

**\*\*DCAF March Minutes Pending Official Approval\*\***  
Dalmatian Club of America Foundation  
Board of Directors Minutes  
Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, March 27, 2025

**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 7:30pm CDT on Thursday, March 27, 2025, conducted via Zoom. DCAF Board Members in attendance were: Ms. Cheryl Bryant, Mrs. Kris Benoit, Dr. Charles Garvin, Dr. Kelly Flannigan, Mrs. Deby Harber, Mrs. Meg Hennessey, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, Mr. Samuel Kovitz, Mrs. Vickie Mooney, Mrs. Carol O'Brien, Ms. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Marie Slagle, Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve, Mrs. Michele Wrath. Those absent were: Mrs. Ann Ball, Mrs. Connie Brown and Mrs. Betty Pirs.

**II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting – November 25, 2024.**

A spelling and sentence structure correction were made to the minutes.

**Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to accept the corrected minutes, Mr. Samuel Kovitz seconded, motion passed.**

**III. Report of Officers**

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

Welcome to the Q1 2025 Board meeting and the 1st of our 30th Anniversary Year! My *Spotter's* President's Message includes a recap of our accomplishments in our first 30 years.

We welcome Cheryl Bryant, who was approved at our Q4 meeting as Meg's replacement in the Treasurer role, and Rosie Branaman who was re-elected to the DCA Board. We asked Barbara Kaplan-Barrett and Sheila Wymore to relinquish their seats on the DCAF Board to make way for Cheryl Bryant and Rosie Branaman. This was a difficult decision. Please join me in thanking both Barbara and Sheila for their service to DCAF over the years.

**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/Cheryl Bryant**

Income & Expenses Through February 28, 2025

Total Income:	\$ 7,034.33
Total Expense:	\$ 1,414.63
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 5,619.70
Balance Sheet: February 28, 2025 (Inclusive of Endowment Fund)	
Total Assets:	\$1,066,990.49
Liabilities	\$2,059.12
Equity	\$1,064,931.37
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,066,990.49
Wellington Account (savings)	
February 28, 2025	\$371,768.71
Endowment Account (brokerage)	
February 28, 2025:	\$704,992.49

Our CHF Donor Advised Fund which is funded by Purina ProPlan balance is:

12/31/2024 Balance	\$479.04
--------------------	----------

#### **E. Corresponding Secretary – Deby Harber**

The following correspondence has been received and acknowledged from November 20, 2024 through March 14, 2025:

Acknowledgements - 48  
In memory of - Canine – 27  
In honor of – Canine - 5  
In memory of - Human – 39  
In honor of - Human – 8  
General Donations - 3  
Birthday/FB – 13  
Giving Tuesday/FB - 8  
Annual Drive – 35  
Litter Stipend - 5  
CSD Fundraiser Donations - 2

Total Correspondence - 193

**Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to accept the Officer's Report. Mrs. Carol O'Brien seconded, motion passed.**

#### **IV. Election of DCAF Officers and Board of Directors**

The following slate of Board of Directors are:

Mrs. Ann Ball

Mrs. Kris Benoit  
Ms. Rosie Branaman  
Mrs. Connie Brown  
Ms. Cheryl Bryant  
Dr. Kelly Flannigan  
Dr. Charles Garvin  
Mrs. Deby Harber  
Mrs. Meg Hennessey  
Dr. Ginger Iwaoka  
Mr. Samuel Kovitz  
Mrs. Toni Linstedt  
Mrs. Vickie Mooney  
Mrs. Carol O'Brien  
Ms. Paula Olcott  
Mrs. Betty Pirs  
Mrs. Marie Slagle  
Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve  
Mrs. Michele Wrath

**Mr. Samuel Kovitz moved to accept the 2025 slate of Board of Directors, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka seconded, motion passed.**

The following slate of Officers is:  
President – Mrs. Toni Linstedt  
Vice President – Dr. Kelly Flannigan  
Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. Deby Harber  
Recording Secretary – Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve  
Treasurer – Mrs. Cheryl Bryant

**Mr. Samuel Kovitz moved to accept the 2025 slate of Officers, Dr. Kelly Flannigan seconded, motion passed.**

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. DCARE – Cindy Bowman/Sara Seitz**

Sara Seitz has been added as a co-chair until she learns the tasks of DCARE. Once she is comfortable with the role she will become the DCARE Chairperson. Mrs. Bowman will step down and move to a committee member role. Committee members have been contacted and will remain through 2025. They are: Co-Chairs Cindy Bowman and Sara Seitz, Cynthia Greene, Laurie Isaacson, Sherree Gerzanics, Joni Shoup and Karen Hatfield.

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

Nothing new to report.

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

We are at 32 litters for 2024 with a bank total of 211 and 1 sample for the CSD study. For 2025 to date we have 5 full litter submissions bringing the bank total to 216.

**2. JAMES W SMITH Memorial Health Clinics – Kelly Flannigan**

Health clinic pre-registration information should be live in the store soon.

Attempts to find an ophthalmologist were unsuccessful. OFA DNA Repository Draws, Thyroid and Microchip will be offered at the same prices as in 2024.

**3. Copper Toxicity – Ann Ball**

Dr. Gina Macintyre reported that they were asking AKC CHF for a month's extension of the project to do additional analyses. Since then, an additional report has been submitted to CHF but has not yet been shared with DCAF.

**C. Development Task Force**

**1. Annual Drive – Toni Linstedt**

The Annual Drive brought in \$4,285 (not including any donations designated for specific purposes or the Endowment Fund) against expenses of \$1,506. The expenses represent 28.5% of the income. 10% would be better, and we are probably closer to that when factoring designated and/or endowment donations made via the Annual Drive.

**2. Donor Recognition**

The Lifetime Giving Levels were included in the Winter Spotter and are updated on the DCAF website. Posters for our highest levels of Lifetime Giving and Heritage Society Members will be ordered and displayed at DCA 2025 throughout the week beside the Thrift Store and during Trivia Night. Those will be updated to reflect levels effective March 31, 2025.

**3. Endowment Fund – Betty Pirs**

January 1, 2024 - \$613,682.85  
December 31, 2024 - \$704,992.49

A very informative chart was provided by the committee tracking the year by year history of the Endowment growth against significant economic and investment events. A total of \$416,236.62 has been deposited to the Fund since 2018. The

total growth since then is \$288,756.16. The chart demonstrated the quality of the selected fund in terms of weathering significant market conditions.

Increase in the fund for 2024 through October 31, 2024 is 14.86%. Committee recommends the DCAF Board stay the course with the Wellington Fund and not react to market fluctuations.

#### **4. Fund Raising Events – Toni Linstedt**

A Trivia Night MC has been hired for \$550. He does the St. Louis Zoo Trivia Night with more than 700 people attending and comes with very strong recommendations. Robert has provided him with a bank of Dalmatian Trivia questions to use for one of eight rounds of Trivia. Working with Digital Engage to get ticket sales available on DCAF.org. Tables of 8 are \$200 or \$25 per person. The event will be Monday evening June 16 at 7PM following the DCGSL/HDCGKC Specialty. During the event we will have side games, sell Mulligans, and a 50/50 raffle.

The Silent Auction which will likely end up with more than 100 high quality Dal collectibles including Laurelwood and Budweiser plates, Morten, Lladro, Beswick, Royal Doulton and Armani Figurines, an original McCoy cookie jar and framed art. The Silent Auction will go live on FB in early May and conclude on June 16.

Additionally, we will do a What Do You Want? Raffle of \$1,000 worth of DCA 2026/2027 entry fees or a piece of custom designed jewelry valued at up to \$2,500 from Emerstonegems.com offered generously by Cortney Emerson. Tickets will be \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Drawing to be held at the banquet.

Finally, the DCAF Thrift Store will be open all week. We already have quite a lot of items to offer and it's always a fun surprise to see what appears during the week! Hopefully, we will get a good turnout for Trivia Night and end up with a success throughout the week for DCAF fundraising that is fun and rewarding for all involved!

#### **5. Heritage Society – Carol O'Brien**

No new pledges to report but several are in the works.

#### **D. Website**

Many updates have been made and a plan is submitted to Digital Engage for "shop" updates and a few others. It would be wonderful to have a website team/committee for DCAF who can work on updates to the site in a timelier manner.

**Mr. Samuel Kovitz moved to accept the committee reports, Mrs. Meg Hennessey seconded, the motion passed.**

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**Bylaws Revision**

Thank you to Samuel Kovitz and Carol O'Brien for providing examples from other non-profit Bylaws to address some of the issues discussed at the last meeting. The Board looked over the proposed changes and had multiple discussions. There are still a few revisions to make. Therefore, it has been tabled to the Q2 meeting for approval.

**VII. New Business**

**Board of Directors, Officers and Bond Insurance**

Quotes were provided by Cheryl Bryant for Sportsman and RV Nuccio. The board requested a higher Bond amount in the Nuccio quote and additional quotes from State Farm and Travelers. Policies will be selected at the Q2 meeting.

**VIII. DCAF Board Meeting**

When available will be sent to determine the date.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Mrs. Carol O'Brien moves to adjourn, Mrs. Michele Wrath seconded, motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM CDT.**

Respectfully Submitted,

SarahAnne Vancleeve  
DCAF – Recording Secretary