National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey

New Jersey Association of Guide Dog Users

 June 18, 2015

1. Roll Call

Trish Ebel. NFBNJ NJAGDU President

Alice Eaddy, Secretary

Anna DeSantis, Board member

Joe Ruffalo, President

Jerilyn Higgins

Les Cameron

Lynn Reynolds

Joe Braz

Pat McKenna

Jack Truehaft

John Luland

Lydia Keller

Jerilyn Higgins

Sue Tillet

Pat McKenna

Dan Fachini

1. Call to order the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Trisha
2. The minutes were sent out by Alice: Les moved to accept the minutes as read Jerilyn seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Lyn provided the treasures report: the ending balance as of April 30 $635. There was a $100 Bell donation leaving a balance of $535. Jerilyn moved to accept and I, Anna seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Trish mentioned having a guest speaker in July who will discuss control issues. We have a 2hr time slot that it can include Q&A in general answers not school specific. Send questions in advance to Trisha. Dan said it would be cool to hear about training at different schools. Pat will send Trisha contact information for Leader Dog.
5. Financial assistance with dog food. Trisha stated that every store offers special offers or coupons. Petco online anything over $50 free shipping. PetFoodDirect.com offers prescription based foods. PetMed has approved medications that are the same as the vet at up to 50% less any orders over $49 you get free shipping.
6. PetSmart fundraiser initiatives are postponed due to litigation related to inaccessible website
7. National convention- Four members are attending; dog food orders are available she will post it on the list.
8. Useful tips for our dogs were skipped
9. New Business

When you bring your dog to the vet ask for a discount for service dogs or seniors. Dan suggested getting animal medical plan; he had good experiences at Banfields Pet Hospital which is associated with PetSmart. Joe Braz mentioned Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, NJ. It was stated always look at your bill before paying. Trisha it would not be out of line to ask that they over the bill with you.

B. PetNeds-1800 –PetMeds if you call them they will call your vet for approval. Jerilyn said most products that we use on our dogs can be purchased for less on Amazon.com i.e. frontline, PetArmor, K9 Advantix and the like. Anna said that Advantix is dangerous for cats though.

C. Puppy raisers will be tabled until September maybe we can have them on to talk. The Seeing Eye has a video about their dogs at the airport perhaps I can email a link to the membership. Les asked how many cases of dog flu we have had in NJ; it’s rampant in GA. Dan do vets have to report different things like rabies? Pat McKenna some dog vaccinations are optional vs. the must haves but do ask about their side effects which can occur in 1 out of 100 cases. Trisha

Old Business A. Dusty’s flyers, any constitutional questions will be address after Convention. We will review it again by August. All agree or disagree, no negative responses were noted. So be it. Marion Gwizdala, NAGDU President has submitted recommended changes. Maybe be on our July call

1. Around the room the next meeting is Monday, July 27 at 7 pm.
2. Adjournment Anna made a motion to adjourn, Les seconded and all were in favor at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 Alice Eaddy, Secretary