

****DCAF September Minutes Pending Official Approval****

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation

Board of Directors Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, September 04, 2024

I. Call to Order

The third quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Toni Linstedt at 7:30pm CDT on Wednesday, September 04, 2024, 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, Mr. Samuel Kovitz, Mrs. Vickie Mooney, Mrs. Carol O'Brien, Ms. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Betty Pirs, Mrs. Marie Slagle, Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve, Mrs. Michelle Wrath and Mrs. Sheila Wymore.

II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting – May 23, 2024. Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to accept the minutes, Mrs. Ann Ball seconded, motion passed.

III. Report of Officers

A. President's Message – Toni Linstedt

Mrs. Linstedt welcomed Sam Kovitz to the board to fill the open position left by Barbara Lyons' passing. She thanked the participants in the DCAF fundraisers held surrounding DCA 2024 and the Dalmatian Club of Northern California for donating the proceeds of their Scent Work trial, nearly \$6,000, to DCAF/DCARE. She asked the board members to think about CHF and/or Morris Animal Foundation studies we may want to support as 2024 comes to a close.

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

Income & Expenses Through June 30, 2024

Total Income: \$31,798.70

Total Expense: \$30,926.28

Net Ordinary Income \$872.42

Balance Sheet: June 30, 2024

Total Assets: \$ 932,798.34
Liabilities \$1,481.52
Equity \$931,316.82
Total Liabilities and Equity \$932,798.34

Wellington Account (savings)
Market Value: June 30, 2024 \$384,789.02

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT (BROKERAGE)
Market Value: June 30, 2024 \$664,454.54

Donations with dues will be somewhat significant and none have been transferred. Will wait till September after final dues renewal deadline passes.

Mrs. Hennessey will be stepping down as DCAF Treasurer. Mrs. Cheryl Bryant has agreed to take the treasury responsibilities over.

Mrs. Michele Wrath moved to appoint Mrs. Cheryl Bryant as DCAF Treasurer effective January 1, 2025, Dr. Kelly Flannigan seconded, motion passed.

E. Corresponding Secretary – Deby Harber

The following correspondence has been received and acknowledged from May 20, 2024 through August 27, 2024:

Acknowledgements - 23
In memory of - Canine - 8
In memory of - Human – 21
In honor of – Canine - 4
In honor of - Human - 6
General Donations - 6
Donations w/dues - 53
Birthday/FB - 6
What the Heart Wants/Big Heart - 54
Who Owns Your Heart/Silent Auction - 18
CSD Fundraiser Donations - 2
\$35 - 1 \$250 - 1

Total Correspondence - 201

Mrs. Kris Benoit moved to accept the Officer’s Report. Mrs. Carol O’Brien seconds, motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports

A. DCARE – Connie Brown

We have a new member to the committee, Joni Shoup. The number of solicitations has dropped.

B. Health Committees – Ginger Iwaoka/Kelly Flannigan

Nothing new to report.

1. OFA CHIC DNA Repository – Ginger Iwaoka

We are up to 30 litters for 2024 so far with a bank total of 209. All 2024 breeders have donated their stipends back to DCAF to help canine health research. Breeders are starting to include other dogs in their household that have not previously been drawn. Banners displaying participating breeders were on display at DCA.

Mr. Samuel Kovitz moved to offer the \$5 stipend to adult dogs included with full litter submissions, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka seconded, motion passed.

2. JAMES W SMITH Memorial Health Clinics – Kelly Flannigan

The clinics at the National Specialty ran very smoothly, primarily due to the quality and quantity of volunteers. We did 31 OFA thyroid profiles and collected 31 samples for the CHIC DNA database.

3. Copper Toxicity – Ann Ball

The Research team was informed in July that they have been granted the study extension that was requested several months ago. There is no cost to DCAF associated with this extension. In late July the 6-month interim report was submitted to AKC CHF by the study team. They are actively analyzing sequencing data using various approaches to look for changes of importance. Dr. Macintyre is currently writing a report covering the first phase of the study.

C. Development Task Force

1. Annual Drive – Barbara Kaplan-Barrett

Mrs. Barrett shared that she is unable to continue work on the annual drive. The brochure needs to be revised, and a new mail house needs to be contracted.

2. Donor Recognition

Grand Patron+/Heritage Society posters were on display at DCA 2024 and will be published in the summer issue of the *Spotter*.

3. Endowment Fund – Betty Pirs

January 1, 2024 - \$613,682.85

August 28, 2024 - \$686,272.72

Increase in fund for 2024 through August 28, 2024 \$72,589.87 or 11.8%.
No 2024 donations marked as endowment have been transferred to the endowment fund yet.

4. Fund Raising Events – Toni Linstead

The fundraisers conducted in conjunction with DCA 2024 were successful.

Fundraiser	Income	Expense	*Net
50/50 Raffle	\$6,750	\$3,476.53	\$3,272.47
What the Heart Wants Raffle	\$5,575	\$1,451.53	\$4,123.47
Silent Auction	\$4,050	\$72.19	\$3,977.81
Thrift Store	\$1,099	0	\$1,099.00
Total	\$17,234	\$5,000.25	\$12,472.75

**PayPal/Square fees not deducted*

Thanks to Meg Hennessey, Paula Olcott, Deby Harber, Ann Ball and Pam Pam Parsons who worked for DCAF throughout DCA 2024 manning the thrift store and selling raffle tickets!

Congratulations to the raffle winners – Paula Olcott – Big Heart 50/50; Shari Knoche - \$1,000 worth of DCA National Specialty Entry Fees; Kris Benoit – 4 premium page *Spotter* ads with design by Jess MacMillan; and Ginger Iwaoka – a piece of custom-made jewelry from Emerstonegems.com (a.k.a. – Cortney Emerson)!

The main fundraiser for DCA 2025 will be some type of “event” on Monday evening following the first regional specialty. Under consideration are a “murder mystery night”, Trivia Night or Casino Night. A decision needs to be reached quickly as significant planning goes into these. The 2026 fundraiser will be Decorated Dals III.

5. Heritage Society – Carol O’Brien

Mrs. O’Brien was determined that DCAF is too small to utilize an outsource organization, such as Freewill to oversee a bequest initiative. Dr. Garvin also confirmed that AKC’s privacy restrictions preclude allowing us access to Dalmatian owners in their

registry. Any type of mass outreach to DCA members and previous DCAF donors for Heritage Society would need to be conducted internally. Discussion of doing a mailing to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mrs. O'Brien is working with two individuals currently who are considering adding DCAF to their estate plans.

Mrs. O'Brien continues to receive legal documentation about an estate for which, due to the residential property being held as a reverse mortgage, DCAF will not receive any proceeds. There were several other charitable organizations which also will not receive any funds.

D. Website

Some updates have been made to the website, but we still need to do a better job of keeping it up to date and fresh.

VI. Unfinished Business

Nothing new at this time.

VII. New Business

Future Research Projects – Toni Linstedt

Time to start looking at new research opportunities to potentially fund in late 2024. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. DCAF Board Meeting

When available will be sent to determine the date.

IX. Adjournment

Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to adjourn, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

SarahAnne Vancleeve
DCAF – Recording Secretary