

## **Board of Governors Meeting**

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation  
Radisson Hotel, Chicago O'Hare, Illinois  
Saturday, August 24, 2013; 3:29 pm CDT

### **1. Call to Order**

The third quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation's Board of Governors was called to order at 3:29 pm CDT on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel, Chicago O'Hare, 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 April 13, 2013 meeting; motion approved unanimously.**

### **III. Reports of the Officers**

#### **A. President – Meg Hennessey**

President Hennessey welcomed DCAF board members to Chicago. She stated that DCAF is in need of a financial counselor. The foundation has some investments that are not doing as well as they should and the foundation needs to make some adjustments. If any DCA club member can assist, please contact Mrs. Hennessey.

President Hennessey extended sympathy to the family of Georgiann "Peggy" Rudder, noting that Peggy always made everyone welcome. President Hennessey thanked Mrs. Marjorie Doane for all her years on the DCAF and DCA boards. Mrs. Doane has resigned from the DCAF board. Mrs. Hennessey also noted that Mr. Rob Lawson has moved to Australia. She stated that it was not necessary to replace those governors at this time.

#### **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 stated that correspondence sent since the last meeting consisted of letters of acknowledgement to donors for the Casino fund raising event, both monetary and in-kind, as well as donations sent in with DCA dues payments.

Correspondence received since the last meeting consisted of communications from AKC-CHF and Morris Animal Foundation regarding ongoing research projects, and various updates from AKC. Anything of importance was forwarded to the appropriate committee chair for their consideration.

#### **E. Treasurer – Sheila Wymore**

Mrs. Wymore provided a written report which included the financial statements.

##### **1. Income/Expense**

For the seven months ending July 31, 2013, total income was \$23,189.37, total expenses were \$12,304.15, for a net income of \$10,885.22.

##### **2. Balance Sheet, 2013**

As of July 31, 2013, assets (checking, savings, and investments) are \$348,984.91, other assets (insurance policies) are \$50,287.49, for total assets of \$399,272.40. There are no liabilities.

Mrs. Wymore noted that the Casino Night fund raiser was not as profitable as the previous two years' efforts, but it did result in new donors to DCAF.

3. Actions requested of the board.

Mrs. Wymore requested direction from the board as to what to do with the Evans Bank CD, as it is due to mature and will roll over at the current rate. Mrs. Wymore feels DCAF should be looking for a better rate of return on the foundation's funds. She continued by noting that two accounts, the Schwab and Vanguard accounts, are not appreciating in value. The board discussed Mrs. Wymore's request. **Mrs. Linstedt, seconded by Dr. Iwaoka, motioned to move money out of the Evans Bank certificate of deposit, the Vanguard money market and the Schwab money market into conservative mutual funds by September 15.** The board discussed the motion. Dr. Garvin, and Mr. Benoit will discuss the options with Dr. Mary-Lynn Jensen. If Dr. Jensen is unavailable, then Dr. Garvin and Mr. Benoit will come to a decision. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Dr. Flannigan to accept the officers' reports; motion approved unanimously.**

#### **IV. Committees**

##### **1. Heritage – Carol O'Brien**

Ms. O'Brien provided a written report, stating that she had been in touch with two members who are considering pledges to the Heritage Society. Until such time as the pledge is complete, all inquiries will be private and confidential. Announcements of pledges and recognition agreed upon will occur after the board has been notified, and will be in keeping with the donor's wishes.

Ms. O'Brien requested, again, suggestions from the DCAF board of the names of members or others who might be potential members of the Heritage Society. The board suggested she review the list of DCAF Founding Partners along with the Casino Night donors.

##### **2. Casino Night – Sonja Jones**

Mrs. Sonja Jones provided a written report. Mrs. Jones provided a projected income/expense report for the Casino Night fund raiser. As of the report date, income is listed as \$16,470, expenses as \$7,660, for a projected net income of \$8,810. Mrs. Linstedt noted that, at one point in the evening, there may have been over 200 attendees. Mrs. Hennessey thanked everyone involved with the event's planning and execution, as well as all who were in attendance, for making it a wonderful evening.

##### **3. Website – Julia Soukup**

Ms. Soukup provided a written report which listed additions and updates to the DCAF website. Ms. Soukup requested an update of current research projects and status, as the current web page is out of date.

##### **4. Development – Julia Soukup**

Ms. Soukup provided a written report. She provided a proposal of a masquerade ball for the DCAF fund raiser at an upcoming national specialty. The board requested that Ms. Soukup poll members to see if members would be willing to participate.

Mr. Richard Baker has volunteered to auction some items on eBay for DCAF. Ms. Soukup has invited Mr. Baker to join the Development Committee and is awaiting his response.

Mrs. Linstedt suggested a 50/50 raffle as a fund raiser. Tickets could be \$100 each, with 200 tickets for sale. **Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Mrs. Baley, to have Mrs. Linstedt organize a 50/50 raffle; motion approved unanimously.**

#### **VI. Old Business**

The DCAF board discussed the DCA board's request to approve funding the \$25 *Spotter* advertising discount given to advertisers who include the dog's CHIC number in the *Spotter* ad. **Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Dr. Garvin, to fund the \$25 discounts, effective back through the beginning of 2013; to reimburse DCA for the discounts; and require that the *Spotter* advertising manager invoice DCAF quarterly; motion approved unanimously.**

**V. New Business**

None.

**VII. Announcements**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Mr. Benoit motioned, seconded by Dr. Iwaoka, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm CDT; motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Olcott

Acting Recording Secretary