

Board members present:

Don Reese	Joseph Saavedra	Harry Kovaschetz
William Guss	Shelly Smith	Duane Broshious
Miriam Stucker	Herb Whitaker	Bill Whatley
Don Trumbull	Robert Scofield	Phil Marvel
Claudia Jensen	Rosemary Ferguson	Anna Marvel
Ruth Gange	Bette Reed	Terry Reed

Also Present: Thomas Buckley, TBI  
Jerry Cole, President Ocular Services

Minutes of New Mexico Lions Eye Bank Meeting  
March 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. There was an introduction of guests. Jerry Cole, President of TBI was introduced. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved.

The activity report was given by Lori Stampley. The 3rd quarter 2011 donor activity is as follows: 179 donors, 246 billable corneas, 52 reduced fee corneas, 82 discarded corneas, and 23 frozen whole eyes and transplanted. In 3rd quarter 2010 there were 176 donors, 245 billable corneas, 59 reduced fee corneas, 80 discarded corneas and 14 frozen whole eyes and transplanted.

March is National Eye Donor Month. Each year, the EBAA promotes March as National Eye Donor Month to raise awareness of the need to donate eyes. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Eye Donor Month in 1983, and since then a member of Congress has read a proclamation into the Congressional Record each March to note this special occasion.

Nationally more than 50,000 Americans received a corneal transplant last year. Since 1960, Eye Banks nationwide have made possible more than 1,000,000 sight restoring corneal transplantations. But each year, more donors are needed to meet that demand.

The Eye Glass Program has provided 197 pairs of glasses since the inception of the program, totaling \$9,850. Since the beginning of this fiscal year in June, 54 pairs of glasses have been provided, totaling \$2,700. Proceeds from the Baltimore Marathon are still funding the program.

The Sight Saving Surgery Program has three pending applications for approval, totaling \$6,100. The Cost of the Sight Saving Surgery has gone up. The new "Self Pay" Cataract Price is now \$2,650. The program has provided 11 gratis corneas for surgeons with underprivileged patients, totaling \$32,857. Grand Total in Assistance is \$38,957 plus \$2,700 for Eye Glasses, equaling \$41,657. A letter from a recipient of the Eye Glass Program was read. The recipient was very grateful for the glasses.

The new Specular Microscope were installed in January, the upgrade was not what we hoped for. Medical Directors favored new microscope. A new phone network is being installed next week. The TBI intranet system will save money and there will no longer be long distance charges.

Notification of EBAA Inspection in the fall was received. A two year certification was received because of the alarm system. The old system is unreliable. Will need to upgrade for new computers and does not meet FDA requirements. Rees system is used by the FDA. Upgrade by May will save money. System integrated into the network for reliability and

cost effectiveness. The cost would be +/- \$3,000. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the system. The motion was approved.

New items: Visited with doctors and introduced new products; Graduated from Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship; Attended EBAA Leadership last month; Took part in a Legislative Declaration, making February 14th, "Gift of Life Donor Day", Promoting Blood, Marrow, Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation, which was read in both the Senate and the House of Representatives; The new website is almost finished.

A TBI Update was given by Jerry Cole, 20 years since affiliated with TBI. 5,000 corneas donated since the beginning. Blindness is one of the most feared conditions. In 1905, the first cornea transplant was performed. Early storage was good for a maximum of 24 hours. TBI was the first eye bank to provide corneal tissue preserved in cold storage media. Preservation was once 24 hours to 3 days and now to 14 days. TBI Sterile Cornea can now store for 18 months due to complete irradiation. The types of transplant are Full Thickness-PKP, which has been since 1905. Types of Transplant: Early, Square Cornea Transplant; Traditional Cornea Transplant, last 100 years; Cornea Patch Graft, over the past five years can change the thickness; Cornea Application, ALK/DALK; and Cornea Application KPro- Plastic Transplant.

Sterile Cornea Benefits are ease of surgical use and easy to suture/manipulate. Glaucoma Value Tube Overlay Allograft could triple cornea uses.

The TBI 2010 Strategic Plan is to change the mission statement saving people, providing tissue for transplantation and advancing science. TBI is the only Eye and Tissue Banking of its kind. TBI will maximize the gift donation goal to do 1,100 more in the next year. Innovation is a central tenet of TBI's culture. Will put the Eye Bank on the cutting edge of transplanting. TBI will lead the international effort to provide sustainable eye and tissue banking in underserved areas of the world. .

The Frederick N. Griffith Foundation is where the heart of TBI's charity resides and the tradition of innovation is funded. The TBI would like to raise \$10 million over the next five years.

The current financial report was given by Joseph Saavedra. The balance sheet and income statement were presented as of February 28, 2011. The financial report was approved.

New business -

The International Presidents Accommodation was presented to Lori.

Old business -

None

Open discussion -

A thanks was given to Lori for participating in the Baltimore Marathon.

Any eye glasses that were brought in should be given to Don Reese after the meeting.

Next meeting will be at the convention in Gallup.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Joseph V. Saavedra, CPA  
Secretary/Treasurer