

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation
Board of Governors Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2022

I. Call to Order

The fourth quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Toni Linstedt at 7:00pm CST on Thursday, November 17, 2022, conducted via Zoom. DCAF Board Members in attendance were: Mrs. Ann Ball, Mrs. Kris Benoit, Ms. Rosie Branaman, Dr. Kelly Flannigan, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Deby Harber, Mrs. Meg Hennessey, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett, Mrs. Carol O'Brien, Mr. Kevin O'Connell, Ms. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Betty Pirs, Mrs. Stephanie Podejko, Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve, and Mrs. Sheila Wymore. Those absent were: Mrs. Barbara Lyons, Ms. Julia Soukup and Mrs. Michele Wrath.

II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting – August 18, 2022. Mr. Kevin O'Connell moved to accept the minutes, Mrs. Ann Ball seconded, motion passed.

III. Report of Officers

A. President's – Toni Linstedt

Thank you to all for the diligent work you have done this past year. It is very much appreciated. Thank you to Mike Hennessey for doing our taxes. Mrs. Linstedt broke down what we needed to accomplish at this meeting.

B. Vice President – Kelly Flannigan

Nothing to report at this time.

C. Recording Secretary – SarahAnne Vancleeve

Nothing to report at this time.

D. Treasurer – Meg Hennessey

1. Income & Expenses Through October 31, 2022

a. Total Income	\$56,481.46
b. Total Expense:	\$29,814.42
c. Net Ordinary Income	\$26,667.04

2. Balance Sheet:

a. Total Assets:	\$1,027,756.24
b. Liabilities	\$2,625.97
c. Equity	\$1,027,756.24

3. Wellington Account (savings) as of October 31, 2022
 - a. Book value: \$ 366,541.76
 - b. Market Value 10/31/2022 \$ 302,586.21

4. Endowment Account as of October 31, 2022
 - a. Book value: \$621,154.98
 - b. Market Value 10/31/2022 \$516,338.81

5. Wellington Funds are still where we want to keep our funds. The Wellington Fund is slowly recovering.

6. Annual Campaign: October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022
 - a. Income: \$5536.00
 - b. Expenses \$1278.51
 - c. Net: \$4257.49
 - d. The amount shown in the income and expense statement is for the fiscal year.

7. Annual Campaign: October 1, 2022, through October 30, 2022
 - a. Income: \$ 185.00
 - b. Expenses \$1137.51
 - c. Net: -\$ 952.91
 - d. The amount shown in the income and expense statement is for the fiscal year.

8. Donations/grants
 - a. Target 5% \$49,258.64
 - b. Donations/grants 2022: \$27,004.74
 - c. Balance to be made \$22,256.90

Dr. Ginger Iwaoka moved to allocate 25% (\$3,312.69) from DCA 2022 DCAF fundraisers to the Endowment Fund. Mr. Kevin O’Connell seconded, motion passed.

E. Corresponding Secretary – Deby Harber

The following correspondence has been received and acknowledged from August 15, 2022 through November 9, 2022:

- In Memory of Donors—9 canine
- In Memory of Donors—3 humans
- Acknowledgements—12 letters
- General Donation Donors—10 letters
- Facebook Donations—5 letters
- Litter DNA Donations – 3 letters
- Donations with dues – 73 letters
- Annual Drive – 5 letters

Total correspondence—120

Dr. Kelly Flannigan moved to accept the Officer's Report. Dr. Charles Garvin seconded, motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports

A. DCARE – Kevin O'Connell

Updates, new limits and categories of reimbursable expenses are now listed on the DCARE page on the DCA website. Sharon Roy and Cindy Bowman are doing an audit on who are active rescue organizations by December. Map of rescue organizations will be updated. Both Paula Olcott and Tom Wrath are to be commended for doing a great job on the website.

B. Health Committees – Ginger Iwaoka/Kelly Flannigan

Health articles for *The Spotter* are being submitted regularly. Need to start working on the website pages as well.

1. OFA CHIC DNA Repository – Ginger Iwaoka

Thank you to Deby Harber for sending out acknowledgement letters to everybody that submitted full litters. We have had 25 litters through October 2022!

2. James W Smith Memorial Health Clinics – DCA 2023 – Kelly Flannigan

We will be doing eye exams, thyroid and blood draws for the 2023 National.

3. Copper Toxicity – Ann Ball

- a. Article was written for the Summer Spotter about Copper Storage Disease in the Dalmatian. Recently, Chris Pickup from the United Kingdom requested permission to reprint the article there. Permission has been given by the authors and The Spotter.
- b. The CSD research team has submitted an OAK Grant Application to AKC CHF to continue work to identify the gene / genes associated with CSD in the Dalmatian. The acceptance of this grant is important to continue the work and complete the identification of the gene. The team is very close to this goal. Disposition of the grant will not be known until early in 2023.
- c. The final summary report for the study MOU reported that the following 1) established familial connections for all Copper Associated Hepatopathy affected Dalmatians recruited to the study 2) generated whole genome sequence information for 13 Dalmatian genomes and 3) successfully identified CAH-associated variants that may affect liver function. Some variants are

within genes and others are in adjacent regions. They are tracking some variants across the pedigrees to find the culprit gene, or genes. The Dalmatian genome sequence information that was generated in this process is of immense value not only to the pursuit of CAH, but to other disorders that impact the health of the Dalmatian and other dog breeds.

4. Deafness

No report

5. Renal Failure

No report

6. Urinary Stones – Tracie Tepke

No report.

C. Development Task Force

1. Annual Drive – Kevin O’Connell/Barbara Kaplan-Barrett

Brochure went out. Activity seemed low. Suggestion of sending reminders using Mail Chimp to help bring in donations towards to the end of the year.

2. Endowment Fund – Betty Pirs

After review, the Committee has reaffirmed its confidence in the Wellington Admiral Fund and its recommendation that the Board continue to stay the course with this Fund.

3. Fund Raising Events – Toni Linstedt

The committee has decided to do an auction of custom goods and services for our fundraiser during DCA 2023. The auction will have a Facebook remote aspect and will conclude with live bidding following Top Twenty in Longview, WA. The Top Twenty committee has requested that DCAF pick up part of whatever food and beverage is served during the event. The committee will begin soliciting donors for their time and talents to auction off soon. We will also offer the DCAF Thrift store.

4. Heritage Society – Carol O’Brien

Thank you to Jim and Barbara Lyons and to Lynn Luikart for making their commitment to the Heritage Society.

Donor Recognition – Toni Linstedt

Fall Donor Recognition activities were discussed.

D. Website – Julia Soukup

Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to contract with DigitalEngage to redesign the website and to provide technical management of the site going forward. Mr. Kevin O’Connell seconded, motion passed.

DigitalEngage will design the site, load all content available by 1/15/2023 and then manage the hosting account, updates, plugins, trouble shoot and fix any technical problems, etc. We will be responsible for content updates, refreshing the pages by changing out images, etc.

Our plan for images is to review the past 5 years of Spotters and request permission and original photos from the owners. Additionally, we will do the same with images that appear on FB that we like and pull from our own personal images. We invite board members and DCA members to offer up images as well. A bank will be built that we can use to refresh the pages frequently.

For content, we ask each board and/or committee member who “owns” areas on the site to review and edit/create content for appropriate pages. For example – Heritage Society, CHIC DNA Repository, etc.

Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett moved to accept the Committee Reports, Mrs. Carol O’Brien seconded, motion passed.

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

VI. New Business

Selection Process for Grants during Q4

Suggestion of earmarking money that isn’t spent this year to be spent on Copper Storage Disease next year along with what is already allocated.

Mr. Kevin O’Connell moved to earmark money to the donor advised fund at CHF for Copper Storage Disease research next year. Dr. Charles Garvin, seconded. Discussion followed – 11 opposed, 3 approved and 2 abstained. Motion did not pass.

Any balance from the approximately \$22,000 remaining to invest in our mission statement activities for 2022 will be added to the 2023 goal and targeted for the anticipated funding of the Copper Storage Oak Grant estimated at \$75,000, but will remain in DCAF accounts to hopefully accrue interest as the financial markets recover.

Board Member Selection for 2023

A need to develop a process for board member selection within the 19-member limit was discussed.

A committee was formed to develop a process and review the DCAF bylaws to make recommendations to the Board. Members are Chair - Dr. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Carol O'Brien, Mrs. Betty Pirs and Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett.

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to adjourn, Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

SarahAnne Vancleeve
DCAF – Recording Secretary