



## **NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA**

Minutes of Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust  
Face-to-Face Meeting  
Hotel Carlisle & Embers Convention Center  
April 30, 2012

Pat Randall, Trustee President, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. The following Trustee directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Board-elect member Sandy Gabel was present. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Member guest was Clyde Dunphy.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Without objection, the minutes of November 5, 2011 were approved as presented.

### **Report of the Charitable Trust Management Board Chair**

Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) Chair, thanked the Trustee and the Board of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. for its support in the past year. It was 15 years ago that the Health Challenge started and 10 years since the Charitable Trust was formed.

Clyde reported to the Trustee that the Newfoundland Health Survey on the OFA website was launched last November and as of yesterday, 2,493 Newfoundlands had been entered. That represents about five percent of living dogs. The goal is to reach 4,000 which would represent about ten percent. At the moment, Newfoundlands rank third of all AKC breeds in the number of dogs entered in an OFA health survey. Only Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers have more entries and they are breeds that are in the Top Ten for registration numbers while Newfoundlands are usually 45<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> in ranking. Clyde thanked Marylou Zimmerman for her tireless efforts to promote the survey.

Clyde informed the Trustee that it is hoped that the CTMB will have preliminary blind data by November 2012 and then a decision will be made whether to leave the survey open or to close it. It is possible to go to the OFA website now and print out a simple preliminary report. The CTMB will look at trends and utilize that information as part of their decision-making process for research grants.

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## **Junior Scholarships**

Clyde reported on the changes to the Junior Scholarship criteria. Among the changes are that scholarship applicants must be NCA junior members in good standing or a parent must be an NCA member. A junior's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday will be the deadline for applications and all criteria must have been met by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Juniors may apply for a scholarship each year if the level of activity is ongoing and the events are done with a Newfoundland dog. There was discussion about the changes and requirements. It was stated that the applicants do not need to know which school they are going to attend when submitting an application. Juniors are encouraged to start applying when they reach the age of 15 or 16. Scholarships that have been awarded are held in trust until the junior requests the payment which is made directly to the school. It was reported that the initial seed money for the Junior Scholarships originated from the estate of Nell Ayres.

Roger Frey moved and Pam Saunders seconded that "and" be changed to "or" in the sixth bullet point of the Junior Scholarship criteria. Without objection, the motion passed.

There was discussion whether the number of water tests listed in the criteria was too difficult and whether stewarding should be included. It was reported that there can be accommodations for special situations.

Donna Thibault moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Trustee approve the Junior Scholarship application criteria as amended. Without objection, the motion passed.

There was a short discussion of the possibility of developing an Adult Scholarship program. The CTMB will present an update with possible suggestions at the next face-to-face meeting.

## **Alternative Investments**

Clyde reported on the alternative investments that the CTMB is considering. The CTMB has opened a Scottrade account with the \$15,200 in the Endowment Fund and which has grown to \$15,833.00. He reported on the "Dogs of the Dow", which is the annual selection of Dow Jones stocks which meet specific criteria and results. The strategy is to grow the Charitable Trust Endowment Fund to the point where the dividends from the Endowment Fund can be used to fund health research projects and NCA Rescue.

## **Executive Session**

At 7:16 p.m., John Cornell moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Trustee go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

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At 7:32 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Trustee come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Trustee awarded a Junior Scholarship to Jessica Thibault and invited her to submit her essay for publication in *Newf Tide*.

### **Research Update**

Clyde reminded the Trustee that the CTMB can elect not to fund research proposals that are approved by the Research Advisory Committee. Some proposals would have to be fully funded by the CTMB and that may deplete available funds. Proposals that are funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation or the Morris Animal Foundation are looked on favorably by the CTMB.

Dr. Meurs, a researcher from North Carolina State University, is still collecting DNA samples for her research project on sub-aortic stenosis. She will have a status report on the samples submitted within a few months.

### **Regional Clubs**

Clyde reported that Mary Lou Roberts was connecting with the regional clubs via email to encourage clubs to do one event per year to benefit either Health Challenge or Newfoundland Rescue. Some clubs have been successful with their Dannyquest raffles and the other regional clubs are urged to hold their raffle.

### **DNA Clinic**

It was reported the DNA clinic being held at the National Specialty was doing well with 43 dogs signed up for collection.

### **Rescue Update**

Clyde updated the Trustee on Penny, the rescue dog who had the balloon-cutting valvostomy that was reported on in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2012 issue of *Newf Tide*. The dog has been safely spayed and her heart scores are good. A research grant from the CTMB enabled this procedure to be developed.

### **Critical Care Program**

Clyde informed the Trustee that the CTMB was developing a program to address situations where people may lose their Newfoundland due to health, financial or other difficulties in the hope of preventing surrenders to rescue. The CTMB is developing a

set of stringent criteria. There will be a soft roll-out with no big announcement. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. There was discussion about need, documentation and whether a guaranteed loan program would be a better alternative.

## **Donations**

Clyde reported that NCA members and non-members have been very generous with their donations. The donations continue to increase each year.

The Board thanked Clyde for his excellent report.

## **New Business**

### **Report of the Treasurer**

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances for the NCA Health Challenge: checking account: \$23,600.30; certificates of deposit: \$69,803.54 for a balance of \$93,403.84; and \$3,100.00 reserved for Doppler rebates; NCA Health Challenge funds of \$90,303.84 and \$66,739.69 in the AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund for a total of \$157,043.53 as of March 31, 2011.

Balances for the NCA Rescue Fund: checking account: \$16,196.31; certificate of deposit \$15,456.50 for a balance of \$24,963.05.

Balance for the NCA Scholarship Fund: checking account: \$1,700.00; certificate of deposit: \$6,955.37 for a balance of \$8,655.37.

Balance for the NCA Trust Management Fund checking account: \$14,348.57.

Balance for the NCA Endowment Fund: Associated Bank : \$142.76; Scottrade - Newfoundland Health Challenge: \$5,000.00; Newfoundland Rescue: \$5,000.00; and unrestricted funds: \$5,675.00 for a balance of \$15,817.76.

Total balance for the NCA Charitable Trust: \$157,188.59.

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 that are submitted by members to the program. The Purina 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 to the NCA Health Challenge.

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## **Adjournment**

At 7:56 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the meeting of the Charitable Trust be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy  
Recording Secretary