

CTMB Meeting – January 13, 2010

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on January 13, 2010. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Dave Helming, Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary L. Price, Mary W. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, and Mary Jane Spackman. Andy Zinsmeyer was absent. Janice Hight moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2009, as corrected. Mary W. Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Roger Powell abstained.

Tamzin Rosenwasser, Chair, Research Advisory Committee joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m., CDT..

Chairman's Report: Clyde reported that he submitted a letter of the top health concerns for Newfoundlands to in response to a request from Erika Werne, Director of Education & Communications, AKC Canine Health Foundation. These health concerns will be used to prepare Request for Proposals for the 2010 CHF grant cycle. The top health concerns submitted were:

- Cranial Cruciate disease (CCL/ACL),
- Atopy/Allergic Skin disease
- Heart, Sub-aortic Stenosis
- Juvenile cataracts
- Addison's disease (Hypo-adrenal corticoidism)
- Renal Dysplasia
- Elbow Dysplasia, OCD, FCP, Hip Dysplasia

One additional health concern was bloat. Mary Jane reported that ongoing communication with the Bloat Blusters Parent Club Group indicated that the majority of the Parent Clubs were listing this concern and as a result would be included in the CHF Request for Proposal 2010 process. Clyde also reported that he had sent an email to Kevin Gallagher indicating that the CTMB was willing to support the 2009 National Specialty request to host the Top Twenty Reception if the questions from the CTMB were answered. There has been no reply to date.

Research Advisory Committee: Tamzin presented a short synopsis of two of the studies reviewed and approved by RAC and presented to the CTMB for possible funding. The synopses for the two studies from the Morris Animal Foundation are as follows:

- Targeted Delivery of Chemotherapy to Fight Bone Cancer** Dr. Timothy M. Fan, University of Illinois, D09CA-083 . This study will use nanoparticles that carry 2 chemicals. The first is a bone-seeking chemical of the class used in osteoporosis, the second is chemotherapy (Doxorubicin) to destroy the osteosarcoma cells. This minimizes exposure of the entire body to the chemotherapy, which also minimizes its toxicity, which is significant. This agent is used in human cancers, extensively. So this is a treatment study, to relieve pain. It is expected that there

will be increased tumor cell death with the targeted therapy. A third chemical, iohexol, will allow the researchers to track the distribution of the nanoparticles in vivo by CT scan.

Determining Best Treatment for Orthopedic Disorder Dr. Ursula Krotscheck, Cornell University, First Award Grant, **D09CA-303** . "Prospective Objective Evaluation of the Surgical Treatment of Fragmented Coronoid Processes in Dogs". This is a big problem in our breed, as you know. There may be unequal growth of the radius and ulna, which leads to the radius impinging on the medial coronoid process, and fragmenting it. The radius and ulna are linked by dense connective tissue. When you roll your forearm by putting your palm up, then down, the radius and ulna twist somewhat about each other. The dog does not do that to any great degree, and another salient point is that the dog's arm is weight bearing. Arthritis progresses in FCP-OCD, even if the fragment of the coronoid process is removed. In this study, some dogs will have the fragment removed, and others will in addition, have the ulna cut and rotated out of the way of the proximal end of the radius, which will reduce remaining joint incongruity, and keep the radius from impacting the ulnar head, since there may be continued dynamic incongruity as the dog grows. The dogs will be evaluated by CT, and by force plate analysis at the walk and trot, which is an excellent way to assess this problem, and its effect on the gait. Total cost \$90982.00.

A discussion followed on the financial grant process used by foundations such as the CHF and Morris Animal Foundation (MAF). It was the consensus that Mary Jane would extend an invitation from the CTMB for the next meeting to Dave Riggs at MAF to explain the financial grant process.

Tamzin signed off at 8:04p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balances as of January 9, 2010.

Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC): checking account—\$ 4,200.76 savings account—\$ 42,381.20; invested in CDs—\$34,523.50; Health Challenge total—\$ 81,105.46. Rescue Fund checking account—\$ 16,908.19; invested in a CD—\$10,944.77 Rescue total—\$ 27,852.96. Scholarship checking—\$ 0; invested in a CD—\$6,766.03; Scholarship total— \$6,766.03. Trust Management checking—\$7,207.03. Total Charitable Trust—\$122,931.48. Note: Of the NHC balance of \$ 81,105.46, \$5,100.00 is committed to the DNA Rebate program leaving an available NHC balance of \$76,005.46.

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

She contacted Morris Animal Foundation for the funding status and sponsorship status for RAC recommended studies as follows:

ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS Determining Best Treatment for Orthopedic Disorder
Dr. Ursula Krotscheck, Cornell University, First Award Grant, **D09CA-303**.

Sponsorship Needed: \$44,951 [No one has sponsored this study. It is completely available for full or co-sponsorship – response from Dave Riggs at MAF)

CANCER Targeted Delivery of Chemotherapy to Fight Bone Cancer Dr. Timothy M. Fan, University of Illinois, **D09CA-083** Sponsorship Needed: \$83,659. [This one has two co-sponsors. The first donor is an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. The other donor is a couple, (one is a retired veterinarian), Dr. and Mrs. Martin Haspel. When combined, these donors have contributed \$8,000 in co-sponsorships, therefore \$75,659 is remaining and available to co-sponsor – response from Dave Riggs at MAF).

- She sent the Clinical Trials contact listing of all U.S. and Canadian Veterinary Schools to Jenny Zabloutney, chair, Health and Longevity, for possible use in an outreach/public relations for Newfoundland related research.

Old Business: Dave Helming reported that there is an inventory of thirty of the *MINE!* Dannyquest statues left to sell. Arrangements will be made to transport a portion of the inventory to the 2010 National.

Mary L. Price and Diane Lynch are working on the re-write of the rescue policy and will present it to the CTMB at the March meeting.

New Business: Mary Jane reported that a pre-order promotion will be placed on the web site for the NHC book "Alphabeticly Bodacious Canines: Healthy Newfs from A to Z" by Consie Powell. Marylou Zimmerman is working with Consie for this on-line promotion. The order has been placed with the publisher and Kathy Paxton has offered to receive the inventory and handle all orders for the book. Consie will be attending the National and a book signing will be held to promote this fundraiser for the NHC.

Mary L. Price presented a request from Donna Zink, chair REACT, to present a SharePoint proposal to the CTMB in February. SharePoint is a web based method for regional club rescue chairs to record their regional rescue data. It was the consensus that a written synopsis be sent to the CTMB prior to the February meeting.

Mary Lou Roberts volunteered to reinitiate and organize Regional Club fundraising for the NHC. Mary Lou will provide an overview of her proposal to the CTMB and apprise the NCA Board of this revitalization.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be at 7:15 CDT on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

Janice Hight moved to adjourn at 8:58 CDT. Roger Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.