

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation, Inc.  
Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
April 30, 2011 Draw Bridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell. KY

I. Call to order.

The second quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 4:05 PM CST on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY, by President James W. Smith. DCAF directors present in addition to President Smith were Mr. John Benoit, Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Ispas-Hennessey, Ms. Laura Lightholder, Mrs. Paula Olcott, Ms. Julia Soukup, Mrs. Connie Wagner, and Mrs. Sheila Wymore. Also in attendance was Mrs. Carol O'Brien.

II. Minutes.

Minutes of the February 27, 2011, DCAF meeting in Chicago, IL were distributed by email and regular mail. No corrections were received at distribution. **There being no further additions or corrections, Mrs. Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed; seconded by Mrs. Boyd. The motion passed.**

III. Report of the President.

Mr. Smith commented on how much volunteer work goes into the running of DCAF, and specifically mentioned that Sheila Wymore has created a system for keeping track of things, which makes it much easier to answer questions from our donors, and to locate records when they are needed, and that her work is appreciated very much. .

IV. Officers Reports

A. Corresponding Secretary- Sheila Wymore reported that she had received a copy of the annual report of the Canine Health Foundation.

B. Recording Secretary- Tim Robbins said he had nothing to report.

C. Treasurer- Sheila Wymore presented copies of a very detailed treasurer's report.

The current balance in all accounts is \$384,115.36. Mrs. Wymore pointed out that the profit for the 2010 Gala was \$7,269.67, and that the 2011 Gala is on target to make similar or greater profits due to the auction of the "Decorated Dals" project. Mrs. Wymore said that Toni Linstedt should be congratulated for making this idea work so well.

Mrs. Wymore reported that DCAF had recently received a gift of stock from a DCA member, and that she has worked with Wells Fargo to establish a safe way to handle donations of all types including stock and wire transfers.

Mr. Smith stated that DCAF financials are in good shape, and that we needed to find worthy projects to finance. Mr. Smith said that last year he contacted 27 vet schools to let them know that DCAF has monies available. Discussion followed on how best to publicize that monies are available.

**Dr. Gavin made a motion that the reports of all the officers be approved. Seconded by Julia Soukup, the motion passed.**

V. Committee Reports

A. Development- Julia Soukup reported that there was no update on the Christmas Cards. Ms. Soukup said that Cinda Haff had inventoried DCAF auction items, and that they would be displayed during the banquet.

Ms. Soukup reviewed the information about the decorated dals project. There was discussion on when and where these items would be displayed, and that we needed help in watching the auction tables each time they are open.

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B. DCAF Gala- Sheila reported that she needed help in decorating the room for the Gala, and also needed some people there early to greet attendees, to gather tickets, and to thank people for their donations and for attending the Gala.

Sheila asked whether we wanted to hold a Gala at the 2012 DCA in Tulsa. She said that Toni Linstedt already has people who want to decorate figurines for 2012. John Cramer said that the hotel in Tulsa would be a good location for holding a Gala. **Tim Robbins made a motion that we hold a Gala in Tulsa in 2012, seconded by Sheila Wymore. Motion passed.**

C. Heritage Society—Carol O'Brien reported that we need to clarify the difference in making a donation to DCAF, and to educate DCA members about "deferred giving" to DCAF through a bequest or trust. The following activities are now underway: 1. Placing an ad in the SPOTTER; 2. A web page providing information on the process of making a will and a description of the Heritage Society is in process. 3. A hard copy of the ad will be given to attendees of the Gala, and also on the information table at the specialty; 4. Sheila would set up an account at Wells Fargo to receive realized Heritage Society commitments. 5. The Heritage Society will offer support and ideas . Mrs. O'Brien asked whether people who make pledges through the Heritage Society should receive the same recognition as other donors to DCAF. Discussion followed. **Laura Lightholder made the motion to offer recognition to those people who join the Heritage Society through a bequest commitment or trust. Dr. Garvin seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

D. Web Site Report—Julia Soukup  
Additions or Updates since February included: 2011 Gala information; Decorated Dals Fundraiser Page and banner; Update of Board of Directors page; Added Betty Garvin Speaker Series banner; Online Auction coding, testing, and reworking pages.

The next DCAF Board meeting will be in Denver, CO, on Saturday, August 20, 2011.

There being no further business, Mr. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn. John Benoit made the motion, seconded by John Cramer. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Robbins  
Recording Secretary, DCAF.