NABS Minutes for Meeting on September 6, 2022, 8:00PM CST

WELCOME and Call to Order at 8:12pm

Attendance: president Brandon Peters,

secretary Rachna K

board member Ashleah Chamberlain

advisor Mike Hansen

Old Business

The last meeting's minutes were read by Rachna Keshwani (Secretary), Mike moved to approve and Ashleah seconded, so the motion carried.

The picnic held on July 30th, 2022 at Holmes Lake was enjoyable although not a recruiting event as originally intended. Sighted individuals and board members served but students weren’t able to. The commission would be unlikely to transport clients unless that's part of a training. Just as a friendly reminder, for best practice, those coordinating any event should include both presiding officers Brandon & Maura in every communication.

New Business:

Treasurer’s Report update from Milla Krainak, (Treasurer) was unavailable so Mike mentioned the current balance stands at $2785.02.

Regarding the Student Success College Workshop hosted by the Nebraska Commission Brandon, will consult David DeNoteras and Eileen Rivera-Ley on what we as a division can do to help out. According to Nancy Coffman the deadline was extended until the 6th so members will reach out to those interested but thought they missed registering. Possibly Mike mentioned David would try to get a classroom on the UNL campus with sometime to allow a quick NABS presentation.

We could participate in Blind Equality Achievement Month (BEAM) with laser tag, even visiting a pumpkin patch, or haunted house; Mike spoke about the Virtual London Marathon also known as Furlongs for Paws 5k walk/run on the morning of Sunday Oct 2nd around 7:30 that the affiliate plans to participate in Omaha at Walnut Creek Trail, specifically in Papillion. Proceeds benefit Guide dogs for the Blind, so stay tuned for more info! The trip between Westroads and the Gene Leahy malls aboard the Omaha Rapid Bus in Transit (ORBIT) to take place on White Cane Awareness day was announced with lunch downtown, an adventure instead of the regular Omaha chapter meeting that 3rd Saturday.

When socializing at the end, we discussed accommodations, particularly the difference between approved and provided ones as well as solutions to problems while studying or testing.

The group adjourned at around 9pm to reconvene sept. 20th to plan an activity for autumn.