

CTMB Meeting – December 3, 2008

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on December 3, 2008. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Dave Helming, Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, and Mary Jane Spackman. Mary W. Price and Andy Zinsmeyer were absent. Tamzin Rosenwasser, Chair, Research Advisory Committee, was also present.

Mary Lou Roberts moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2008, as corrected. Roger Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Clyde reported that he spoke with Erika Werne, Grant Administrator, Canine Health Foundation, in reference to the funding status of Grant #1046-A, "The Relevance of Ezrin in the Metastatic Progression of Canine Osteosarcoma." Ms. Werne thanked the CTMB for the \$1,000 sponsorship of this grant and said that, as far as she was aware, it is fully funded. However, she will contact Clyde if this grant needs additional funding.

Secretary's Report: Mary Jane Spackman reported the following activity:

- She sent a reminder to Tamzin Rosenwasser, Chair RAC, requesting that the CTMB receive a written report each month from Research Advisory Committee.
- She is working with Consie Powell on the Gift Program website icon and the proposed NHC fund raising project, a book based on the *Healthy News from A to Z* designs.
- She sent a request to Marylou Zimmerman to update the CTMB site with the NHC current funding history.

Treasurer's report: Mary L. Price presented the Trust's cash balances as of December 3, 2008. Newfoundland Health Challenge: checking account—\$ 1,166.81; savings account—\$30,346.66 invested in CDs—\$77,166.77; Health Challenge total—\$108,680.24. Rescue Fund checking account—\$21,246.53; invested in a CD—\$10,447.12; Rescue total—\$31,693.65. Scholarship checking— \$1,000.00; invested in a CD—\$6,630.19; Scholarship total— \$7,630.19. Trust Management checking—\$5,543.23. Total Charitable Trust—\$153,547.31. Note: Of the NHC balance of \$108,680.24, \$45,775.00 is committed to the CCLR study with an additional \$6,040.00 committed to the DNA Rebate program leaving an available NHC balance of \$56,865.24.

Mary reported that she spoke with Erika Werne concerning the Donor Advised Fund (DAF) financial report. After identifying the \$6,000 credit returned to the DAF for grant #2629 where the researcher did not use the total amount allocated, and the interest credited to the account, Mary was able to reconcile to the figures reported as of June 30, 2008.

Mary also submitted the trust financial reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2008. Mary Jane Spackman moved to approve these reports (attached) and forward them to the Trustee. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mary L. will forward to the Trustee.

In addition, Mary reported that she had investigated the sweeps account banking option (which is an interest bearing account based on a daily balance, overnight). Currently the fees associated with this account eliminate the interest gained. The current market has effectively negated the advantage of this type of account.

Rescue Report: Mary L. reported that she had been contacted by NCA member, Linda Morley, in regards to the establishment of Rocky Mountain Newfoundland Rescue. This rescue group, composed of both NCA and non-NCA members, was established to replace the now-defunct rescue group formerly operated by High Country Newfoundland Club. The new organization will be offering Newfoundland Rescue services in Montana, Colorado, and Utah. They are requesting a grant from the CTMB because six Newfoundlands already have been surrendered to this organization. It was the consensus that Mary L. send them a letter requesting their business plan and an explanation of their relationship with High Country Newfoundland Club. The letter would also reflect the CTMB's positive inclination toward this initiative and, dependent upon their answers to the CTMB's questions, a future grant.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tamzin Rosenwasser, Chair, Research Advisory Committee, presented an oral report on a proposed study, "Pooled Association Mapping For Canine Hereditary Disorders." The principle investigator is Gregory M.Acland, B.V.Sc.; DACVO, Professor of Medical Genetics, Baker Institute for Animal Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. This is a genomic study that will enhance the use of DNA to identify a gene defect. Mary Jane will research which Foundation is

sponsoring this study and the details of the grant. A decision was tabled until January when additional information would be available.

It was also the consensus that any grant proposal recommendations, including the source and description, should be submitted in writing from RAC at least one week prior to a CTMB meeting for the Board to review.

Dave Helming reported that the Dannyquest piece, *Can't Catch Me* is almost sold out with 14 pieces remaining. Dannyquest has shipped these pieces to Kathy Paxton in time to fill Christmas orders. Dave also reported that he is continuing to work with Dee Burdick on the third piece in this series. Dave should have the artist proofs shortly after January 1. Dannyquest is enthusiastic to complete this piece quickly, due to the fact that the NHC would purchase the entire order as soon as production is complete. This would eliminate the problems with production and shipping that occurred following the 2008 National.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be at 7:15 CDT on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

Janice Hight moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. CDT. Roger Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.