

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.
THIRD QUARTER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 24, 2010; Reliant Center; Houston, Texas

I. Call to Order.

The third quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 5:55 PM CDT on Saturday, July 24, 2010, at the Reliant Center, Houston, TX, by President James W Smith. DCAF Directors present in addition to President Smith were Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Ispas-Hennessey, Ms. Laura Lightholder, Mrs. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Diana Skibinski, Mrs. Connie Wagner and Mrs. Sheila Wymore.

II. Minutes.

Minutes of the two Foundation meetings of February 28, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois and April 3, 2010 in Lawrence, Kansas were distributed via email and regular mail prior to this meeting. **Dr. Garvin made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings as distributed. Seconded by Mrs. Hennessey, the motion passed.**

III. Reports from the Officers.

A. President's Report - James Smith.

Mr. Smith remarked that he was amazed at the number of phone calls and emails he received after sending the grant invitation contact letters to the vet schools, from people wanting to know if there were deadlines. He conveyed to approximately ten callers out of the thirty or so letters sent that there were no deadlines, but he has yet to receive any proposals.

The President also noted that the first payment for the Bartges study has been made.

B. Vice-President's Report - Meg Hennessey. No report.

C. Secretary's Report - Sheila Wymore.

The secretary reported no incoming nor outgoing correspondence other than the activity of notifying the board of this meeting and requesting officer/committee reports.

D. Treasurer's Report - Rob Lawson for Sheila Wymore.

Mr. Lawson will be acting treasurer until the end of this month, at which time all duties will be transferred to Mrs. Wymore. His submitted report shows the Balance Sheet from January 1, 2010 through July 20, 2010 with Assets/Liabilities of \$360,780.28. The Income/Expense detail for the same period listed revenues to date of \$9,038.33 and expenses of \$25,261.99 for a total of \$16,223.66 excess of expenses over income. The four expenses contributing to the deficit were the Bartges grant of \$15,000, DNA blood draw expenses of \$1,487.47, health clinics at the national specialty of \$2,828.83, and CHIC expenses of \$1,750.00 - all directly related to the health of the Dalmatian.

IV. Development Committee Report - Julia Soukup.

Ms. Soukup reported that the Christmas card project is in the black so any sales would be pure income minus the shipping costs. She requested Board permission to put the remaining cards up for sale at a much reduced price to clear out inventory. They were originally \$25.00 including shipping and she suggested that the price be cut to \$15.00 including shipping. The board agreed that would be a prudent move.

Decorated Dal Figurines - Toni Linstedt

The project is progressing nicely, and two generous donations have so far covered expenses to date to prepare and send the figurines to volunteer decorators. Mrs. Linstedt is asking the artists to send photos of their finished work so that they can be put up on the web site to generate interest prior to the actual auction. She requested a consideration of how people might participate in the auction who are

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not attending the specialty. It was suggested by Mrs. Hennessey that they submit a written bid for \$1.00 over the highest bid, not to exceed X dollars.

Gala: - Robert Lawson/Sheila Wymore.

Mrs. Wymore reported that the Gala was very well attended considering the low numbers in attendance at the specialty itself. We do not have a final financial report as yet since the hotel seemed to have combined some of the Top Twenty and some Gala expenses and DCA Treasurer John Cramer is still in the process of separating them. However, we did again get a good response from donors to cover the initial expenses of the event so most ticket income will go toward profit.

V. Investment Committee Report - Rob Lawson. No action required.

VI. Grants Committee Report - David Doane. No action required.

VII. Other Committee Reports.

A. Website - Julia Soukup. Ms. Soukup reported her activities with regard to maintaining the web site.

Additions or Updates:

- Fix email code for main page
- Trouble shoot DCAF Auction with Hosting Company
- Research online Ad software
- Renew domain and hosting for 1 Year
- April Meeting Minutes
- New updated Contract prepared and attached

Online Auction Issues:

The online auction portion of the web site is currently non-functioning due to an upgrade of servers by our hosting company. Most of the files were recovered by JLS Canine Services backup, but a few server side files were lost. Ms. Soukup is hopeful this code can be restored and the auction will be up live and functioning again soon.

B. Heritage - Carol O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien reported that the change in the estate tax for 2010 and beyond has not yet been passed. It would be helpful for marketing estate commitments to be able to indicate what the tax advantages are of giving a portion of one's estate to a charity. Because there could be federal revenue implications to a change in estate tax policy, we keep expecting to hear about legislation soon. As soon as this materializes, and barring other negative policy or economic events, she would be able to draft the letter asking member to consider placing DCAF in their estate plans.

Ms. O'Brien also reported that since the April meeting she has been in touch with an attorney and now have the language to use in the letter to DCA members, with, of course, the proviso that they consult their own financial or tax advisers.

Ms. Lightholder made a motion to accept the officers and committee reports as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Hennessey, the motion passed.

VIII. Old Business.

Australian deafness study. As we have heard nothing from the people involved in this study, Dr. Garvin will again make contact with them to determine if the study is going forward and if anything is needed from the Foundation.

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IX. New Business.

2011 Gala

Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Wymore have volunteered to co-chair the 2011 Gala if the board wishes to go forward with that activity. Mr. Lawson will handle the advertising and promotion and Mrs. Wymore will handle hotel arrangements, music, and tickets. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that we hold a Gala event prior to the Top Twenty event at the 2011 specialty with Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Wymore as co-chairs. Seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the motion passed.**

X. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mrs. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM CDT; seconded by Mrs. Skibinski.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wymore
Secretary