

Board of Govenors Meeting
Dalmatian Club of America Foundation
Renaissance Hotel, Tulsa, OK
Saturday, May 5, 2012 2:57 PM

I. Call to Order

President Meg Hennessey called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation to order at 2:57 pm CST on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Renaissance Hotel, Tulsa, OK. Those present in addition to Mrs. Hennessey were Mr. John Benoit, Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Kelly Flannigan, DVM, Charles Garvin MD, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, Mrs. Toni Lindtedt, Ms. Paula Olcott, Mr. Tim Robbins, Mrs. Connie Wagner, Mrs. Sheila Wymore, Mrs. Carol O'Brien.

II. Minutes

Minutes of the March 3, 2012 meeting in St. Louis, MO, were previously distributed by e-mail. Mrs. Lindstedt motioned, seconded by Mrs. Wymore to approve the minutes; motion approved unanimously.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President- Meg Hennessey

Meg welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She said she would have liked to thank Jim Smith for his years of service, but he was vacationing at this time.

B. Vice- President- Charlie Garvin

No report

C. Corresponding Secretary- Shelia Wymore

Mrs. Wymore reported that she had received a letter reporting about the results of a Morris Animal Foundation Grant that DCAF had supported with a \$15,000 donation. The grant sponsored a study at Auburn University College of Medicine, working to identify the proper dose intervals in dalmatians of an anti-seizure drug. DCAF was thanked for the donation. Results of the study are to be published in several scientific journals in the near future.

D. Recording Secretary- Tim Robbins

Tim thanked Paula for taking the minutes at the March meeting in his absence. He said that he had purchased a small portable tape recorder for use at DCAF meetings for \$77.26, and asked that DCAF pay for this recorder. Dr. Garvin motioned, seconded by John Cramer that DCAF pay for the tape recorder. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Treasurer– Shelia Wymore

- a. Mrs. Wymore provided copies of the detailed treasurer’s report. For the first quarter of 2012: Income was \$5,389.91; Expenses were \$554.46; Net Gain was \$4,835.45. Totals Assets : \$367, 946.74. She noted that in comparison to previous years, DCAF is low on funds, without dipping into the Money Market account. If we were to fund any major grants, it would require using funds from the Money Market. We could probably afford to sponsor something in the range of \$2,000.
- b. Mrs. Wymore then discussed the DCAF Gala. She said that she thinks that this should be the last year for the Gala, as revenues are down, and the cost are slightly higher. She feels that DCAF should consider other options for fundraising in future year.
- c. Mrs. Wymore said that since there were no Health Clinics this year, DCAF would not be spending the money to sponsor those clinics.
- d. She said that she had purchased the “Square” app for her Android, and that this will allow DCAF to accept credit cards for payments at the Gala, Top 20 and the Art Show. Money is automatically transferred into the DCAF checking account from any purchase.
- e. Dr. Garvin questioned the Charles Schwab investments listed on the treasurer’s report. There appears to be no change from the last report Mrs. Wymore stated that she was having great difficulty getting anyone at Charles Schwab to talk to her, and that the required paperwork still needed to be filed. She will work on this problem.
- f. Mrs. Hennessey asked Sheila how often the list of donors to DCAF was updated and sent to the Spotter. She said that she sends in an updated list for each Spotter deadline, and that the list should be up to date and will appear in the next issue.

Mrs. Hennessey asked for a motion to accept the Officers Reports. John Cramer made the motion, seconded by Connie Wagner; motioned passed unanimously.

IV. Development Committee Report–Julia Soukup

- a. In the absence of Ms. Soukup, Mrs. Hennessey reported that there had not been any Christmas card sales, and that the on-line auction has had no recent activity, and questioned if we should consider going onto E-Bay. Mrs. Boyd asked if the reason was that no one was bidding or if there were no items available for bidding. Mrs. Hennessey said that there were no items on-line at this time.
- b. Cindy Bowman had previously volunteered to handle E-Bay sales, if Cinda Haff would handle to actual shipping of the items. There was discussion of who had items and who would photograph them. John Benoit will follow up with Cindy and Cinda to see if a system can be developed, and the E-Bay sales can get started, as DCAF now has a large number of donated items that could be sold on-line.

- c. Mrs. Lindstedt and Mrs. Wymore reported that the Art Show at the Dog Show now had 36 items to be auctioned, and that there were remote bids from \$50 to \$2500 on many of the items. There is a possibility of the silent auction bringing in \$7500. There was some discussion on how to keep dogs from bumping into the displays, but they have a good plan for having volunteers watch the items and remind people to keep an eye on their dogs while looking at the art.

V. Heritage Committee–Carol O’Brien

- a. Mrs. O’Brien reminded everyone that the Heritage Society project is a planned giving society for those who want to leave insurance policies or gifts in their estate planning or wills to DCAF. She said that there is a copy of the recent article in the Spotter on the webpage, and that ongoing publicity is vital to the success of the project.
- b. Mrs. O’Brien said that she had been talking to Sheila about ways of recognition for those who make pledges or promises of gifts to the Heritage project. She wanted the Board to give her ideas of what amount and what type of documentation would be necessary for a donor to be given recognition. One suggestion was that the donor send a letter to the Treasurer with details of the amount that would be included in their estate commitment. Another suggestion was that there be a form that could be completed and submitted. There could be a space to list the language included in your will. This would be optional.
- c. There was lengthy discussion as to what amount would have to be donated to receive Recognition from the Heritage Society. Dr. Garvin made a motion that an amount of \$2500 be given to receive the Heritage Society recognition. Dr. Iwoaka seconded. The motion carried unanimously. It was also decided that the donor would receive a DCAF pin, in addition to the recognition. Mrs. O’Brien said that there would need to be some sort of stewardship after we get enough pledges to give people a chance to make any changes to their planned donation.

VI Investment Committee– Rob Lawson

No report. Mrs. Wymore stated that she had spoken to Mr. Lawson, and due to his travel commitments, he would like for someone else take over as chairman of the Investment Committee. After discussion, the appointment of a new chairman was tabled until the August meeting. Mr. Cramer said he would try to contact the other members of the committee to discuss possible changes in some of the investment strategies.

VII. Website– Julia Soukup

Mrs. Hennessey reported that Ms. Soukup had done all the updates that had been requested.

VIII. Old Business

No report

IX. New Business

- a. Setting up an account with OFA for drawkits. Dr. Iwaoka explained that currently it costs \$45.00 for her to send out a drawkit to submit blood to OFA for the Dalmatian database. She would like to have an account at OFA billable to DCAF (\$15.00 each), so that any owner of an affected dalmatian, could go online, request the kit, fill out the confidential form, and have their vet collect and ship the drawkit to OFA. This would take DCA people out of the loop, and would probably encourage more people who have affected dals to participate in the blood collection database. Owners would be responsible for their vet costs. Dr. Iwaoka made a motion to set up an account, billable to DCAF, for anyone to request a drawkit at the cost of \$15.00. Mrs. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Dr. Garvin announced that the DCA Board approved a release of \$1000 from the donor advised fund to be given to the Canine Health Foundation, for unrestricted use.
- c. Mrs. Hennessey said that Dawn Mauel has donated a quilt that she won at the 1984 DCA. It has been appraised at \$750.00. Mrs. Mauel would like DCAF to acknowledge her donation with a receipt. Mrs. Wymore will send her a Thank You note along with such a receipt. There was discussion as to whether this quilt should be raffled or auctioned off at the 2013 specialty. Mr. Robbins suggested that if we waited until 2014, the quilt would be 30 years old, and perhaps that would generate more interest. It was suggested that the quilt be on display at the 2013 specialty in St. Louis, and that raffle tickets would be sold until the 2014 specialty, and the drawing would be held then. Mrs. Wagner motioned that we display the quilt in 2013 and sell raffle tickets until 2014 and hold the drawing for it at the 2014 specialty. Mrs. Linstedt seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Rabies Challenge Fund—Mrs. Hennessey said that she had received a request from the Rabies Challenge Fund for a donation to enable the continuation of a ongoing study related to finding out how long rabies vaccinations protect our dogs. Dr. Iwaoka explained that most states require a rabies vaccination every year, but that the study is now in year 6, and based on the data produced so far, many states have increased the interval to 3 years between rabies vaccinations. Dr. Garvin motioned that DCAF donate \$1000 to the Rabies Challenge Fund, seconded by Ms. Olcott. Motioned carried unanimously. For those who would like to donate or ask their kennel clubs to donate, information can be obtained from the website of <http://www.Rabieschallengefund.org>
- e. Casino Night—2013— Mrs. Lindstedt reported that instead of the DCAF Gala, a possibility for the 2013 St. Louis DCA would be a Casino Night on the same night as the Top 20. This event would be open to everyone. Details will need to be worked out, but basically

people would purchase “play money” to use to play the various games, and winners would be given tickets redeemable for prizes.

f. Mrs. Wymore requested cell phone numbers from all the Board members so she could add them to the list of email addresses and other information.

There being no other business, Mrs. Hennessey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lindstedt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:13pm, Mrs. Wagner seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Robbins
Recording Secretary, DCAF