

NCA Board of Directors
Charitable Trust Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of April 27, 2009
(Approved July 30, 2009)

Roger Frey, Trustee President, called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. The following directors for the Trustee were present: Jacqueline Brellochs (JB) (via teleconference), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Barbara Finch (BF), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM) (via teleconference), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR) (via teleconference) and Pam Rubio (PSR). Mary W. Price (MWP), Trustee's AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Board-elect members Lynne Anderson-Powell and Pam Saunders were present. Member guests Clyde Dunphy and Mary Jane Spackman were present.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the March 19, 2009 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Chairperson

Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) Chairperson, gave his semi-annual report to the Trustees. The CTMB has funded several major research projects, such as a cruciate study and a gene-mapping project. He commended the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for its good work in identifying studies that would benefit the Newfoundland dog and dogs in general. It was reported that communications have significantly improved between the Morris Animal Foundation, AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and the NCA Trust due to the Trust's funding of the various studies and projects.

Clyde reported that if two new major studies came forward which needed funding, those studies could take all the available Health Challenge funds. Fund-raising remains critical to the Trust. Clyde explained how the funding procedure works and that the CTMB has found that giving lower levels of funding for certain studies results in the CHF contributing more and that stretches the Health Challenge dollars farther.

It was reported that the third and final statue in the Dannyquest series will debut at this National Specialty. Twenty-five statues have been pre-ordered out of the 100 statues that will be available. The CTMB typically raises \$10,000.00 on statues offered each year.

Clyde announced to the Trust the newest fund-raiser for the NCA Charitable Trust. It will be a child's book titled *Healthy Newfs A-Z*. The book will be based on the popular alphabet drawings donated by Consie Powell to the Health Challenge. Each letter will have a drawing and a poem. It is hoped that the book will be unveiled at the 2010 National Specialty.

Clyde thanked Marylou Zimmerman for her invaluable work for the CTMB. He reported that she has been instrumental in getting the Trust on the *NCA Website*, *NCA e-notes* and helping with fund-raising by giving the NCA Trust a presence on E-bay, amazon.com and missionfish.com. She is also developing and implementing the estate-planning section of the *NCA Website*, which will have information about planning for our dogs' futures and making bequests to the Trust.

Clyde reported that the CTMB does face some challenges. Newfoundland Rescue is becoming a challenge as some regional clubs are making the decision not to have a rescue program. There are now NCA members who are forming rescue groups outside of the regional clubs. The CTMB and the NCA will be considering new policies to deal with these new organizations.

Fund-raising is always an ongoing challenge. While both Rescue and the Health Challenge are in good financial shape, both funds could be depleted quickly under certain circumstances.

The other challenge will be a new health survey. A new one is very much needed to help the CTMB allocate funds to where they are needed the most. The CTMB is considering an online survey which would be much easier to fill out and tabulate. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals has done surveys for other clubs and the CTMB will look into what they can offer the NCA.

At 8:35 p.m., Mary Jane Spackman, Health Challenge Chair, joined the meeting.

Mary Jane presented additional information about the proposed *Healthy Newfs A-Z* book. She reported that it will not be a hard-cover book as the cost is prohibitive. It will likely have spiral binding or something similar. The CTMB will be making its decision soon.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances for the NCA Health Challenge: checking account: \$8,544.17; savings account \$15,363.00; certificates of deposit: \$33,803.85 for a balance of \$57,711.02; and \$101,990.74 in the AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund as of Dec. 31, 2008.

Balances for the NCA Rescue Fund: checking account: \$10,083.93; certificate of deposit \$10,545.06 for a balance of \$20,628.99.

Balances for the NCA Scholarship Fund: Trust checking account: \$1,000.00; certificate of deposit: \$6,664.16 for a balance of \$7,664.16.

Balance for the NCA Trust Management Fund checking account: \$140.63.

Total balance for the NCA Charitable Trust: \$86,144.80.

Balance for the AKC Canine Health Foundation Newfoundland Donor Advised Fund: \$101,990.74.

Unfinished Business

Clyde reported that the new proposals which were received from CHF have been forwarded to RAC. The CTMB will consider partially funding certain recommended studies that will be beneficial to the breed.

It was also announced that there had been an anonymous donation of \$25,000.00 made to the CHF Donor Advised Fund. It was reported that there are many other donations that are made directly to the Donor Advised Fund.

Junior Scholarships

Clyde stated that this year there were no applications received for the two Junior Scholarships that are available. The CTMB awards two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each year. The CTMB recommended to the Trustee that the scholarships be increased to two scholarships of \$1,500.00 per year.

Pam Rubio moved and Barbara Finch seconded that the Trustee approve the Charitable Trust Management Board's recommendation to increase the two Junior scholarships to \$1,500.00 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendations

Clyde reported to the Trustee the CTMB's recommendations for committee members. The Trustee will appoint committee members at its meeting later in the week.

Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary