

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation  
Board of Governors Meeting  
O'Hare Hilton, Chicago, Illinois  
Saturday, August 12, 2012 5:00pm CST

**I. Call to Order**

The third quarter meeting of the Board of Governors of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation was called to order at 5:00 pm, CST, on Saturday, August 12, 2012, at the O'Hare Hilton Hotel, by President Meg Hennessey. Also in attendance were Dr. Charles Garvin, Mr. Tim Robbins, and Mr. John Benoit, Kelly Flannigan DVM, Mr. John Cramer, Mrs. Toni Linstedt, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, and Mrs. Norma Baley.

**II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

President Hennessey asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. **John Benoit motioned, seconded by John Cramer to accept the minutes as they were presented; motion passed unanimously.**

**II. Report of Officers**

**A. President-Meg Hennessey**

Meg welcomed everyone to Chicago. She said that she had received an email from Mr. Rob Lawson, stating that he was moving back to Australia, and that he was willing to come off of committees. He is presently on several committees, so we will need to replace him.

**B. Vice-President- Charlie Garvin**

No report

**C. Corresponding Secretary-Shelia Wymore**

Shelia sent a written report. She has sent out acknowledgement letters to the many contributors to the Gala, as well as miscellaneous donors. She further stated that DCAF had received a communication from Megan Hampton at the Morris Animal Foundation that the study DCAF had contributed to had been completed. Complete results will be coming at a future date.

**D. Recording Secretary-Tim Robbins**

No Report

**E. Treasurer's Report-Shelia Wymore**

Shelia submitted a written report. As of July 31, 2012, we show total assets/liabilities of \$375,282.04. Net income for the year is \$12,270.76. Meg asked if there were any questions about the treasurer's report, income statement or balance sheets.

Shelia's report further stated that the issue with the IRS concerning late filing fees had been resolved. Shelia has also put together a packet for future DCAF treasurers explaining the procedures for filing the IRS reports in future years.

## **Committee Reports**

### **2012 Gala/Art Auction Summary–Toni Linstedt**

Toni reported that the net profit from this year's event was \$14,317.70. Toni expressed concern over the cost of the maintenance of the Art Auction & Gala website. There was some discussion, and agreed that the Gala should utilize the Facebook Page more in the future. This should cut down on the costs.

### **Heritage Committee–Carol O'Brien**

Carol submitted a written report. She had prepared a draft of a "DCAF Heritage Society Pledge Form". Meg asked everyone to look it over, and give comments. It was agreed that the phrase "conditions or restrictions" should be removed, and that the name of the executor of the will and/or the attorney's name should be included on the form. Meg will communicate these changes to Carol.

### **AKC Humane Fund**

DCAF received a request from the AKC Humane Fund asking for a donation of \$1,000.00, and become a Founding Member. There was some discussion as to whether this was a DCA issue or a DCAF issue. Charlie said that he thought that DCA had already contributed to the AKC Humane Fund. **After further discussion, Dr. Garvin motioned that DCAF make a \$1000.00 donation to the AKC Humane Fund, seconded by Mrs. Baley. Motion passed.**

### **DCAF Website–Julia Soukup**

Julia submitted a written report, listing all the updates that she has made during the year to the DCAF website. She also asked for any new data or new health study reports that she needs to post.

It was suggested that Dr. Iwaoka send two items to the webmaster for inclusion on the website–the DCAF ad, which requests submissions of Dalmatian DNA, and the list of Health Clinics which will be held at the 2013 DCA specialty.

There remains a need for DNA samples from sibling pairs for kidney stone and deafness, as well as getting entire litter submissions done for future research. It is important to submit the samples through the Canine Health Foundation and OFA, so that sibling pairs will be identified. It is also important to update your dog's health history after a sample is submitted. It was suggested that a laptop computer be available at future DCAF health clinics so that people can easily update health history of dogs in the database.

#### **Development Committee–Julia Soukup**

Julia submitted a written report. Occasional orders for Christmas cards are received. Online auctions and eBay sales are on hold until the economy improves.

All materials that have been donated to DCAF are currently stored at Meg Hennessey's house, and will be brought to the 2013 DCA specialty for DCAF to deal with.

#### **2013 DCAF “Casino Night”–Toni Linstedt**

Toni submitted a detailed written report with projections based on an attendance of 200 people, spending at various levels. “Casino Night” will start immediately after the Top 20 event. Attendees will play games and gamble, winning gambling chips, which will be redeemed for raffle tickets. There will be around 30 valuable prizes in the raffle.

Toni stated that we needed to get a few “major” prizes donated by DCA members or businesses in order for this to be really successful. All prizes need to be donated in order for this event to be profitable. There was considerable discussion about various types of prizes.

“Casino Night” will be run by professional casino employees, using professional equipment for the games, so there are expenses associated with the event.

Sonja Jones is going to be the chairman of the Casino Night event.

#### **New Business**

##### **DCAF sponsorship of Health Clinics**

The committee submitted a cost schedule for each clinic item, and requested that DCAF cover the balance between the amount charged to the attendee and the actual cost plus OFA fees. Meg said that in the past, DCAF had subsidized the clinics in the amount of \$20–\$30 per dog. Toni said that she thought that an article explaining how DCAF pays for part of the health tests needs to be printed

in the Spotter. Kelly Flannigan said that she could take care of writing such an article. Toni also suggested that the findings/results from the Health Clinics should be published in the Spotter. Kelly will also write something about results. **Kelly Flannigan motioned that DCAF sponsor the health clinics to be held at the 2013 DCA specialty in St. Louis. Ginger Iwaoka seconded. Motion passed.**

**\$1000 donation to the Canine Humane Fund will be referred to DCA.**

#### **DCAF Sponsorship of Futurity—Jan Nelson**

Jan recommended that DCAF continue with sponsoring the extra prize money for the Futurity if the parents have CHIC numbers. There was some discussion as to requiring CHIC numbers in order to nominate litters in future years. **John Benoit motioned that DCAF continue its sponsorship of additional prize money for winners until 2016. Seconded by John Cramer. Motion passed.** After 2016, DCA will have to decide whether to continue with this practice.

There being no other new business, **John Cramer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Robbins. Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Robbins, recording secretary, DCAF  
Approved, November 15, 2012