**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; March 24, 2025**

**6:30pm–8pm on Zoom**

**Present at the meeting:**

**Kristen Jocums, Andrea Barnhurst, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Arona Rosegold, and Sally Utt**

**MINUTES**

**Carolyn moved to approve the February minutes and Arona seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Tabled until our next meeting.**

**SALEM SEMINAR (Legislative Seminar)**

**\*For the most part we got good interest and support from our various meetings in the Capitol on March 17. Many of the representatives and aids that we spoke with were quite interested to learn more about CFB, and TBABS, and it was good to have some solid statistics with us. it sounds like it was the right decision for this session, to be looking for a commitment of continued support for these agencies, not an increase in funding.**

**\*We did some brain storming about some ways the seminar, and our time at the Capitol could have run more smoothly, and used our time more efficiently. Some thoughts to consider for next time are:**

**\*At the Seminar have a plan to fill unexpected space in the agenda.**

**\*Create a facts sheet that is clear and to the point, and get it circulating, as early as possible**

**\*Clarity with the appointments table schedule**

**\*Schedule more appointments in the afternoon when possible, as we found that most large meetings at the Capital take place in the mornings.**

**\*More attention to the scheduling of NFB members coverage of meetings**

**DAB**

**DAB is about to put out a press release announcing that DAB is enhancing its service so that it will no longer have to deny rides. This service has already begun, and will be funded using distributions left over from during COVID, for as long as they last.**

**BIRDING BY EAR, and the Bird-a-thon**

**Our Birding by Ear event will take place on May 18, from 9am to 11am, at the Crystal Lake Sports Park. This also is the date of the all day , first ever “blind birders bird-a-thon”.**

**CALENDAR Planning**

**In Person event possibilities;**

**\*4 Spirits Distillery; July?**

**\*In person visit with the CERT team, for some hands-on practice**

**\*Day trip to Newport using DAB; September?**

**\*Holiday party; January?**

**\*Picnic at a winery**

**\*State Convention; October?**

**\*Birding by ear; May**

**NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on Monday April 28, from 6:30 to 8pm on Zoom**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**