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Steve Shatkin
President

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Minutes Recorded By: Secretary Frank Rizzo II
Re: Board Meeting Minutes May 9th, 2017
Location: Brick Public Library Brick, NJ

1. Meeting opened by President Steve Shatkin at 7:30pm.
2. Attendance taken by Secretary Frank D Rizzo II
 1. Trustees Present
 1. Trustee Matt Stanton
 2. Trustee Alan VanSavage
 3. Trustee Josh Holzer
 4. Trustee Larry Donato
 5. Trustee Francis Rizzo
 6. Trustee Frank Rizzo II
 7. Trustee Steve Shatkin
 2. Trustees Absent
 1. Trustee Laz Bernavon
 2. Trustee Mike Santiago
 3. Trustee Phil Amato
 4. Trustee Bob Boyle
 3. Trustees Excused
 1. Trustee Cheri Mosca
 2. Trustee Steve Dash
3. President's Address
 1. President asks for decorum during meetings
 2. Public will be given the opportunity make comments at the end of the meeting.
 3. No member can yield their minutes to another member.
 4. Comments must remain civil, if behavior rises to a level of interference with the meeting may not be afforded the opportunity to speak.
 5. LE members who have an issue shall place their comments in writing to the board attorney 7 days prior to the meeting.
 6. Media Coverage – For close 150 years NJSPCA has been enforcing animal cruelty laws at no cost to the taxpayers of NJ.
 1. Thanks to members and LE members.
 2. Despite the lack of funding we have responded to about 5,000 calls/year and will continue to.
 3. NJSPCA is an animal welfare agency, no animal control agency, not the ASPCA, not the shelter police; we have 1 mission and 1 only, enforce NJ's animal cruelty statutes.
 4. 501(c)3 – yes mistakes were made on the paperwork and we are in the process of rectifying the situation.
 5. Legal Fees – With no state funding or assigned Deputy Attorney Generals how should the NJSPCA defend ourselves. 95% of the legal work the NJSPCA is the one being sued.
 6. Transactions with NJSPCA members – all deals were disclosed and rules were followed.
 7. If people have suggestions for fund raising the President is willing to listen.
 8. The Agency and Board will continue to cooperate with any government agency that has questions.
 9. Thank you for the members support.
4. Prior meetings minutes
 1. Motion made by Trustee Rizzo II to accept April's meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Rizzo.
 2. All in favor vote passes.
5. Treasurer's Report
 1. Trustee Amato will not be accepting the Treasurer role as he has a family situation that will preclude his additional involvement.
 2. Radio Rental from State Police balance is lower than normal.

3. Letter from the IRS – stating that if we have no issues we can expect to hear from them in about 90 days from Feb 2017.
6. Law Enforcement Report
 1. Summer uniforms are now in play
 2. Case Report
 1. New Cases since last meeting: 310
 2. Open: 198
 3. Closed: 113
 4. 8 Summonses
 3. HLEO Phase I Class
 1. Class is in week 3
 2. 17 in attendance
 4. HLEO Phase II
 1. Begins in June in Sea Girt, NJ
 5. Commissioning Forms
 1. All are up to date currently
7. Law Committee
8. Membership Committee
9. Finance Committee
 1. Position is static and bills are up to date.
 2. Until treasurer is selected the President must approve all payments
10. Community Service Division
 1. Working on a scheduling additional events.
 2. We need additional help at the CSD Events.
11. Old Business
 1. Speaking about fixing up HQ or looking for a new building but repairs will be more cost efficient
 2. At Trustee Holzer's direction Trustee Rizzo makes a motion to have plumber's do estimates on the building.
 3. Atlantic County SPCA Charter is still suspended.
 1. President Shatkin sent a note describing deficiencies via email.
 2. At Trustee Rizzo II and Holzer's direction we should mail the deficiencies via certified mail.
 3. CCRS – working on an updated CCRS, already set up a new server. Guestimating work will take 6 – 8 weeks for the build out.
12. New Business
 1. NJSPCA Marketing Plan – created by Member Rashad Bostick
 1. Will address when we get the 501 back
13. Good and Welfare
 1. Phil Amato's aunt passed away, but his wife is also pregnant.
14. Open Session
 1. Virginia McGuiness – had a question about the animal care facilities and “Small Dog Rescue” in Princeton, NJ. Ms. McGuiness would like Inv. Dobrosky to investigate this case. Owner of the rescue is self medicating the animals, open electric issues, appalled at the issues at that place.
 2. Brian Stone – clarification on opening statement, requests go to board attorney.
 3. Colleen Wronko – We have a shelter Director that euthanized 157 from Jan – Dec before the 7 day hold was up. Concern is that he is a County SPCA Agent. Why is this man an agent? Why is a shelter director? Why hasn't the NJSPCA gone in and done anything about it? Just this January he put down 2 animals on the same day they came in. NJSPCA should be ashamed of yourselves for allowing this to happen. What are you going to do about it Chief? Chief Rizzo responds with we will look into any paperwork that you would like to send over and if there is a violation of the law we can find something to do with it. Mrs. Wronko is concerned that the President and Chief don't know the 7-day hold law
 4. Lia Strucich – the fact that you don't know the 7-day hold law. Shelter doesn't maintain the legal hours.
 5. Steve Wronko – “Has this meeting been given adequate notice?” Regarding the opening statement Mr. Wronko reserves the right to curse and people are out of line.
15. Motion made to adjourn by Trustee Rizzo II seconded by Trustee Donato.
 1. Meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,
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