

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on November 8, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m., CDT, by Chair Clyde E. Dunphy. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Mary W Price, Roger Powell, Andy Zinsmeyer, Janice Hight and Mary Jane Spackman. Dave Helming was absent.

Roger Powell moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2007, as corrected. Sandee Lovett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Roger Powell moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 2007, as corrected. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's report: Clyde reported that the CTMB report/discussion at the face to face meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust went well. The report was well received, organized, and effective. A keynote was the communication between the Trustee and the CTMB. Additional items discussed were the funded projects of the Trust, the organizational structure of the NCA Trust, and the relationship with the NCA Board of Directors, who serve as the Trustee for the NCA Trust. One final topic was to pursue an active approach from the CTMB on research. Suggestions included an article for Newf Tide on "Should we contribute more," focusing on education and awareness of how research works. Tamzin Rossenwasser, chair of the Research Advisory Committee, will write this article with input from Roger Powell for Newf Tide.

Clyde announced that the NCA Board will send an update via email monthly to all members. It will be one to two pages showcasing timely information, changes, and news alerts with a link for each related article to the NCA website. The CTMB will submit information on Double Dare statues (Kathy Paxton); the DNA Rebate program (Patti McDowell) and the Donor Coupons for the Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC); and Rescue (Mary Price) for the inaugural newsletter.

Clyde also reported that 73 Double Dare statues have been purchased and the goal of 100 seems to be within reach.

Treasurer's report: Mary L. Price presented the Trust's cash balances as of November 3, 2007. Newfoundland Health Challenge: checking account—\$2,512.34; savings account—\$4,022.11; invested in CDs—\$194,297.24; Health Challenge total—\$200,831.69. Rescue Fund checking account—\$8,496.06; invested in a CD—\$10,039.95; Rescue total—\$18,536.01. Scholarship checking— \$2,000.00; invested in a CD—\$5,301.73; Scholarship total— \$7,301.73. Trust Management checking—\$4,269.09. Total Charitable Trust—\$230,938.52.

Mary reported that two CDs will mature in December, one for \$30,864.75 and one for \$10,250.00. Mary also received an email from the AKC/CHF showing a negative balance of \$1,937.37 in the Donor Advised Fund. This difference could be due to an accounting error where the AKC/CHF has not billed the CTMB for the \$18,000 for various approved studies funded by the NHC and earmarked in the reserve fund for grants. Thus, the \$30,864.75 CD will be reduced to \$12,864.75 and placed in the highest yield available for a 7-month CD. The remaining \$18,000 will be placed in the checking account to pay for the grants as approved and listed in the reserve. The other CD will be addressed at the December meeting.

Mary W. Price left the meeting at 8:00 CST.

Old Business: Roger Powell reported on the completion of a format for researchers when submitting a research proposal to RAC or the CTMB. Roger and Clyde will review this format prior and then distribute to the CTMB for discussion and approval at the December meeting.

New Business: Tamzin Rosenwasser joined the meeting to discuss the concept of the Newf Tide article "Should We Contribute More?" Tamzin will write this article addressing the funding of basic research and how research advances. It will also be noted that long-term research has the greatest end product but may take 20 years. A visual comparison would be not seeing a tsunami until it breaks.

Tamzin also presented the vote for the rabies project. RAC viewed this as a flawed study and unanimously voted not to fund it. In basic terms, this project has no long-term funding, the use of titers will not convince legislators or the USDA to change the current law, and the use of pet dogs is questionable. In addition, the study would require dogs to be vaccinated, to be followed for seven years, and then to be challenged by exposure to the rabies virus. The CTMB agreed with the recommendation of RAC.

Tamzin also reported that a letter to all the veterinary schools is under consideration. This would expand upon last year's letter to include basic research and encourage CHF and CTMB submissions. An additional avenue would be the possibility of an ad in JAVMA. (Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association) Clyde will investigate the cost of this type of ad. The cost may be prohibitive, and the ad would need to be ongoing to reach the intended audience.

Tamzin, in response to the DNA Repository and Rebate Program, will work with Kathy McIver to facilitate a hard copy of the application and health survey to appear in all regional club newsletters.

Photos are still needed of puppies for the second in the series with Dannyquest. Roger Powell is still searching and Clyde will follow up with Meredith. The deadline to Dave Helming is December 1, 2007.

The discussion of the planned giving program is tabled until the December meeting.

The next regular meeting will be December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., CDT. Andy Zinsmeyer motioned to adjourn at 8:50 CDT; Roger Powell seconded. Motion passed.