



**NJ Society to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**  
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Steve Shatkin  
President

Larry Donato  
Vice President

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary Frank Rizzo II  
Re: Meeting Minutes April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Location: Clifton Town Hall – 900 Clifton Ave Clifton, NJ 07013

1. Meeting opened with Salute to the Flag by Vice-President Larry Donato at 7:30pm.
2. Attendance taken by Secretary Frank D Rizzo II
  1. Trustees Present
    1. Trustee Phil Amato
    2. Trustee Robert Boyle
    3. Trustee Michael Santiago
    4. Trustee Francis Rizzo
    5. Trustee Larry Donato
    6. Trustee Frank Rizzo II
    7. Trustee Matt Stanton
    8. Trustee Josh Holzer
    9. Trustee Alan VanSavage
  2. Trustees Absent
    1. Trustee Laz Bernavon
  3. Trustees Excused
    1. Trustee Steve Shatkin
    2. Trustee Steve Dash
3. Motion made by Trustee Rizzo II to accept prior months meeting minutes and special board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Frank Rizzo
  1. All in favor vote passed.
4. Treasurer's Report – Distributed bills to be paid to board.
  1. All insurances are up to date
  2. 501(c)3 re-applied for appropriately no status on it at this time
  3. Trustee Rizzo will be stepping away from the role of Treasurer.
  4. Finances are sound
    1. Motion to accept report made by Trustee Holzer seconded by Rizzo II
      1. All in favor vote passed
5. Law Enforcement Report
  1. Calls since February 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting
    1. 627 Complaints
    2. 305 Closed
    3. 324 Active
    4. 30 Summonses issued
    5. Win against an Animal Control Officer in Bloomfield
    6. Case where a defendant drove a truck onto the Ice in Ocean County dog died under ice. Case won.
  2. Promotions
    1. Gabe Addonizio from Officer to Corporal
  3. Phase 1
    1. Beginning on April 27 – June 17
    2. Hosted by Ocean County Police Academy
    3. 13 NJSPCA Candidates
  4. Phase II
    1. Beginning in June running through July
  5. CCRS System
    1. CCRS Updates Needed – Software and hardware
      1. Software - \$12,000

2. Hardware - \$3,500
3. Motion to be made under new business to acquire this.
6. Motion made by Rizzo II to accept LE Report seconded by Trustee Santiago
  1. All in favor vote passes
6. Law Committee
  1. Nothing to report at this time.
7. Membership Committee
  1. New Members:
    1. Zack Ahmed
    2. Camille Incao
    3. James Post
    4. Cameron Tallau
    5. Kim Tallau
    6. Tatiana Verenicin-Chan
    7. Chris Reid
  2. Motion made by Trustee Rizzo II to accept new members and seconded by Trustee Stanton
    1. All in favor vote passed.
8. Community Service Report
  1. 2017 Season getting ramped up
9. Old Business
  1. Union County SPCA – pending potential litigation
10. New Business
  1. CCRS System Upgrade
    1. There is a will that is being given to the NJSPCA for the CCRS of \$5,000
    2. Motion by Trustee Rizzo for \$15,500 to build and upgrade CCRS seconded by Trustee Stanton
      1. All in favor vote passed
    2. Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Terminal Added to Headquarters, used to track paid and unpaid fines. Lt. Biermann would be using it.
    3. Trustee Amato has been appointed as Treasurer until the end of this fiscal year.
11. Good and Welfare
  1. Karma – Cat from Newark Case was released to a good home.
12. Open Session
  1. Walt Kane – Requested an interview on a couple topics. One thing that he wants to ask about regarding the legal bills. 2013 – 2015 the SPCA reports to spending \$720,000 on legal expenses. When we asked for the records we were told there are none. How could those bills be accrued without invoices? When asked we were told the bills existed with confidential information, second request said we don't have the bills. Reported to the IRS that we spent \$200k on legal bills, where is the discrepancy. There is a recurring payment to Levin-Cyphers per a contract if there is no contract?
  2. Brian Stone – Question concerning member dues? According to was it put out to the NJSA 10:4-13 we have to discuss a raise in dues. New By-Laws seems to have taken the rights of the member away.
  3. Lia Strucich – Seers Farms, Carl Hyams his dogs passed away and he paid for his own necropsy report.
  4. Colleen Wronko – NJSPCA Dispatch system has a dispatcher named Keith or Kevin who is telling people we don't respond to certain things.
  5. Steve Wronko – Was this meeting given proper notice? If it's not posted I would like to make a complaint and protest this meeting.
  6. Phil Amato – address some new people here and that some people that have been here for a while. I was out of the loop for a couple months, but having been here for 8 years I have decided to work here to try and make a difference, when you do this job on your spare time sometimes things get dropped. It's not malicious, but sometimes the ball gets dropped but it's always the same people over and over trying to make things better. We spend more time talking about the law suits instead of helping the animals. If your intention is to take out this organization then good luck to you. I will make my best effort to make sure this is a smooth transition and to make this a better system..
13. Motion to end the meeting by Trustee Rizzo II seconded by Trustee Rizzo.
  1. All in favor passed.

Sincerely,

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