

****DCAF August Minutes Pending Official Approval****

Dalmatian Club of America Foundation

Board of Directors Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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 Thursday, August 14, 2025, conducted via Zoom. DCAF Board Members in attendance were Ms. Rosie Branaman, Mrs. Ann Ball, Ms. Cheryl Bryant, Dr. Kelly Flannigan, Dr. Charles Garvin, 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 and Mrs. Michele Wrath. Those absent were Mrs. Kris Benoit, Mrs. Connie Brown and Mrs. Betty Pirs

II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting – May 29, 2025.

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

III. Report of Officers

A. President's Message – Toni Linstedt

Welcome to the Q3 2025 board meeting!

Based on the Treasurer's Report and the Corresponding Secretary's Report DCAF has received significant income. This is due in part to the DCAF fundraisers at DCA and two regional clubs (Dal Club of Northern Cal and Dal Club of the Piedmont) presenting DCAF with very nice checks dedicated to Rescue. Sadly, a large amount of money came in for the memorials of Barbara DiMino, Ed Flock, Jr. and the Dalmatians that crossed the bridge this summer. We will also receive donations toward *Spotter* ads for both Barbara and Ed that exceeded the actual cost of the memorials ads.

Objectives of the meeting were outlined.

B. Vice President – Kelly Flannigan

Nothing to report at this time.

C. Recording Secretary – SarahAnne Vancleeve

Nothing to report at this time.

D. Treasurer – Cheryl Bryant

Income & Expenses January 1, 2025 Through July 31, 2025

Total Income:	\$64,861.75
Total Expense:	\$24,052.54
Net Ordinary Income:	\$40,809.21

Balance Sheet: July 31, 2025 (Inclusive of Endowment Fund)

Total Assets:	\$1,103,559.80
Liabilities:	\$ 2,860.60
Equity:	\$1,100,699.20
Total Liabilities and Equity:	\$1,103,559.80
Wellington Account (savings):	\$ 371,768.71
Endowment Account (brokerage):	\$ 663,152.35

E. Corresponding Secretary – Deby Harber

The following correspondence has been received and acknowledged from May 23, 2025 through August 6, 2025:

- Acknowledgements - 23
- In memory of - Canine – 18
- In honor of – Canine - 3
- In memory of - Human – 12
- In honor of - Human – 4
- General Donations - 5
- Birthday/FB – 4
- Litter Stipend – 7
- DCARE - 1
- Regional Club Donations – 2
- What Do You Want Raffle – 3
- What Do You Know Trivia Night – 25
- DCAF Silent Auction – 51
- DCAF/DCARE donation for Barb DiMino’s dogs - 107

Total Correspondence - 265

Mrs. Meg Hennessey moved to accept the Officer’s Report, Dr. Kelly Flannigan seconded, motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports

DCARE – Cindy Bowman/Sara Seitz

It was requested that DCAF make a donation in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per dog) to the Human Society of Central Arizona in recognition of their care for Barb DiMino's dogs immediately following the accident.

Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve moved to donate \$1,000 to the Human Society of Central Arizona, Mrs. Carol O'Brien seconded, motion passed.

Updates:

- Reimbursement has been made for expenses related to the care of Barb DiMino's dogs. We expect some additional expenses to be submitted.
- Facebook fundraiser benefiting DCAF raised a total of \$12,115 to support the care of Barb DiMino's dogs.
- DCARE approved \$500 reimbursement to The Maddux Movement Rescue.
- DCARE approved \$1,000 reimbursement to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado.

B. Health Committees – Ginger Iwaoka/Kelly Flannigan

Nothing new to report.

1. OFA CHIC DNA Repository – Ginger Iwaoka

- So far in 2025, we have 27 complete litters. With a bank total of 243.
- Two DCA members were spoken to about CHF studies; they may be eligible for enrollment.

2. JAMES W SMITH Memorial Health Clinics – Kelly Flannigan

The results for the health clinics for DCA 2025 are as follows:
26 thyroid tests, 22 normal, 3 equivocal, 1 positive
34 CHIC DNA tests were submitted at the health clinics.
Everything went smoothly

3. Copper Toxicity – Ann Ball

The CSD Phase II study has reached its end. The report to the Grant Sponsor from the Investigator as reviewed and discussed. While a marker has not yet been identified, more was learned, and the research team is continuing gene sequencing to learn more. What we do know is that CSD in Dalmatians involves multiple genes. It is not a simple recessive. We also know that CSD presents

genetically differently in Dalmatians than it does in Labradors and differently than it does in Bedlington Terriers. The tests that are marketed as being able to identify carriers are not valid for Dalmatians (nor really any other breed) and they further only identify dogs at higher risk.

C. Development Task Force

1. Annual Drive – Toni Linstedt

Any suggested changes to the DCAF brochure need to be passed along ASAP. The same mail house that has been used in past years will be used again this year; they seem to do a good job at a reasonable cost.

2. Donor Recognition

The Donor Recognition posters were displayed at DCA 2025 and will be published (with updates through July) in the Summer SPOTTER.

3. Endowment Fund – Betty Pirs

Vanguard Wellington Admiral Fund (VWENX)
Valuation as of June 30, 2025 - \$711,398.04
Shares: 9,883.38
Share Price: \$78.05
Endowment Income YTD (not yet transferred) - \$9,205.00

Market Conditions/Impacts As of June 30, 2025

YTD performance is +7.38%
Category is +5.74%
Index is +7.23%
YTD performance is in the 15th percentile (1=Best & 99=Worst)

The first half of this year has demonstrated that our long-term strategy is serving us well. Therefore, the Committee recommends the DCAF Board stay the course with the Wellington Fund and not react to market fluctuations.

4. Fund Raising Events – Toni Linstedt

We did well at the National. Our fundraisers were successful generating more than \$12,000, and those who attended the Trivia Party had a lot of fun. Next year will be Decorated Dals III. So far, we have 48 artists signed up. We will probably need one other fundraiser for DCAF at DCA 2026 but will wait to see what DCA Ways & Means will do for fundraising to decide what else we might want to.

5. Heritage Society – Carol O'Brien

In ongoing discussion with a member at DCA National about their pledge. Personal circumstances have delayed completion of the forms, but we expect they will be completed eventually

Leah Ackerson completed her paperwork and has been added to the Heritage Society list of members bringing our total to 39 members.

Based on some other foundation sites, please add the following sentence to the DCAF site Heritage Page:

If you have already made a will or trust with a designation for DCAF, please let Carol O'Brien know (cob@carolobrienassociates.com), and she will send you a pledge form to enroll in The Heritage Society.

D. Website

Nothing new to report. Still in search of a DCAF web committee to help with updates.

Mrs. Marie Slagle moved to accept the Committee Reports, Mrs. Michele Wrath seconded, the motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. New Business

A. Discussion regarding Futurity bonuses for CHIC participation and whether to continue offering it or not due to the suggestion of a long time DCA Member. Consensus was to continue offering the bonus.

B. Dr. Garvin, Michele Wrath and Carol O'Brien attended the CHF Parent Club Health Conference in Raliegh in early August. They shared information learned there. Michele and Carol will provide a written synopsis for the Winter SPOTTER.

VIII. DCAF Board Meeting

When available will be sent to determine the date.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Charles Garvin moved to adjourn, Mr. Samuel Kovitz seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09PM CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

SarahAnne Vancleeve
DCAF – Recording Secretary