They will be studying those whose brain function has been altered by injury or disease from stroke, craniotomy, and traumatic brain injury.

Tim Johnson will be retiring. Karen will contact him; even connections and resources would be helpful to us. Our 501(c)3 status will help us with this. (Hopefully we will have it by our August meeting.)

We all need to sign the Conflict of Interest form yearly. Those present signed it.

When in Pierre, Doris had a person question the definition of TBI to include "at birth". No, it does not include "at birth". Another person was looking for connections for the future for someone. She gave the name and it we wondered if Ron could contact the individual.

Mary O. and Mary T. received an email from Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Omaha, NE. They were requesting information to put into packets for those individuals they serve and are returning to our state of SD. Ron gave copies of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center brochure, Doris gave copies of the BIASD brochure she had printed, and Mary T. obtained brochures from VR. Mary T. will gather more from Social Services and ILC and send them all to NE. Once we get other brochures gathered for our Sioux Falls Brain Injury Support Group and perhaps Denise's program at LifeScape, we can send them on.

Minutes submitted by Mary Tommeraasen, Secretary