

****DCAF December Minutes Pending Official Approval****
Dalmatian Club of America Foundation
Board of Directors Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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 7:30pm CST on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, conducted via Zoom. DCAF Board Members in attendance were Mrs. Kris Benoit, Ms. Rosie Branaman, Mrs. Ann Ball, Ms. Cheryl Bryant, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Hennessey, Dr. Ginger Iwaoka, Mr. Samuel Kovitz, Mrs. Vickie Mooney, Ms. Paula Olcott, Mrs. Betty Pirs, Mrs. SarahAnne Vancleeve and Mrs. Michele Wrath. Those absent were: Mrs. Connie Brown, Dr. Kelly Flannigan, Mrs. Deby Harber, Mrs. Carol O'Brien and Mrs. Marie Slagle.

II. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting – August 14, 2025.

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

III. Report of Officers

A. President's Message – Toni Linstedt

Welcome to the Q4 2025 board meeting and Happy Holidays!

Based on the Treasurer's report, our donors continue to support the Foundation generously. It is our job to ensure that they continue to rely on us to make wise use of the funds they entrust to us. A key objective of the meeting this evening is to discuss potential investments we may want to make before year end keeping in mind that just because we have available funds does not mean that we have to use them at this time. If there are no proposals on the table before us that our donors would be very enthusiastic about, we should wait until the right proposals come along or until we find the need to solicit RFP's for specific areas of concern we wish to research. CHF and Morris have selected some studies for us to consider.

We also need to appoint our first ever Nominating Committee to bring back a 2026 slate of Board Members and Officers to the Q1 2026 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 – Cheryl Bryant

Income & Expenses January 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025

Total Income:	\$70,375.37
Total Expense:	\$34,691.82
Net Ordinary Income:	\$35,683.55

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

Total Assets:	\$1,096,861.07
Liabilities:	\$ 1,244.41
Equity:	\$1,095,616.66
Total Liabilities and Equity:	\$1,096,861.07

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 August 7, 2025 through November 23, 2025:

Acknowledgements - 16
In memory of - Canine – 13
In memory of - Human – 3
In honor of - Human – 2
General Donations - 5
Birthday/FB – 13
Regional Club Donations – 2
Donation with dues - 53
Total Correspondence - 107

Mrs. Ann Ball moved to accept the Officer’s Report, Mrs. Michele Wrath seconded, motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports

DCARE – Cindy Bowman/Sara Seitz

Updates:

1. Total reimbursement issued: \$9,034.55

- a. DiMino Dogs – Total Support: \$6,349.69
 - i. Donation to Humane Society of Central Arizona for their care and support - \$1,000.
 - ii. Slick DiMino: veterinarian treatments, clinic visits, pharmacy medication and additional medical bills - \$3,445.76
 - iii. Noel DiMino: rehabilitation package via Veterinary Surgical University (PA) - \$900.00
 - iv. Elf DiMino: medication support - \$39.59
 - v. Noel Still (DiMino) - \$964.34 – spay and dental cleaning
 - b. The Maddux Movement: support for Asher - \$500.00
 - c. Paradise Valley Rescue – support for multiple dogs (Bella, Cooper, Dixie, Domino, Georgie Girl and Guinness) - \$2,184.86
2. Received a \$5,000 grant from the Westminster Kennel Club's 2025 Breed Rescue Awards, acknowledging and supporting the Foundation's rescue efforts and commitment to Dalmatian welfare.

Sara Seitz made a short video/slide presentation for use at Westminster about DCARE rescue efforts.

Health Committees – Ginger Iwaoka/Kelly Flannigan

No reports from Topic Managers

Two articles are in development for the *Spotter*.

1. OFA CHIC DNA Repository – Ginger Iwaoka

- So far in 2025, we have 36 complete litters. With a bank total of 252.
- Litter submission banners will not be made going forward.
- A Dal was connected to a CHF study for inclusion. This was at no cost to DCA/DCAF. The owners were aware of CHF and reached out to Dr. Iwaoka. Dr. Iwaoka was able to make connections for them and assisted in getting the shipment coordinated.

2. JAMES W SMITH Memorial Health Clinics – Kelly Flannigan

We're having a difficult time finding an ophthalmologist for the next National. Unless that changes, we will be offering OFA DNA Repository Blood Draws, Thyroid and microchipping. Other possible tests to include were discussed.

3. Copper Toxicity – Ann Ball

Dr. Macintyre is working with the Bioinformatic processing group evaluating the data against two additional models for more information. Dr. Macintyre is in process of writing the report on the study and findings providing insight into the suggested next steps for further research incorporating what has been learned with some new techniques.

C. Development Task Force

1. Annual Drive – Toni Linstedt

The brochure was updated with new photos, current (as of September) stats, and a new background color. We did not do an overrun of the refreshed brochure for DCA New Member Packs and Puppy Packs for breeders because we still have inventory of the 2024 version. Cost of the mailing was \$1,401.26. The mail list had 802 unique names and addresses inclusive of DCA members and other individuals who have donated to DCAF within the past 5 years. The mailing went out November 14.

Thank you to Michele Wrath for tweaking the letter to make it more appealing!

The website was updated to include the Annual Drive button on the home page.

2. Donor Recognition

The full Lifetime Donors list will be published in the Winter *Spotter*.

3. Endowment Fund – Betty Pirs

Vanguard Wellington Admiral Fund (VWENX)
Valuation as of October 31, 2025 - \$832,715.61
Shares: 9,931.015
Share Price: \$83.85
Endowment Income YTD (not yet transferred) - \$12,955.00

Market Conditions/Impacts As of October 31, 2025

YTD performance is +14.76%
YTD performance is in the 6th percentile (1=Best & 99=Worst)

Economic Outlook October 31st update -

As of October 31, 2025, the YTD performance of the fund is up 14.76%, which puts it in the 6th percentile of like funds. One is the best and 99 is the worst. 6th percentile of investment returns, test scores etc. is incredibly good. There are as many arguments for a Bull Market outlook as for Bear Market outlook at this point. However, cracks are beginning to be seen in the economy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Our long-term strategy is serving us well. The Committee continues to recommend the DCAF Board stay the course with the Wellington Fund and not react to market fluctuations. The expertise of the Wellington Fund continues to serve our interests well.

4. Fund Raising Events – Toni Linstedt

The Decorated Dals III fundraiser for DCA 2026 is being met with lots of enthusiasm and anticipation. We have 60 artists signed up and all of them have their figurines. The cost to DCAF was \$1,205. In the past, we have had some contributors who sponsored the purchase of the figurines. We have not pursued that with this round. We will consider one additional fundraiser to conduct at and leading up to the National as well as the Thrift Store during the event.

5. Heritage Society – Carol O'Brien

We have welcomed one more Heritage Society member—Leah Ackerson, the member referenced in the last report, whose pledge has been completed and acknowledged.

We made a modest addition to our pledge form:

“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

Mrs. Meg Hennessey has generously volunteered to help with website updates. Thank you, Meg!

Mrs. Betty Pirs moved to accept the Committee Reports, Mr. Samuel Kovitz seconded, the motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. New Business

1. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Kris Benoit, Mrs. Ann Ball and Mrs. Meg Hennessey. Mrs. Benoit volunteered to chair the committee. A slate of nominations will be presented at the Q1 DCAF meeting.

Mrs. Vickie Mooney moved to accept the Nominating Committee participants, Dr. Charles Garvin seconded, motion passed.

2. Funding Opportunities

Numerous studies from CHF and Morris Animal Foundation were discussed as well as support of CHF's Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program. Given the active nature of our breed and the large number of Dalmatians competing in a variety of performance events, the decision was made to support this important program which sponsors 3 residents annually.

Ms. Cheryl Bryant moved to grant \$20,000 for the Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program, Mrs. Ann Ball seconded, motion passed.

VIII. DCAF Board Meeting

When available will be sent to determine the date.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Samuel Kovitz moved to adjourn, Mrs. Michele Wrath seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

SarahAnne Vancleeve
DCAF – Recording Secretary