

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation, Inc.  
Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 20, 2011 Crowne Plaza Hotel Denver Int'l Airport, Denver, Colorado

I. Call to Order

President James W. Smith called the meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Directors to order at 6:40 PM. DCAF Directors present in addition to President Smith were Mr. John Benoit, Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Hennessey, Ms. Laura Lightholder, Mrs. Paula Olcott, Mr. Tim Robbins, Ms. Julia Soukup, Mrs. Sheila Wymore.

II. Minutes

President Smith asked if everyone had received the minutes of the previous meeting. Tim said that he had not received any corrections. **John Cramer motioned that the minutes be approved as they were submitted; Meg Hennessey seconded the motioned. The motion passed.**

III. Report of the President

President Smith thanked everyone who continues to do so much good work. He also said that this was his next to the last meeting as President.

IV. Officers Report

A. Vice-President- Laura Lightholder said she had nothing to report.

B. Corresponding Secretary- Sheila Wymore said that she did not have a written report. She had received information from the Canine Health Foundation, which was a quarterly report. The thank you notes for all the Decorated Dals contributions had been sent out immediately following the specialty, and for contributions sent with DCA annual dues.

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

D. Treasurer—Sheila Wymore asked if everyone had looked at the detailed report she had sent out. She called attention to the increase in the total assets for the first seven months, due to the increase in value of two insurance policies, increase in stock values, and the close to \$8,000.00 income from the Decorated Dals project. She stated that DCAF is financially in good shape at this time.

Mrs. Wymore reported that the second half of \$15,000 of Dr. Bartges grant had been paid, bringing the total amount to \$30,000 for the full grant.

Dr. Garvin asked about the \$6,000 investment income, and Mrs. Wymore explained that it was from our stock, so the income is unrealized at this time, and that it will fluctuate during the year. Mrs. Wymore said that we are in better shape this year than we were at the same time last year.

Mrs. Wymore explained that some of the excess in total assets is due to the fact that the final report for the Gala has not yet been finalized, and that some expenses have not yet been settled.

Mrs. Wymore reported that there had been an expenditure of \$252.00 for an upgrade for the Peachtree Accounting software, and that should be good through 2012.

**Dr. Garvin made a motion that the reports of all the officers be approved. Seconded by Meg Hennessey, the motion passed.**

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V. Committee Reports

A. Development—Julia Soukup reported that there was no update on Christmas cards, as there is still an inventory in stock. The online auction is up and running, thanks to Cinda Haff.

Pam Parsons sold some of the DCAF items at the DCA silent auction, making \$1097.00 for DCAF. Julia also acknowledged the success of the Decorated Dals project.

Ms. Soukup announced a new fund raising project for 2012, “The Art Show at the Dog Show” project. It will replace the Decorated Dals project in 2012. Mrs. Wymore explained that Toni Linstedt has submitted a detailed proposal to solicit artistic Dalmatian enthusiasts to contribute artwork of any medium. The artwork does not have to be created only by DCA members, but by anyone connected with DCA. The project with the rules will appear on Facebook, just like the Decorated Dals project, and that the actual live auction will be a one day only event during DCA. Mrs. Lindstedt is looking for a chair to be in charge of the live auction at DCA.

**Mrs. Wymore motioned that we approve “The Art Show at the Dog Show” as the main fundraiser for 2012 for DCAF. Dr. Garvin seconded, the motion passed.**

B. Heritage Society—Carol O’Brien submitted a written report. She said that flyers had been distributed at the DCA specialty, and an ad appeared in the Spotter. Mrs. O’Brien asked for any other communication strategies the DCAF Board might recommend.

Mr. Smith said he wanted to revisit the discussion of the mechanism we were planning to accept donations from people’s estates or individuals who wanted to give DCAF assets through wills, stock or monetary donations. Mrs. Wymore said that she now had a system in place at Wells Fargo Bank. She said that 1. Carol O’Brien is working on suggested phraseology and procedures to be included in directions to an executor of a will, if a person names DCAF in a will. DCAF should be notified of the donor’s intentions, and it will be kept on file. 2. There may be some people who realize at tax time that they need to wire money. DCAF is set up to accept wire transfers of funds. 3. DCAF can accept stocks as a donation. The stock is donated to DCAF, sold by the Bank, and the amount of the sale is immediately reported back to the donor, and they are allowed to report that amount on their tax returns. Sheila said that Carol plans to have all this information ready to be made available to DCA members by the first of the year.

Mr. Smith then asked about what DCAF plans to do if an individual wants to donate their collection of “Dalmatian Stuff” to DCAF. He feels that we need a procedure in place to accept the donation and then decide what to do with it. For the time being, Laura Lightholder and Meg Hennessey will accept and evaluate donated items.

It was agreed that trophies should be sent to the trophy committee, and the remainder of items must be sorted, graded, and items that can’t be sold should be donated to Goodwill.

Discussion followed about whether eBay should be used. It was agreed that only high dollar items would bring a decent price on eBay. Mr. Smith said that we will eventually need to get a

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written procedure. Laura Lightholder and Tim Robbins will write something to send to the membership.

C. 2012 Gala—Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Wymore what was being planned for the Tulsa Gala.

Sheila said that she would be glad to be the chair for the 2012 Gala. She said that plans were being considered to have a jazz pianist as the musical entertainment, since Tulsa has several well know jazz clubs.

D. Investment—Mr. Smith said that he has not spoken to Rob Lawson in quite some time. Mr. Lawson is chairman of the committee, with Mrs. Wymore, Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Jensen as committee members. Mrs. Wymore said that Christine Gogen had been the advisor, but that she was now on the West coast, and she has not spoken to her, and does not know if she wants to continue in her role. Mrs. Wymore said the Mrs. Gogen was no longer a DCA member, and that we may need to look for a new advisor. Mrs. Wymore will try to contact Mr. Lawson regarding this matter.

E. Web Site Report- Julia Soukup submitted a written report. There were no questions from the Board.

#### VI. New Business

Mr. Smith reminded the Board of the discussion from the DCA meeting regarding DCAF funding for the OFA recording data on the LUA Dalmatians.

**Mr. Benoit made a motion that DCAF extend the funding of the recording fee of the SLC2A9 genetic test in the OFA database for the remainder of the open registration period, up to three years. Laura Lightholder seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

There being no other business, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Robbins  
Recording Secretary, DCAF