

Board of Governors Meeting

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation

O'Hare Hilton, Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, February 16, 2013; 1:45 pm CST

1. Call to Order

The first quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation's Board of Governors was called to order at 1:45 pm CST on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the O'Hare Hilton, Chicago, Illinois by President Meg Ispas-Hennessey. DCAF Governors in attendance were Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, Kelly Flannigan, DVM, Mrs. Toni Linstedt, Ms. Paula Olcott, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mr. John Benoit, and Mrs. Norma Baley.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Dr. Garvin, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012 teleconference meeting; motion approved unanimously.

III. Reports of the Officers

A. President – Meg Hennessey

President Hennessey informed the board that a DCA club member has requested that DCAF make a donation to renal research. She noted that renal research is one of the grant topics which are listed on the Canine Health Foundation's grant list.

B. Vice-president – Dr. Charles Garvin

No report.

C. Recording Secretary – Tim Robbins

No report.

D. Corresponding Secretary – Sheila Wymore

Mrs. Wymore provided a written report. She noted that, in the past three months, she has sent letters of acknowledgment to donors and received correspondence from the Morris Animal Foundation and AKC CHF (Canine Health Foundation) on their research grants needing funding.

E. Treasurer – Sheila Wymore

Mrs. Wymore provided a written report which included four financial statements - an income/expense and balance sheet for fiscal year 2012, an income/expense comparison for the years 2012 and 2011, and a balance sheet for the year ending 2010.

1. Income/Expense

For fourth quarter, 2012, total ordinary income was \$6,793.27, total expenses were \$568.71, unrealized gains were \$3,021.99, for a net income of \$9,246.55.

2. Balance Sheet, 2012

As of year end, December 31, 2012, assets (checking, savings, and investments) are \$339,602.78, other assets (insurance policies) are \$48,784.40, for total assets of \$388,387.18. There are no liabilities.

3. Income/Expense comparison year-to-date 2011 vs 2012

Year-to-date 2011 lists total ordinary income of \$37,830.51, total expenses of \$62,911.56, unrealized gains of \$10,415.29, for a net loss of \$14,665.76. The expenses included \$40,000 in grant funding.

Year-to-date 2012 lists total ordinary income of \$33,509.15, total expenses of \$13,820.33, unrealized gains of \$5,687.08, for a net gain of \$25,375.90.

4. Balance Sheet, 2010

As of year end, December 31, 2010, assets (checking, savings, and investments) are \$334,053.44, other assets (insurance policies) are \$43,623.60, for total assets of \$377,677.04. There were no liabilities.

5. Actions requested of the board.

Mrs. Wymore requested that the board require a second signature for any withdrawal from an investment account, noting that this is a standard safety procedure for non-profits and helps to prevent fraud. She also requested that the board consider moving funds out of two accounts which, due the type of accounts, are earning very little interest.

The DCAF board discussed Mrs. Wymore's requests and decided that the DCAF president will be the other signee on the investment accounts. Dr. Garvin will investigate options for receiving a better rate of return on investment funds.

Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Mrs. Baley to accept the officers' reports; motion approved unanimously.

IV. Officer Elections

President Hennessey reviewed the current officers. **Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Mrs. Baley, to leave the officers as-is for the new term; motion approved unanimously.** The board reviewed the current board of directors. Mr. Robert Lawson had previously expressed his desire to leave the board. **Mr.**

Benoit motioned, seconded by Dr. Garvin, to replace Mr. Robert Lawson with Ms. Carol O'Brien on the board of directors; motion approved unanimously. The DCAF board thanks Mr. Lawson for his work on behalf on DCAF.

V. Committees

The board reviewed the DCAF committees and updated them, as needed. The board thanks Mr. Robert Lawson for his work on both the Development and Investment committees. Mr. Benoit and Dr. Garvin volunteered to be added to the Investment Committee, with Dr. Garvin appointed as chair.

1. Heritage Committee – Carol O'Brien

Ms. O'Brien provided a written report, stating that Mrs. Wymore will include the Heritage Pledge form along with the thank-you notes for DCAF donations. The committee is in the process of creating a tri-fold brochure and will work on it as time permits.

2. Casino Night – Sonja Jones

Mrs. Sonja Jones provided a written report. The committee has been busy; soliciting sponsorships as well as prizes. The fund-raising goal for the event is \$10,000 - \$15,000. The Casino night logo, designed by Julia Soukup, will be printed once in a 24"x36" format, framed, and will be one of the raffle prizes. Additional prints, in a smaller, unframed format, will be offered to High Rollers who donate \$500 or more towards a Casino Night sponsorship. As an alternative to the print, a High Roller may elect to receive a t-shirt. Mrs. Jones contacted various members of DCA, as well as Dalmatian clubs in California requesting sponsorships and/or donations. As of February 1, 2013, there are thirty-three confirmed prizes, ranging in value from \$50 to \$700. Images of the available prizes are posted on the DCA National Facebook page as well as on the DCAF website. The committee's next focus will be geared towards ticket sales.

3. Website – Julia Soukup

Ms. Soukup provided a written report which listed additions and updates to the DCAF website.

VI. New Business

A. CHF Grants and Donations

The board reviewed the list of CHF grants to determine if the Foundation wanted to provided funding for any of the listed grants. Dr. Garvin mentioned that there is

a new thought process as to research funding – look for clubs with breeds which have common health problems, encourage the clubs to combine their research funds, then seek out a researcher to submit a proposal for the specific health problem. Mr. Benoit volunteered to discuss the idea of combining research funds with other parent clubs, such as the English Setters, Bull Terriers, Boston Terriers, Australian Shepherds, and Great Danes. Dr. Garvin will contact CHF to determine if the idea of fund combining is viable, and ask for assistance on how to approach this methodology. As a follow-up to a previous DCA meeting topic of hearing research, Dr. Flannigan will contact Mr. Huntelman and Ms. Allison Root and encourage them to submit a research proposal to CHF. Mrs. Hennessey will reply to the DCA member who requested that DCAF donate to renal research with a note that DCAF is researching the possibility of combining funds with other breed clubs in order to fund specific research on common health problems.

B. DCA Requests of the Foundation

Due to the discussion regarding CHF grants and donations, the DCA requests will be tabled until the next meeting.

VII. Announcements

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Mrs. Baley motioned, seconded by Mr. Benoit, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm CST; motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Olcott
Acting Recording Secretary