

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.
FOURTH QUARTER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 4, 2010; Long Beach Convention Center; Long Beach, California

I. Call to Order.

The fourth quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 4:25 PM PST on Saturday, December 4, 2010, at the Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA, 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 Foundation meeting of July 24, 2010 in Houston, Texas, were distributed via email and regular mail prior to this meeting and approved electronically.

III. Reports from the Officers.

A. President's Report - James Smith.

Mr. Smith remarked that he had nothing special to report to the board for this meeting. He did, however, remind everyone that he has given notice that this will be his last year to serve in this position and hopes that the board members have taken his decision to step down seriously.

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

C. Secretary's Report - Sheila Wymore.

The secretary reported negligible incoming and outgoing correspondence other than the activity of notifying the board of this meeting and requesting officer/committee reports. There were also two report pamphlets received from the Canine Health Foundation.

D. Treasurer's Report - Sheila Wymore.

Mrs. Wymore submitted a written report showing the Balance Sheet from January 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010 with Assets/Liabilities of \$372,520.76. The Income/Expense detail for the same period listed revenues to date of \$21,971.21 and expenses of \$26,454.39 for a total of \$4,483.18 excess of expenses over income. The four expenses contributing to the deficit were the Bartges grant of \$15,000, DNA blood draw expenses of \$2,033.31, health clinics at the national specialty of \$2,778.29, and CHIC expenses of \$1,750.00 - all directly related to the health of the Dalmatian.

Mrs. Wymore reported that prior to the last meeting in July, she had been given a new, registerable copy of Peachtree Complete 2009, gratis. This was below the level of Peachtree being used by the previous treasurer, so all entries from the first of this year had to be hand entered into the new program as the previous program's information would not download to the new. This has all been completed and is totally correct and up to date. Two accounts were opened at Wells Fargo bank in Cottonwood, AZ: a checking and a savings. By allowing an automatic transfer of \$100/month from checking into savings, both accounts will be free of service charges.

The treasurer has yet to receive a bill from DCA for outstanding Gala expenses of cash bar/hors d'oeuvres/band. Two of these should then be covered by pledged donations.

Dr. Garvin made a motion to approve the reports of the officers. Seconded by Mrs. Hennessey, the motion passed.

IV. Development Committee Report - Julia Soukup.

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Ms. Soukup reported on the various activities currently in progress.

DCAF Christmas Cards - Julia Soukup

The committee has sold a few boxes of Christmas cards since the special sales price. Dalmatian Organization of Tulsa club members helped sell 7 sets of cards during their specialty show on 11/5/2010.

DCAF Online Auction - Cinda Haff/Julia Soukup

Auction code is still mal-functioning at this time. PHP programmer has been contacted, contract pending.

Decorated Dal Figurines - Toni Linstedt

To date 30 figurines have been shipped to artists. There are requests for an additional 5-8. The figurines will be available in a Silent Auction at the Nationals. Minimum bids are \$25 each. The Decorated Dals will be on display on the DCA website, the DCA National Specialty Face Book page, and at the show following the General Membership meeting on Monday evening, throughout the judging during the day on Tuesday, and Tuesday evening during the Top Twenty competition with the auction closing that evening. People not attending the National can submit bids with a maximum. If their max is higher than the bid that we get at the nationals, we will increase that bid by \$1.00 so that they win the figurine.

Gala - Robert Lawson/Sheila Wymore.

Mrs. Wymore reported that she will be watching Gala expenses very carefully for 2011. Mrs. Hennessey has a web service that will allow her to use the DCAF mailing list for an e-blast regarding the event, at no charge. She also has a volunteer on board to design the logo/ad page. Rob has volunteered to print and handle tickets, coordinating with other ticket handouts at the specialty.

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

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

VII. Heritage Committee Report - Carol O'Brien.

Ms. O'Brien sent a written report stating, again, that there is no resolution on the federal estate policy, so the committee is not recommending an approach to the membership re the Heritage commitment at this time. The board agreed during discussion, but also recommended running a constant 1/8 to 1/4 page ad in each Spotter reminding people that the Foundation is capable of accepting estate donations via a will or trust, as well as the normal donations that are currently given.

VIII. 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 July):

- Re-do Javascript menu code to not open new page on click unless it is an exit to another site
- July Meeting Minutes & update Minutes page
- Remove Gala from flash banner on main page
- February and April Minutes to PDF's with links
- Update Minutes main page
- Officers Updated
- Reformat Funding Report page with new design
- Reformat Board page with new design

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- Reformat Purposes with new design
- Update Christmas Card page, new sales banner
- Update Flash banner show on main page
- Fix email forwarding
- Update How to Contribute page to new format and with new Treasurer contact
- New Contribution form

Online Auction Issues:

Same status. Working on contracting programmer now.

IX. Old Business. There was no old business to be discussed.

X. New Business.

Mrs. Meg Hennessey, president of DCA, reported that the board had discussed the possibility of requesting additional funding from the Foundation in support of six more months of recording testing results of the urinary status of Dalmatians. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that DCAF pay for an additional six months beyond the initial six month time period during which the OFA will be recording urinary status at no charge. Seconded by Mrs. Skibinski, the motion passed.**

During additional discussion, the board decided to also publicize this fact in the Spotter and considered offering reimbursement (of OFA fees only) to those LUA owners who have already registered their stats. **Mrs. Wymore made a motion to reimburse the OFA fee to those LUA owners who have already registered their dog's urinary stats. Seconded by Mrs. Skibinski, the motion passed.**

Mrs. Boyd brought up the topic, covered in a board meeting approximately three years ago but which did not appear in the minutes, about subsidizing testing of the LUA dogs by the foundation. The board had not set any testing parameters at that time, as it is not within our scope of responsibility to do so. Mr. Smith will write a statement for publication regarding the Foundation's willingness to fund tests, once the scope of those tests has been determined by the DCA.

XI. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mrs. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM PST; seconded by Mrs. Skibinski.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wymore
Secretary