

CTMB Meeting - July 22, 2009

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on July 22, 2009. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Dave Helming, Janice Hight, Mary L. Price, Mary W. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Mary Jane Spackman, and Andy Zinsmeyer. Roger Powell was absent. Tamzin Rosenwasser was present as the chair of the Research Advisory Committee. Janice Hight moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2009. Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Clyde reported that the Trustee had approved Andy Zinsmeyer and Clyde Dunphy to attend the AKC Parent Club Conference in St. Louis in October 2009. In addition, Clyde reported that the 2009/2010 CTMB budget was approved by the Trustee with the exception of the Junior Scholarship grant request, which was deleted due to the current balance in the Junior Scholarship fund.

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

- Mary Jane attended the Annual Meeting of Morris Animal Foundation in Denver. She attended the peer review process, which scores each of the proposed canine studies in the category of fundable, resubmit, or do not resubmit. Each fundable study is then submitted to the MAF Board of Directors for final approval and the complete list will be forwarded to the CTMB and RAC by July 31. She also attended the Annual Dinner where the MAF recognized the Newfoundland Club of America in the power point presentation for its support during the past year. .

In addition to increased understanding of the proposal review process, attending this meeting was important, not only in understanding the proposal review process, but in establishing a closer relationship with the MAF and other parent clubs working for the health of all breeds.

Moreover, from a contact made at the MAF meeting, she submitted a health study formulated by the Australian Shepherd Health and Genetics received to the CTMB and the Health and Longevity Committee

- She requested a time extension and budget revision to the CCLR Study through Morris Animal Foundation from Dr. Kisiday at Colorado State University. This extension was identified and requested from RAC following review of the proposed study.

Treasurer Report: Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balances as of May 31, 2009. Newfoundland Health Challenge: checking account—\$23,868.40; savings account—\$15,365.91; invested in CDs—\$34,208.47; Health Challenge total—\$73,442.78. Rescue Fund checking account—\$17,147.32; invested in a CD—\$10,743.34; Rescue total—\$27,890.66. Scholarship checking— \$1,000.00; invested in a CD—\$6,732.46; Scholarship total— \$7,732.46. Trust Management checking—\$46.58. Total Charitable Trust—\$109,112.48. Note: Of the NHC balance of \$73,442.78, \$5,500.00 is committed to the DNA Rebate program leaving an available NHC balance of \$67,942.78.

Mary reported that she received a revised AKC/CHF Donor Advised Fund covering the period of 1999 through 2009. A copy of the report is attached. This report still indicated a loss of \$4,639.92 in investment losses for 2008. Again, Mary contacted Anita Herrington, CHF Director of Finance, and is still waiting a clarification of why investment gains have never been posted since the Fund's inception in 1999. Since investment gains have never been posted, Mary is seeking clarification of why an investment loss is posted. It was the consensus of the CTMB that an explanation is required.

Mary reported that the NCA has processed 25 percent of the dues renewals and the donations to the NHC and Rescue are on the same pace as last year.

Rescue Report: Mary reported that Sandy Gabel is unable to remain as the rescue coordinator for Tennessee due to family commitments. A small private veterinarian practice in Tennessee applied directly to NCA Rescue for a \$500 grant for a Femoral Head osteotomy on a rescue Newfoundland. The prognosis following the surgery is good and the cost acceptable. Dave Helming moved to fund the \$500 grant. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Work continues in the Policy Manual update with the Newfoundland Health Challenge the final section requiring a major rewrite. Dave Helming is working on this section and will circulate the revisions to the CTMB at the September meeting.

Dave Helming reported that all of the Dannyquest statues, *MINE*, have been received by Kathy Paxton. Thirty-six statues remain to be sold and Mary Jane will send a request to Marylou Zimmerman to include the order form for *MINE!* in the next issue of *E-notes*. There is one statue that must be replaced due to a numbering error and then the final letter of completion will be issued to Dannyquest. This will include a statement that the molds must be destroyed and no additional status produced.

New Business: Tamzin Rosenwasser presented the following four proposed research studies, which had received the approval of RAC.

1) Morris Animal Foundation: Prevention of cranial cruciate ligament tears by intra-articular injection of mesenchymal stem cells, Dr. John Kisiday, Principal investigator, Colorado State State University. This study would inject stem cells into the healthy leg (not clinically affected) to hone in on any damaged ligaments and repair them. This study is based on the premise that a minimum of 60 percent of canines rupture the second ACL shortly after rupturing the first. Thus the stem cell study could prevent the second rupture from occurring.

Mary Jane Spackman moved to partially fund this study of \$81,000 with a grant of \$32,000. Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Jane will follow up with MAF for creative financing opportunities at MAF to facilitate full funding for this study.

2) AKC/CHF Study #1142: This University of Florida study will explore a balloon valvoplasty procedure for canines with SAS. They will use a balloon procedure that incorporates cutting blades to score/cut the fibrous ring inherent to SAS to prevent it from re-forming. This is a treatment option that would increase the life span of the dog. The funding request is \$42,074. Due to the start date (2008) of this study, Clyde will contact CHF for the status of this study prior to a motion to fund.

3) AKC/CHF Study #1113: This study at the University of Michigan under the lead of Dr. T. O'Brien will concentrate on the function of stem cells in lymphoma. Does a population of stem cells become enriched and drive the cancer cells? The goal is to discover these cancer stem cells and target their disruption. This is a two-year study for \$166,746 targeted to begin in 2008. Due to the start date, of this study, Clyde will contact CHF for the status of this study prior to a motion to fund.

4) AKC/CHF Study #1130: This lymphoma study at Colorado State University under the lead of Dr. Lana would use real time PCR to detect the residual that cannot be otherwise identified in biological samples.

This is a two-year study for \$92,510. Due to the start date, (2008) of this study, Clyde will contact CHF for the status of this study prior to a motion to fund.

Tamzin presented the unanimous recommendation of RAC to add Steven Petsch to the Research Advisory Committee. Steven has already been involved in the grant review process and will be a welcome professional addition to RAC. Janice Hight moved to appoint Steven Petsch, pending Trustee approval to RAC, Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tamzin Rosenwasser left the meeting at 8:15 (CDT)

Andy Zinsmeyer reported on the successful use of CD laddering to protect our CD investments. He will submit a short report on this to *E-notes*.

The Fall NCA face-to-face meeting will be held in Ellenville, New York. Clyde will inquire if the Trust will be convened at this meeting.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be at 7:15 CDT on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Janice Hight moved to adjourn at 8:40 CDT. Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.