Minutes

GDUI Board of Directors Meeting

November 20, 2024

1. The GDUI Board of Directors convened on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:30pm eastern via Zoom.

2. Attendance:

a. Board Members Present:

Sarah Calhoun, President,

Maria Hansen, 1st Vice President,

Cheryl McNeill Fisher, 2nd Vice President,

Penny Reeder, Immediate Past President,

Maria Kristic, Treasurer,

Lynn Merrill, Secretary,

Vacant, Director 1,

Lolly Lijewski, Director 2,

Olivia Norman, Director 3,

Vicky Kennedy, Director 4,

Liz Bottner, Director 6,

Joyce Feinberg, Affiliates Liaison,

b. Board members Excused (E) or Absent (A)

Kay Malmquist, Director 5,, (A)

Andrea Giudice, Editor, (E)

Ryan Hooie, Guide Dog Schools Liaison, (E)

c. Invited Guests:

Membership Committee Chair (E)

Dixie Sanderson, Membership Data Base Manager (E),

Melanie Brunson, Advocacy and Legislative Affairs Committee Chair E)

Terri Terlau, Special Concerns Committee Chair (E),

Kenneth Semien, Sr., ACB Board Liaison (E),

3. Approval of Agenda: President Calhoun explained how and why GDUI sunset the emergency Veterinary Care Assistance sub-committee and the suggestions during the July and September 2024 board meetings for GDUI to make a donation to an organization that offers such assistance. The only item on the Agenda is to entertain a motion to add a line item to the 2025 GDUI Budget for a donation for emergency veterinary care. Motion to approve the Agenda (McNeil-Fisher/Kristic) carried unanimously by acclamation.

4. President Calhoun asked if anyone wished to make a motion for GDUI to donate an undefined dollar amount to an organization offering an emergency veterinary care program. After a discussion ensued concerning the deficit in the projected 2025 Budget, a motion was made (Reeder/Kennedy) to add a line item under the Fund Raising Committee with zero projected income and zero projected expense and with no specific organization to which to donate specified. Motion carried 8 in favor/3 opposed by roll call vote.

5. Adjournment: In the absence of further business, a motion to adjourn (Reeder/Kennedy) carried unanimously by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Merrill

Secretary, GDUI