NJAGDU Division meeting Minutes

February 25, 2014

The agenda will cover:

    1. Reports

    2. Follow-up information and Review of “Dusty’s Law”

       A. Text of Dusty’s Law: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/S2000/1907_R1.HTM>

    3. Question and Discussion time

Call to order:

Meeting of NJAGDU was called to order by Vincent Chaney, President, at 8:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014.

Roll call:

Vincent Chaney, President

Alice Eaddy, Secretary

Lynn Reynolds, Treasurer

Joe Ruffalo, NFBNJ President

Michele Chaney,

Jack Truehaft,

Kathy Rawa,

Les Cameron,

Angela Perone,

Jerilyn Higgins,

Pat McKenna,

Ginger Kutsch,

Sue Tillett

Treasurers report by Lynn Reynolds:

Lynn Reynolds 2014 dues and raffle $195; check received from diabetic division $235/Reserved Status making a total of $430. Michele made the motion to accept the treasurers’ report as explained, Jerilyn seconded. The report was accepted unanimously.

NAGDU report by Alice Eaddy:

Alice Eaddy summarized two meetings February 9 and 23rd. Vinnie asked why two meetings? A lot of co-ordination is involved in getting speakers from FAA, AFA and APFA (flight attendant groups) etc. The FAA might setup one of their indoor relief areas perhaps in the exhibit area.

Marion Gwizdala working on getting customizes golf shirts with NFB logo and chapter name surrounding the whozit (minimum order is 12 shirts). Committee Reports: Tina regarding social networking face book 165 we added 30 people; on the 23rd face book numbers rose to 171. Twitter still has 37. It was suggested that announcements with links be provided. Old Business: Everyone liked the format used last year but may add seminars to both days so people see what we do and how we operate. We have beta testing available for consumer satisfaction survey; we need someone to test it out, the information provided does not have to be real; particulars will follow. This will be open to NAGDU guests as well.

Vinnie the biggest announcement was that on January 21st Dusty’s Law was official. The next step according to Mr. Ruffalo is to get the word out and into magazines or newsletters frequented by veterinarians or dog shelters and puppy walkers. Tack it up on bulletin boards. Vinnie will do an article for the Sounding Board. Les stated that you can save time by going to the deputy clerk who adds it to the police roster for review during briefings; they need to know how to enforce it. Just telling them that the Law exists is not enough they need to know what happens to a team when our dogs are attacked or distracted, it is a safety issue for us that requires immediate action on their part. Angela stated that in Bridgewater enforcement comes under animal control, the mayor and will have to change the ordinance. Ginger – it’s part of the police departments’ job now to help us prevent attacks and to convince pet owners to change their behaviors. Dusty’s Law alone will not stop attacks unless we notify police of attacks or interference ( dogs that bark or lunge at us)in our neighborhoods as there are now penalties that can be used, this is a big stick for us. We want them to step up their efforts in areas that we normally walk as most attacks occur 30 minutes from home on private property or on public right of ways. Further discussion followed regarding proof of negligence or on purpose versus reckless disregard and how other animal control laws are enforced and by whom.

Vinnie asked how we can promote Dusty’s Law. It was suggested that Vinnie act as spokesperson in an interview on NJNews. Les suggested that Ginger and Vinnie do a one or two minute commercial on the ThruOurEyes.org-WTOE Internet Radio Show by recording an announcement. CALL TOLL FREE: 1-888-572-0141 AND SELECT MENU OPTION #85. Once you are done with your announcement, stop talking for a few seconds then tell us any information that would be helpful to us to make sure we include your announcement for the duration you would like, if you would like us to include your announcement for an extended period of time etc. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS FREE SERVICE AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE.  
\* Club, organization, for-profit or non-profit business: MUST serve any handicap disability in some respect. Ginger and Vinnie will discuss creating a possible flyer or letter in a week or two, please e-mail Vinnie with ideas about ways to promote and educate the public. Vinnie thanked Ginger and the Seeing Eye for all of their assistance during the legislative process as Dusty’s Law developed and grew to take shape over the past four years.

Discussion and question time: Les mentioned ***Growing Up Fisher*** an American [sitcom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sitcom) that began airing on [NBC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NBC) as part of the [2013–14 United States network television schedule](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013%E2%80%9314_United_States_network_television_schedule). The semi-autobiographical [single-camera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-camera) series was created by DJ Nash.It premiered on Sunday, February 23, 2014, at 10:30 pm. It will then premiere on its regular timeslot on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 9:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be March 18th 2014

**Minutes submitted by Alice Eaddy, Secretary**