

***\*\*DCAF February Minutes Pending Official Approval\*\****

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation

Board of Directors Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**I. Call to Order**

The first 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 Tuesday, February 21, 2023, conducted via Zoom. DCAF Board Members in attendance were: Mrs. Ann Ball, Mrs. Kris Benoit, Mrs. Connie Brown, 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. SarahAnne Vancleeve, Mrs. Sheila Wymore and Mrs. Michele Wrath. Those absent were: Ms. Rosie Branaman, Mrs. Barbara Lyons and Mrs. Carol O'Brien.

**II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting – November 17, 2022. Mr. Kevin O'Connell moved to accept the minutes, Mrs. Ann Ball seconded, motion passed.**

**III. Report of Officers**

**A. President's Message – Toni Linstedt**

Mrs. Linstedt welcomed the newest board member, Connie Brown, reviewed the 2022 accomplishments, and outlined key objectives for the meeting.

She also summarized an Executive Board meeting held on February 14, 2023, to recommend the slate of board members for this year. We thank Stephanie Podejko and Julia Soukup for their service during their tenure on the DCAF Board.

**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 February 14, 2023**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| a. Total Income        | \$4,211.45 |
| b. Total Expense:      | \$1,031.36 |
| c. Net Ordinary Income | \$3,180.09 |

**2. Balance Sheet: February 14, 2023**

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|------------------|----------------|
| a. Total Assets: | \$1,097,119.50 |
| b. Liabilities   | \$1,244.96     |
| c. Equity        | \$1,095,874.54 |
3. Year End Statements are attached.
  
  4. Wellington Account (savings) as of February 14, 2023
    - a. Market Value: February 14, 2023      \$ 322,142.06
    - b. I did not adjust the book value by the market loss.
  
  5. Endowment Account as of February 14, 2023
    - a. Market Value: February 14, 2023      \$ 555,578.24
    - b. I did not adjust the book value by the market loss.
  
  6. Wellington Funds are still where we want to keep our funds. The Wellington Fund is slowly recovering.
  
  7. Annual Campaign: October 1, 2022, through February 14, 2023
    - a. Income:                                      \$8,660.00
    - b. Expenses                                      \$1,278.51
    - c. Net:    \$7,381.49
    - d. The amount shown in the income and expense statement is for the fiscal year.
  
  8. Donations/grants
    - a. MOU: Copper Storage: \$75,000.00      We would like to take the payments out of the Wellington Saving account in 3 payments to allow our funds more time to recover in the market. CHF has agreed to this.
    - b. Target 5% - will not be a problem this year. We will be well over 5%.
    - c. Should we have a "campaign" for Copper Storage?

Discussion of doing a fundraising "campaign" for Copper Storage.

**E. Corresponding Secretary – Deby Harber**

The following correspondence has been received and acknowledged from

November 22, 2022 through February 10, 2023:

In Memory of Donors—13 canine  
 In Memory of Donors—10 humans  
 Acknowledgements—19 letters  
 General Donation Donors—18 letters  
 Facebook BD Donations—28 letters  
 Litter DNA Donations – 2 letters  
 Donations with dues – 4 letters  
 Annual Drive – 22 letters  
 In Honor of – 2  
 Giving Tuesday - 2

Total correspondence—120

**Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett moved to accept the Officer's Report. Mrs. Connie Brown seconded, motion passed.**

#### **IV. Election of Officers**

The slate for Election of Officers were presented as follows:

President - Mrs. Toni Linstedt  
Vice President - Dr. Kelly Flannigan  
Treasurer - Mrs. Meg Hennessey  
Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. Deby Harber  
Recording Secretary - Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve

No nominations from the floor were received.

**Dr. Charles Garvin moved to elect the slate of Officers for 2023 as presented, Mrs. Kris Benoit seconded, motion passed.**

**Dr. Charlie Garvin moved to accept the proposed Board members for 2023, Mrs. Kris Benoit seconded, motion passed.**

#### **2023 DCAF Board Members:**

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Ann Ball               | Toni Linstedt       |
| Kris Benoit            | Barbara Lyons       |
| Rosie Branaman         | Carol O'Brien       |
| Connie Brown           | Kevin O'Connell     |
| Kelly Flannigan        | Paula Olcott        |
| Charles Garvin, MD     | Betty Pirs          |
| Deby Harber            | SarahAnne Vancleeve |
| Meg Hennessey          | Michele Wrath       |
| Ginger Iwaoka, MD      | Sheila Wymore       |
| Barbara Kaplan-Barrett |                     |

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. DCARE – Kevin O'Connell**

Mr. O'Connell recognized the members of the DCARE committee and highlighted what DCARE did in 2022 with donations of almost \$16,000. Would like to add a couple of new members to the committee: Kevin West, Cynthia Greene in the east and Laurie Isaacson in the west. Thank you to Mrs. Linstedt for working and getting the pages on the DCARE website taken care of.

##### **B. Health Committees – Ginger Iwaoka/Kelly Flannigan**

Health articles for *The Spotter* are being submitted regularly. Need current and updated information for the website pages. John Wilson's article is out for *The Spotter*.

### **1. OFA CHIC DNA Repository – Ginger Iwaoka**

For 2022, we had 31 litters submitted from 57 nominated litters. This brings our bank total to 145 litters to date. Instead of wall banners, which were a bit of a problem last year, Mrs. Iwaoka ordered retractable standing units which we can set anywhere. Mrs. Iwaoka donated the banners which cost \$291.48. That amount will be added to her lifetime giving level.

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

Prices for OFA thyroid panel can remain at \$90 for this year but will probably need to go up next year. Thyroid will be offered only for Dalmatians.

The eye exams are going to cost us \$35 each with a minimum of 25 dogs. We are planning to open it up to other breeds. We can also charge other breeds \$35 but send the forms home with the other breeds to pay their own OFA fees. That would make the price the same for everyone for pre-registration, just the process would be different, with Dals having the OFA fees paid by DCAF.

Microchips we can keep at \$25, any breed; CHIC DNA free, Dalmatians only

### **3. Copper Toxicity – Ann Ball**

We received final approval of the grant by CHF for the next phase of the Copper Storage Research. This second phase of the project will require additional investment of funds by DCAF so continued fund raising is important and needed.

It is important to note that the research team is very positive about the outcome of this research. They would not have made this request if they did not believe that this next phase would provide needed information /answers.

### **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**

We have raised over \$7,000 as of February 14, 2023. In the next few months will be doing follow ups. Donations far exceed the cost of the campaign and would like to continue it in the fall of 2023.

**2. Endowment Fund – Betty Pirs**

The Vanguard Wellington Admiral fund was selected with a view to the long-term horizon and has a risk profile that met the needs of the Risk Assessment that the DCAF Board undertook at its inception and should enable the Endowment to weather the shorter-term market fluctuations. The DCAF Board manages the Endowment through the Endowment Oversight Committee (the Committee). The Committee takes its direction from and makes recommendations to the DCAF Board.

The Committee continues to believe that the most advantageous course of action for the DCAF Board is to stay the course and maintain the longer-term focus.

The committee will work on appropriate copy for the website related to the Endowment.

**Dr. Kelly Flannigan moves for the Endowment Fund to stay with the Wellington Fund, Mr. Kevin O’Connell seconded, motion passed.**

**3. Fund Raising Events – Toni Linstedt**

Nothing to report at this time.

**4. Heritage Society – Carol O’Brien**

There are no new commitments to the Heritage Society since the last two reported in December. There were two confidential administrative matters requiring follow up—probate matters regarding an estate and annual reporting on a charitable remainder trust, a portion of which comes to our endowment.

Finally, during this quarter Mrs. O’Brien, like many others, worked on the revisions to the DCAF website pertaining to the Heritage Society and philanthropic giving.

**5. Donor Recognition – Toni Linstedt**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

#### **D. Website**

Mrs. Linstedt, Dr. Flannigan and Mr. O'Connell have gone through the web pages in detail. Just about all that we want on the website has been submitted. Previews of the website were shown to the Board Members.

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

#### **V. Unfinished Business**

**By-Laws** – we need to look over the By-Laws and bring them up to date.

#### **VI. New Business**

Nothing at this time.

#### **VII – DCAF Board Meeting**

It was discussed to change the Board Meeting that usually happens during the National to do it via Zoom before or after the National.

**Mrs. Meg Hennessy moved to have the Board Meeting after the National, Mr. Kevin O'Connell seconded, motion passed.**

#### **VIII Adjournment**

**Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to adjourn, Mrs. Barbara Kaplan-Barrett seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM CST.**

Respectfully Submitted,

SarahAnne Vancleeve  
DCAF – Recording Secretary