

Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust Face to Face Meeting

**Crowne Plaza Airport
St. Louis, Missouri**

18 November 2012 (adopted: April 29, 2013)

Call to Order

A meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust was called to order at 8:07 a.m. (CST) by Pam Saunders, trustee president and with the secretary present.

Trustee officers and directors of Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. attended, and Pat Randall participated by poly-com. Dr. Clyde Dunphy, chair of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board and Charitable Trust Management Board Member Andy Zinsmeyer were also present. Also attending the meeting was Newfoundland Club of America, Inc member/guests David Kledzick and Mark Iken.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 30, 2012 NCA Charitable Trust meeting in Carlisle, Pennsylvania were approved as presented.

Charitable Trust Management Board Chair's Report

Clyde Dunphy, DVM reported to the Trustees. He thanked the Trustees for their support and reminded the Trustee, in order to retain IRS tax exempt status, a trust meeting needs to convene to transact trust business.

Dr. Dunphy reported:

- Grants from the CTMB may seem like a large sum of money, but commonly, in the world of research, grants are often funded in the range of two to five million dollars;
- The NCA Charitable Trust has two major grants that it is currently assisting with through the Morris Animal Foundation;
Identifying genetic markers in Newfoundlands affected by familial SAS; Katherine Meurs, North Carolina State University. Also, A study of genotypic dissection of non-contact cruciate rupture ,Peter Muir at the University of Wisconsin);
- The Research Advisory Committee has reviewed the Canine Health Foundation's funding grants and it will forward its recommendations to the CTMB for its December review. This funding will come from the Donor Advised Fund;
- Susan Kohut, who spoke at Frankenmuth, has left the Morris Animal Foundation. Her replacement hasn't yet been named;
- Dr. Dunphy also thanked the NCA membership for their donations and continued financial support.

Dr. Dunphy introduced Andy Zinsmeyer, of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board. He reported that since the trust's inception, it has raised an accumulative sum in excess of

one million dollars. He also briefly discussed a history of the fund and reported on the CTMB's plan to produce a brochure to commemorate the milestone.

The Purina weight circle reimbursement was discussed.

Andy Zinsmeyer reported on the nuances currently affecting the trust's approved investment strategy, "The Dogs of the Dow." He explained the annual adjustment to the Scottrade account and this portfolio strategy.

Dr. Dunphy reported that the CTMB was recommending to the trustee that the Scottrade account limit be increased from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand dollars. It was reported that with the previous fifteen thousand dollar limit, the trust was unable to invest in all ten of the investment strategy's stocks.

John Cornell moved and Sandy Gabel seconded to raise the funding level limit of the Scottrade account from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. The motion was adopted.

Treasurer Report

Mary L. Price, treasurer, reported the following balances for the NCA Health Challenge: checking account, \$33,732.17; certificates of deposit: \$51,801.07; for a balance of \$85,533.24. NCA Health Challenge funds of \$65,533.24 and \$70,514.17 in the AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund (as of June 30, 2012) for a total of \$156,047.41 as of November 4, 2012.

Twenty thousand dollars is reserved for the Morris Foundation Grant.

Balances for the NCA Rescue Fund: checking account: \$17,365.09; certificate of deposit \$15,632.50 for a balance of \$32,997.59.

Balance for the NCA Scholarship Fund: checking account: \$3,788.21; certificate of deposit: \$5,000., for a balance of \$8,788.21.

Balance for the NCA Trust Management Fund checking account: . \$16,408.75

Balance for the NCA Endowment Fund: Associated Bank: \$4,594.95; Scottrade - Newfoundland Health Challenge: \$5,000; Newfoundland Rescue: \$5,000; and unrestricted funds: \$6,525.50 for a balance of \$16,525.50.

Total balance for the NCA Charitable Trust: \$164,847.24.

Mary also reported that the AKC Canine Health Foundation received a check from the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program for \$1,838.93 in the name of the Newfoundland Club of America. A matching check was sent to the NCA Health Challenge. These funds are the result of weight circles submitted to Purina by persons feeding their products. The Parent Club Partnership Program has given a total of \$21,379.67 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Newfoundland Donor Advised Fund over the years with a matching amount going to the NCA Health Challenge.

Mary reported that Jennifer Costello, an NCA member from Ohio, entered and won a Halloween dog photo contest, which was sponsored by Embrace Pet Insurance. The one-thousand dollar proceed award was donated to the Charitable Trust's Rescue Fund.

The meeting momentarily recessed for a photo opportunity celebrating the donation from Embrace Pet Insurance.

New Business

Dr. Dunphy reported that one of the concerns that the CTMB struggles with is assessing animals that enter rescue needing costly surgery. Specifically, surgical treatment for a cruciate ligament repair or luxated patella could run twenty-five to - forty-five hundred dollars.

Presently, the CTMB funds half of the cost of these surgeries and asks the regional club rescues to fund the other half. There is discussion regarding whether this is an appropriate use of rescue donations.

Mary L. Price, chair of NCA Rescue reported, on the criteria used - relating to sound diagnosis/prognosis protocols- within NCA Rescue.

A trustee inquired about rescue organizations under the NCA umbrella which were not contacting NCA member breeders when one of his/her kennel's get enters a rescue situation. Mary L. Price explained the NCA protocol and also expressed her discomfort when breeders are less than cordial when contacted by rescue volunteers. Personally, she gives a breeder one chance.

One trustee was aware of at least one regional rescue which on one occasion was not following the traditional NCA protocol, and was not contacting NCA member breeders prior to re-homing certain animals whelped by NCA member breeders. In this instance when learning that one of their kennel's get had entered into a rescue situation, the breeder was spurned and informed that the dog had already been adopted.

Clyde Dunphy suggested that rescue groups periodically have management changes and it would be a good idea to reinforce these expectations. Sometimes new rescue volunteers are unaware of what is expected.

Another trustee reminded the board of a personal situation where they had not been contacted by a regional rescue. They stated that all regional rescues needed to be reminded of this expectation annually.

Another trustee stated it was reprehensible that a regional rescue organization would not notify a NCA breeder if one of its get entered rescue. If breeders are expected to take responsibility, then regional rescues need to also understand their responsibility.

Clyde Dunphy suggested that the regional clubs could be reminded about rescue protocols and considerations through the regional club liaison or the Regional Club Committee.

After discussion, the decision was made to have Clyde Dunphy take the concerns back to the CTMB for further consideration.

Mary L. Price reported that the CTMB has started a project of lifetime tracking of donations to the Newfoundland Charitable trust. The trust is being assisted by Marylou Zimmerman and possibly the Technical Resources Committee. There are some early donations that were not recorded electronically

Clyde Dunphy reported to the board that the CTMB Health Survey would be closing sometime around December 15th, 2012. The preliminary results indicated a need for a follow-up reproduction survey.

Roger Frey suggested he believed some of the issue related to breeding was breeders were not allowing their dogs and bitches to breed naturally.

Clyde Dunphy reminded the Trustee that it needed to approve/ratify the CTMB committee appointments.

Steve Britton moved and Kathy McIver seconded to ratify the recommended CTMB officers and committee appointments. Motion adopted.

Mary L. Price moved and Pam Rubio seconded to solicit a recommendation from the CTMB regarding publishing NCA Charitable Trust activities in *Newf Tide*. Motion adopted.

Mary L. Price moved and Pam Rubio seconded to solicit CTMB comments and recommendations on Rescue Prevention Committee Activities. Motion adopted.

Clyde Dunphy addressed an adult scholarship proposal. At the present, the club only administers a Junior Scholarship.

At 10:03 a.m. (CST) Steve Britton moved and Kathy McIver seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted.