JAN 21 PHONE BOARD MEETING

Meeting CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:35.

Mike Powell was absent.

Michigan Flyer – Fred reported that Mike Powell presented at the January meeting of the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA). He expressed disappointment with the lack of progress. He said that he would return in February with 43 Detroit Chapter people if nothing was done. He was able to talk to board member Sue Hall after the meeting. She made excuses for the airport.

WCAA attorney Brian Sadek sent an email to Larry, Fred and others complaining that Mike had misrepresented the facts. Fred commented that nothing has happened from our point of view. The bus is still stopping at the same place.

Fred reported that he went to the airport and did an interview with Channel 4 TV about the airport. The interview was organized by the PR company that will assist us with our hike-a-thon. Washtenaw County

J.J. mentioned that the NFB of Michigan was mentioned prominently in the Michigan Flyer newsletter.

Washtenaw County Lawsuit -- There was a discussion of the lawsuit which the NFB of Michigan has joined in Washtenaw County. The Department of Transportation has begun to systematically remove curb cuts and sidewalks leading from the main sidewalk to the street at all non-controlled intersections along Washtenaw Avenue and Huron Avenue in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, even though there bus stops near these intersections. This forces pedestrians to walk up to a mile to cross the street, especially if they need a curb cut.

CALL FROM CONSUMER FROM Ann Arbor who has given up. Larry reported that a senior person from Ann Arbor wants service. Larry gave her Ed Rodger’

S phone number. She called Larry back in 3 days and she said she was giving up on rehab. This is a typical situation.

Discussed Minnesota stem Program – Student form Kalamazoo needs financial support for program at the end of May. Larry said he would keep working on it.

Michigan web page – Mark Eagle indicated that he is taking classes and will not be able to manage the web page. Ozzie agreed to work on it with Jeff Crouch.

Washington SEMINAR

* J.J. discussed plans for Washington Seminar. There are some problems with transportation due to a blizzard which will hit D.C. over the weekend.

Alex is going.

J.j. IS GOING EARLY FOR Student seminar

LARRY SAID HE WOULD HAVE WINTER BOARD DATE BY NEXT MEETING.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.