

CTMB Meeting – September 16, 2009

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on September 16, 2009. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Dave Helming, Mary L. Price, Roger Powell, Mary W. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Mary Jane Spackman, and Andy Zinsmeyer. Janice Hight was absent. Andy Zinsmeyer moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2009. Dave Helming seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Roger Powell abstained.

Chairman's Report: Clyde reported that he and Andy Zinsmeyer received registration confirmation for the AKC Parent Club Conference in St. Louis in October 2009. In addition, Clyde will chair one of the breakout round table discussions at the conference. He will lead a discussion on the DNA marker for cystinuria and the rebate program that was developed to encourage participation by Newfoundland owners.

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

- Mary Jane contacted Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) concerning the CCLR out of sequence study concerning our willingness to fund \$32,000 of the \$81,000 grant budget. This study being identified by MAF as an out of sequence study requires full funding. Morris was not able to find additional funding for this project. Therefore, Mary Jane contacted Dr. Kisiday at Colorado State who is the principle investigator for the CCLR study. She suggested that Colorado State submit the study through the AKC/CHF grant review system. He received approval to submit and was put in touch with Erika Werne to facilitate the process.
- Mary Jane received the proposed fundable canine study list approved at the July 2009 Morris Animal Foundation Board of Directors meeting and distributed to the CTMB and the Research Advisory Committee.

Treasurer Report: Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balances as of September 14, 2009. Newfoundland Health Challenge: checking account—\$ 29,367.77; savings account—\$15,368.52; invested in CDs—\$34,208.47; Health Challenge total—\$78,944.76. Rescue Fund checking account—\$17,489.65; invested in a CD—\$10,743.34; Rescue total—\$28,232.99. Scholarship checking—\$0.00; invested in a CD—\$6,732.46; Scholarship total—\$6,732.46. Trust Management checking—\$7,887.60. Total Charitable Trust—\$121,797.81.

Note: Of the NHC balance of 78,944.76. \$5,180.00 is committed to the DNA Rebate program leaving an available NHC balance of \$ 73,764.76

Mary reported that the Scholarship Fund CD is coming due; however the best available rate that she could locate is .35. Mary will continue to review the market for a better rate, and if none is available, will renew the CD for six months.

Additional information that Mary submitted included an AKC/CHF financial report dated August 31, 2009 showed a balance of \$104,523.64 which included gains credited for current investments. She also reported that dues are reflecting a decrease in donations to the NHC (-32%) and rescue (-20%) compared to last fiscal year.

RESCUE: Mary L. requested permission for medallions for the Rescue Parade at the 2010 National. The medallions will cost \$5.00 each for the approximately 100 needed. An anonymous donor is willing to underwrite medallions. It was the consensus to accept the offer and order the Rescue Medallions.

Mary L reported that Linda Morley Rosser is now the chair of both Rocky Mountain Rescue and High Country Rescue. Rocky Mountain Rescue (an independent rescue organization) covers Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado while High Country (an NCA Regional Club) covers just Colorado. Rocky Mountain is now a 501 3(c) and has placed eighteen Newfoundlands through its organization. Rocky Mountain is requesting a grant for ectopic ureter by-pass procedure for a Newfoundland that had received collagen treatments to attempt to repair the problem. The cost of the surgical repair will be \$2,800 which includes the surgery and the previous collagen treatments. Mary Jane Spackman moved to approve the grant request for \$1400.00. Mary L. Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Due to the decrease in regional club rescue organizations, it was suggested that Mary L. and Roger Powell formulate a statement on the responsibility of regional clubs to rescue and forward it to the CTMB for review. This statement would change the existing rescue policy. Following the CTMB review, it would be presented to the Trustee at the November 2009 face-to-face meeting.

Old Business: Work continues on 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 prior to October 14. Mary L. will circulate the proposed change to the Rescue Committee to the CTMB prior to October 14. Dave Helming reported that all of the Dannyquest statues, *MINE*, have been received by Kathy Paxton. Thirty-two statues remain to be sold.

NEW BUSINESS: Clyde presented a request from the AKC/CHF to consider funding for a hemangiosarcoma study (AKC/CHF Grant #1131) “Genetic Background and the Angiogenic Phenotype in Cancer”, chief investigator, Dr. Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, at the University of Minnesota. This study is multi-faceted with the potential for determining breed specific genetic profiles, improved treatments for all dogs, and comparative disease characterization for human medicine. It was the highest ranking project in last year’s review cycle by both experts in the field (peers of the investigator) and the CHF Grants Committee. Mary W. Price moved to partially fund this study with \$10,000 from the CHF Donor Advised Fund. Clyde seconded. Motion passed, six to two.

Roger Powell moved to transfer \$20,000 from the Donor Advised Fund at the AKC/Canine Health Foundation for partial funding of the following three studies submitted by the Research Advisory Committee:

- \$10,000 for AKC/CHF Grant #1142, “Cutting Balloon Valvoplasty for Dogs with Subaortic Stenosis”, chief investigator, Amara H Estrada DVM, DACVIM, University of Florida \$42,704. This 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.
- \$5,000 for AKC/CHF #1113, “Canine Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Characterization and Prognostic Value in Cancer Stem Cells”, chief investigator, Timothy D. O’Brien, DVM, PhD, University of Minnesota; \$166,746 This study 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.

- \$5,000 for AKC/CHF Study #1130, “Measurement of Minimal Residual Disease Using real Time PCR in Canine Lymphoma”, chief investigator, Susan E. Lana, DVM, DACVIM, Colorado State University; \$92,510. This study will use real time PCR to detect the residual that cannot be otherwise identified in biological samples.

Mary Jane Spackman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Jane requested that a letter be sent to Erika Warne concerning the submission of a proposed study to the AKC/CHF Grant Cycle by Colorado State University concerning stem cell treatment for Cranial Cruciate Ligament Ruptures. Clyde will send a letter that the CTMB is committed to funding \$41,000 to this study if approved. This study was reviewed as an out of sequence proposal from the Morris Animal Foundation and received a unanimous recommendation from the Research Advisory Committee.

Mary L. informed the CTMB that the NCA approved joining Facebook. The CTMB was also included in this Facebook decision. Concerns were raised over the inclusion of the CTMB without prior notification. Mary Lou Zimmerman will be invited to the next CTMB meeting to address concerns over the questions that are being posted on Facebook as well as the financial path of donations via this mechanism. .

Mary Lou Roberts moved to recommend to the NCA Trustee that Steven Petsch be appointed to the Research Advisory Committee. Mary Jane Spackman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Roberts moved to change the October meeting of the CTMB to November 4 at 7:15 pm CDT. Mary Jane Spackman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Helming moved to adjourn at 9:02 pm, CDT. Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.