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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Board members present were Melissa G., Paul, Kevan, ReNae, Marty, Melissa S., Maryan. We had Doula Jarbo, President Ricobono, Gale Hamilton, Jamie Carley, Jessica Beecham, Charis Glatthor, Judy Matthews, Mike Sedmak, Nate Hecker, Penn Street, Traci Jones, Sandy Schleich and Sherry Gomes present as guests.

Treasurer's Report: We have currently a beginning balance of $334.23 with an ending balance of $490.70. Jamie motioned and ReNae moved to adopt the report as given with no discussion. Paul motioned for us to give $150 to the state and Maryann seconded. Kevan will match so that we will give a total of $300 to the state.

Door prizes: Kevan asked about door prizes and if we wanted to submit anything as a division. ReNae said that she had a bandanna. Maryann suggested we pair this with $25. Maryann made a motion to do this and Sandy seconded.

Maryann said that she believed that the auction is going well and that we should focus on getting door prizes for our scavenger hunt event On Friday. KEVAN asked about the complexity of the event, and Maryann stated that she wanted participants about an hour. We still need to get prizes. Maryann has a couple of doggy prizes. Kevan will round up some prizes. Jamie Carley has a $25 and Paul will have a $25 gift card also. Melissa G has a $25 gift card as well. Melissa and Marty will help to sell the clues for $5 at the beginning of the hunt. KEVAN, Penn Street and Traci Jones can also help at clue stations.

Kevan urged us all to continue to think about fundraisers.

Paul Sandoval then gave a report about what the National division is working on. He stated that they have had a lot of changes on the board and that they have had a good first year. He ran through the current board members. He then briefly discussed the benefits of membership in NAGDU. People can find NAGDU via www.nagdu.org and through email board@.nagdu.org. There is also a phone number 346-459-7444 that people can call to get information. They also have facebook and twitter pages and there is also the IOS NAGDU app. They are working to get the app into the Google Play Store. He talked about Yappy Hour and also Guide Dog Matters which takes place monthly. There is a calendar of events to which people can subscribe in order to keep up with events.

PAUL then discussed the differences between the FHA, ACAA, AND ADA. He talked briefly about the forms that the DOT is requiring service dog handlers when flying. There are ongoing issues with the accessibility of these attastation forms due to not having access to the form while traveling or knowing whether the form will be required. Regarding ride denials through ridesharing services, Paul would like us to fill out a survey that will soon be released by the national division detailing our experiences so that NAGDU has a record of denials that can be passed on to those in the NFB who are working to address this problem. Regarding long-term goals, NAGDU is working to build better relationships with guide dog training programs as well as to help grow more state divisions. He then gave the information by which he can be reached.

We then took some time for people to regail us with some fun tales of their dogs.

There was a discussion about dropping the size of the board from 9 to 7. Kevan would write up this amendment. Sandy suggested that we keep the board elections of even and odd numbered years as is currently written in the constitution. Today, we will be electing a president, secretary and board member 2.

Elections:

Those who were elected are as follows:

Kevan Worley, President

Marty Rahn, Secretary

Melissa Smith, Board member 2

Old Business: there was none.

ReNae suggested that we develop a committee to tackle issues surrounding guide dogs and medical establishments. The members of this committee are ReNae, Sandy, Doula, Traci, and Melissa G. The next meeting was set for Sunday November 21 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting was then adjourned at 5:40 PM.