

CTMB Meeting – December 1, 2010

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on December 1, 2010. Chairman Clyde Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Jacqueline Brellocks, Janice Hight, Mary L. Price, Mary Jane Spackman, Dave Helming and Andy Zinsmeyer. Roger Powell and Mary W. Price were absent. Janice Hight moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2010, as corrected. Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dave Helming abstained.

Chairman's report: Clyde reported on his meeting in November with the NCA Trustee (NCA Board). The report was well received by the NCA Trustee and Clyde updated the Trustee on activities of the CTMB. The changes to the CTMB Committee Policy and Procedure Manual were approved as submitted and the NCA BOD approved a motion that annually appoints the Chairman of the CTMB to be the AKC/CHF Liaison. The NHC Doppler Rebate Program was presented to the Trustee and a motion to support the program as submitted was approved by the Trustee. Also, discussed and approved was a proposal that items from NCA committees for consideration or action must first be approved by the NCA BOD before being sent to the CTMB. NCA Committees may however, ask the CTMB for input on a project or idea prior to submission to the NCA BOD. Clyde also reported on the activities of the Research Advisory committee and that research proposals are currently being reviewed for consideration by CTMB for funding.

Secretary's report:

Mary Jane distributed the Research Advisory Committee's initial review of the Morris Animal Foundation studies. She also distributed the approved Doppler Rebate Program announcement to Marylou Zimmerman for the website and to Meredith Reggie for *Newf Tide*.

Treasurer's Report: Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balances as of November 28, 2010. Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC): checking account—\$34,097.79; invested in CDs—\$68,000.00; Health Challenge total—\$102,097.79. Rescue Fund checking account—\$22,000.19; invested in a CD—\$15,000.00; Rescue

total—\$37,000.19. Scholarship invested in a CD—\$6,777.77; Trust Management checking—\$13,252.13. Total Charitable Trust—\$159,127.88. Note: Of the NHC balance of \$102,097.79, \$5,000.00 is committed to the Doppler Rebate program and \$5,000.00 is reserved for NHC Endowment fund, leaving an available NHC balance of \$92,097.79. Mary reported that fewer individual donations were received for both the NHC and Rescue during the dues renewal period; however, the total amount received was higher. Dave Helming moved to renew the NHC \$18,000.00 CD for six months at Anchor Bank. Janice Height seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rescue Report: Mary reported that Rescue had received a \$639.00 grant from the Pedigree Foundation.

Old Business: Clyde reported that he presented the Doppler Rebate Program to the Trustee and a motion passed by the Trustee to support this program as submitted. A response was received from Pat Randall for the Breeder Education Committee (BEC) supporting the Doppler Rebate Program. The BEC is still open to the possibility of incorporating this program with the Puppy Heart Study. Clyde will contact Pat to discuss this opportunity. Dave Helming questioned what impact will the Doppler Rebate Program have on a potential breeding population if a majority of experienced breeders check dogs with cardiologists by auscultation and only do a Doppler exam if something is heard via auscultation. As such he inquired if the program is actually needed. It was noted that not all breeders will fall under the label of experienced. It was discussed that the BEC had seen the proposal and was in support of the Doppler proposal. It was noted that the puppy heart study had been distributed to the CTMB in September in response to the proposed Doppler Rebate Program. Clyde also, discussed that part of the purpose of the Doppler Rebate program was education of Newfoundland owners and potential new breeders to the importance of cardiac evaluation by a cardiologist prior to breeding. It was the consensus of the CTMB to continue with the Doppler Rebate program as approved and to evaluate the effectiveness of the program based on participation, input from NCA breeders and board certified cardiologists. A letter will be drafted to sent to Board Certified Cardiologists in the United States enquiring as to their position on the

merits of a Doppler evaluation of adult Newfoundlands for SAS. Mary Jane supplied a list of all Board-Certified cardiologists and their email addresses to Dave and Clyde. A letter will be drafted and sent to the list of cardiologists.

In addition, the proposed letter to accompany all rebates was tabled for review until the January meeting.

New Business:

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) reported on seven studies from the Morris Animal Foundation that they had reviewed to date with additional studies still to come. Three of the reviewed studies received unanimous support of RAC and two of the studies were funded by the CTMB. Janice Hight moved, Andy Zinsmeyer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to fund each of the following studies as a co-sponsor at \$5,000 each:

D10CA-002: University of Tennessee, Alfred M. Legendre, DVM, **Safety and Efficacy of a Novel Anthracycline, AD 198 in Dogs with Refractory Lymphoma.**

Chemotherapy causes remission, but there is relapse. Doxorubicin is an anthracycline—very effective—but toxic to the heart. AD 198 is not toxic to the heart. It also circumvents some of the mechanisms of drug resistance. They aim to determine the safe dose, evaluate remission in dogs with refractory lymphoma, and identify the mechanisms of drug resistance in relapsed dogs, and see whether AD 198 circumvents those mechanisms using cell lines of dogs with relapsed lymphoma

D10CA-308: Texas A&M University, Heather M. Wilson, DVM, **Evaluation of the SHH Inhibitor Cyclopamine in Osteosarcoma Cancer Stem Cells.** The mode of activity of many anticancer drugs is to kill rapidly growing cells, which are a feature of cancer cells. It works in a number of cases. But in some cancers, you can melt the tumor away, and then eventually it comes back due to cancer stem cells and this could attack those hard to kill cells.

Clyde reminded the CTMB that the annual reports were due to him by January 15, 2011 for *Newf Tide*.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be at 7:15 CDT on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

Janice Hight moved to adjourn at 8:50 CDT. Andy Zinsmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously