

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.
SECOND QUARTER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 3, 2010; Holiday Inn & Convention Center; Lawrence, Kansas

I. Call to Order.

The second quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 PM CDT on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Lawrence, KS, by President James W Smith. DCAF Directors present in addition to President Smith were Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Mrs. Margie Doane, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Ispas-Hennessey, Ms. Laura Lightholder, Mrs. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Diana Skibinski, Julia Soukup, Mrs. Connie Wagner and Mrs. Sheila Wymore. President Smith welcomed the attending board members as well as committee chairs Dr. David Doane and Ms. Carol O'Brien and guest Dr. Ginger Iwaoka to the meeting.

II. Minutes.

Minutes of the February 28, 2010 Foundation Meeting in Chicago, Illinois were not available at the time of this meeting and will be circulated for approval prior to the next meeting.

III. Reports from the Officers.

A. President's Report - James Smith.

Mr. Smith remarked that since the last meeting of the board both of the proposed studies, the Bartges study and the hearing study in Australia, are now viable research projects. Both studies promise information about two of the most serious problems affecting the breed.

The President also noted that the Foundation is on very sound financial footing, as the attached financial reports will indicate.

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

C. Secretary's Report - Sheila Wymore.

The secretary reported no incoming nor outgoing correspondence in the short interim following the last meeting other than the activity of notifying the board of this meeting and requesting officer/committee reports. She apologized for not having the minutes completed in time for this meeting, citing a rash of last minute duties regarding chairing the national specialty.

D. Treasurer's Report - Rob Lawson.

Mr. Lawson will be acting treasurer until Mrs. Wymore finishes her duties regarding the national specialty. His submitted report shows the Balance Sheet from January 1, 2010 through March 25, 2010 with Assets/Liabilities of \$380,156.79. The Income/Expense detail for the same period listed revenues to date of \$4,866.82 and expenses of \$1,713.97 for a total of \$3,152.85 excess of income over expense.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to accept the reports of the officers. Seconded by Ms. Lightholder, the motion passed.

IV. Development Committee Report - Julia Soukup.

No activities to report since the last meeting.

Gala: - Robert Lawson.

Arrangements are complete and confirmed with the hotel for the evening event, and timing has been coordinated with the Top Twenty chairman for the placement and auction of the quilt and Dal portrait. Both the quilt donated by Darcy Best and the encaustic wax painting donated by Anna Hamann are on display all week prior to the event. There will be three door prizes offered.

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V. Investment Committee Report - Rob Lawson. No report.

VI. Grants Committee Report - David Doane.

Dr. Doane reported the grant committee has been concerned for over a year that no papers have been submitted for grant review. With the help of committee member Greg Hanley, a letter was put together for board review at the last meeting. The committee felt that in order to generate positive responses, it was imperative to state a dollar amount of potential grant funds. After discussion, a slight wording change was suggested regarding grant dollar amount ranges for the letter that will be circulated. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that the amended letter be printed and sent to veterinary schools across the country as per the list compiled by the Grants Review Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the motion passed.**

The committee also felt that it would be expeditious to have grant application papers posted on the web site, in a format that would allow them to be filled out and submitted electronically.

VII. Other Committee Reports.

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

Additions or Updates (since last report in February):

- November Board Meeting Minutes
- Projects in Progress
 - Redesign web site - ongoing.

B. Heritage - Carol O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien reported that estate legislation may be altered by the end of this year, making it favorable for people to amend their wills to include non-profits. It is important for the Foundation to develop a simple letter explaining who we are, what we do and have already accomplished, and how to follow up with an attorney or financial advisor in order to contribute. This letter would then be sent to a select list of members and/or interested parties who have already demonstrated continued support of the Foundation.

Ms. O'Brien stated it is a simple matter to include a bequest to a non-profit in your will or estate planning, either as an exact dollar amount or as a percentage of the estate. One important aspect of soliciting for donations from an estate is to have the proper software in place for tracking contributions and pledges. Ms. O'Brien suggested Raiser's Edge or a similar database.

Mrs. Skibinski made a motion to accept the committee reports as presented. Seconded by Dr. Garvin, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Old Business.

Decorated Dal Figurines: - Toni Linstedt.

At the February meeting the board reviewed a proposal by Mrs. Linstedt to sell/auction decorated Dal figurines as a fundraising project for the Foundation. Before agreeing to underwrite the project, the board requested that she poll the membership and get an idea of how much support the project would get from those who would decorate, and from those who might purchase. She reported back at this meeting with a page of favorable comments received after a posting to the Dal internet lists, as well as firm commitments from members to decorate. In addition, two members have already pledged \$200 each toward purchase of the figurines.

Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that DCAF cover the difference in cost between what has already been pledged in support of the project (\$400) and the final cost to have the figurines cast and shipped to volunteer decorators, with the understanding

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that the volunteers will cover the cost of decorating them and sending them back to Mrs. Linstedt in a timely manner. Seconded by Ms. Lightholder, the motion passed.

IX. New Business.

Mrs. Hennessey brought an update before the board on the funding request from the DCA. The grant submission from Dr. Bartges has been adjusted to include forty affected pairs of siblings rather than fifteen pairs as originally requested, creating an increase in cost of \$5000. That would increase the grant amount to \$30,000 from the original \$25,000. The DCA is also requesting funding for bladder ultra-sounds of the dogs in the study who are not stone formers, estimated to be \$5000.

President Smith reviewed, for those board members who were not in attendance at the previous two meetings, that a request, approved by the Grant Committee, was authorized in the amount of \$25,000 for a study by Dr. Bartges comparing stone forming and non-stone forming siblings. To validate the study, the bladders of the non-stone forming dogs must be ultra-sounded to verify that they indeed are not harboring stones.

Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that we increase the Bartges grant to \$30,000 and that we allocate up to \$5000 for ultrasounds. Seconded by Mrs. Doane, the motion passed.

X. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mrs. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM CDT. Seconded by Mrs. Doane, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wymore
Secretary