

CTMB Meeting December 4, 2019

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on November 4, 2019. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. CST. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Denise Hatakeyama, Lori Littleford, Chris Plum, Mary L. Price, John Cornell and Mary Jane Spackman. Roger Powell joined at 6:55 PM CST. Mary Lou Cuddy Joined at 7:01 PM CST.

Chairman's Report: Clyde Dunphy reported on the recent Trustee Meeting:

- Thank you to the Trustee for your continued support of the Charitable Trust.
- New Officers were elected at the May 8, 2019 Teleconference: Chairman, Clyde Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, Lori Littleford, Secretary, Mary Jane Spackman, Treasurer, Mary L Price.
- The NCA Charitable Trust is a Trust and not a corporation. We are a 501C3 as per regulation and approval of the IRS. I have been in touch with a former IRS official, licensed attorney in the State of Virginia and friend of the late Edmund Sledzick and he is assisting the CTMB with the Trust registration application to the Virginia Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Discussion regarding the 501C3 status of the NCA Charitable Trust: as the Trustee of the NCA CT is the BOD of the NCA, Inc. The CTMB is concerned that Trust business should be discussed at a Trust meeting and not an NCA BOD meeting. I do not have a legal opinion on this matter, however, Edmund was very concerned and strongly advised that the NCA, Inc. must keep an arm's length relationship from the Trust so as not to mix the two entities and possibly put our 501C3 status in jeopardy.
- We are researching the need to register as a charity in other states than Virginia. Total cost to register in all states that require registration would be near \$10,000 annually.
- Chris Plum attended the MAF Annual Meeting and Grant Review in Denver, Colorado in June and toured the MAF headquarters and the Colorado State Veterinary College of Veterinary Medicine, including a meeting with Dr Brian Scansen in the Cardiology Department to discuss SAS research in Newfoundlands. Dr. Scansen's proposed research is currently being discussed with the CTMB and CHF.
- Clyde Dunphy and John Cornell attended the AKC CHF Parent Club Health Conference in Saint Louis in August. 25 research papers were presented during the conference. Dr. Gerald Bell presented a paper and led a panel discussion on Diversity in purebred dogs. OFA reported that over 30 research institutions have used DNA from the OFA DNA Database to study over 60 diseases. The database health information needs to be updated when the health of a dog entered in the database changes to be current for researchers. Dr. Joshua Stern reported SAS in Newfoundlands is an autosomal dominant trait on Chromosome 13 very similar to Golden Retrievers. He is moving on to whole genome sequencing in both breeds.
- Clyde was contacted by Dr. Carmen Booth a researcher at Yale University to discuss Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly research. FLA has now been diagnosed in multiple breeds including the Chow. She is working with James Gilbert PhD. On a research paper for early diagnosis at 6-8 weeks. She is also, collaborating with OFA and more radiographic submissions are needed. I have been in contact with Barbara Jenness Chair of NFLAC and she has been in touch with Dr. Booth.

- Renee Woods has resigned from the NFLAC ...recommend to appoint Barb Jenness as the Chairperson of NFLAC.
- The CTMB approved an Education Grant of up to \$2900 for the BEC Seminar at the 2020 NCA National Specialty.
- It was the consensus of the CTMB to accept the “Distinguished Member” Note cards and prints from the NCA to be used in future fundraising efforts for the Trust
- An email has been received regarding a possible copy right infringement by the NCA CT. no written communication was received and the possibility of this being an internet scam was discussed. A letter will be written requesting all further communication be in writing. This matter may be referred to the Trust attorney if it is believed to have merit.
- Embark Veterinary has contacted Clyde regarding a Club program with a discount for members that includes a panel of genetic tests and breed diversity information. This program is being supported by AKC. Dave Helming contacted me to give me a heads up on the program. All DNA results must be available for research. The testing includes screening for genetic diseases and well as diversity testing A quarterly report would be shared with NCA and the NCA CT to show trends in Newfoundland health. More information to follow.
- Rescue continues to assist regional Clubs with Grants to support local rescue efforts and expensive medical and surgical procedures and to provide medical advice where indicated. The rescue network of volunteers is the heart of the NCACT Rescue program.
- NCA CT Third Party Fundraising and Advertising Policy, for Trustee approval
- Per the request of the NCA BOD via CTMB liaison, Mary Lou Cuddy, I have copies of the Financial Review reported June 3, 2017 by Sandy Gabel for the Trustee.

Secretary’s Report: John moved to approve the November 6th minutes as corrected. Chris seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Roger abstaining.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balance of December 2, 2019: Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC): checking account—\$4,495.06; SAS Research Fundraising- \$8,279.62; AKC CHF Fund - \$24322.35; Money Market MS— \$ 66,164.79; MS Brokerage Account- \$76,648.02, Health Challenge total—\$ 179,909.84, Rescue Fund checking account—\$586.06; Barrister Fund-\$ 1,725.00; Barrister Fund for Seattle NC Rescue area - \$10,000.00 Money Market Account- \$31,319.10; MS Brokerage Account- \$305,253.77; Rescue total—\$348,883.93. Scholarship Checking- \$4,521.36 ; MM Account- \$10,554.44; Scholarship Total- \$ 15,075.80; Endowment Fund: Morgan Stanley unrestricted: \$34,739.79; Education Fund-MM account \$6,186.05; Endowment Fund Unrestricted - MM Acct.- \$1,401.37; Trust Management Checking - \$5,911.29; MM Acct.- \$1,079.61; Trust Management Total- \$6,990.90. **Total Charitable Trust—\$ 568,865.33.**

Giving Tuesday donations were less than last year but still successful. Thanks to Mary Lou Zimmerman for her work to make this a success.

Donation to Morris Animal Foundation was discussed. No donation at this time to the general fund as we're waiting for a matching opportunity or specific study funding.

Rescue: A grant to Northern California Newf Club for \$3767.35 for one half of the cost of a fracture pelvis repair on a 9 month old puppy met the grant criteria and was reviewed by Clyde and approved.

Estate of Mary Louise O'Leary: Executor is again current with the court paperwork and sale of real estate (\$244,000 appraised value of the total \$533,393.54) is pending. NCA is a 10% recipient.

NCA applied for the Westminster Kennel Club Rescue grant but did not receive grants for 2020 or 2021. Three other breed clubs were awarded \$5000.00 grants each year. Mary L. will reapply for 2022 and 2023.

Story on the Central Illinois Rescue was nominated in the Rescue category for a Dog Writer's award. Prize is \$500.00.

Ohio 8 update: Raven's puppies are now 6 ½ weeks old and have been transferred to three foster homes. All are doing well so far.

Newfs Gone Bad Calendar fundraiser is going very well.

Old Business: Charity Registration – no update. Clyde will continue to try to connect with Mr. Rooney.

A draft response to the email regarding copyright infringement was reviewed. It that moved by Mary L Price and seconded by John Cornell to send the letter as drafted via USPS. Motion carried unanimously.

The Annual Report will include Rescue (Mary), Health Challenge (Mary Jane), Reports from Researchers (Clyde), Financial Report (Mary), and the Chairman's Report. Roger will condense his MAF report for inclusion and Clyde and John

summarize their CHF meeting. Include research reports. The due date for completion to Mary Jane is January 15.

Dr. Skansen's proposal – Still attempting to arrange a meeting between interested parties.

New Business: Information on Embark Veterinary Club program with AKC. Embark will share the raw data with the parent club on a quarterly basis to review trends. Screening for all DNA tests and Coefficient of Inbreeding within the breed to look at diversity. No charge to Club all samples submitted to Embark must be marked opt in to research. The cost would be \$179 with a \$40 discount for Members. Some clubs subsidize a portion of first 100-200 samples. Decision tabled. Clyde will reach out to his contact for additional information.

H&L Grant proposal for Genetic Diversity testing – Tabled so that all CTMB members have time to review links to actual reports. Mary L. Price will send recent stud book comparisons on NCA vs non NCA breeders as background information.

Clyde informed the group that there has been some chatter in the Veterinary community regarding possible swine virus transmission via dogs imported from China. The virus is very hardy and can survive on crates and equipment even if the dogs are not symptomatic. Already affecting pork producers in China and will eventually reach the US. USDA is reviewing import guidelines to address this new problem. Clyde will keep us apprised of any updates and advises extreme caution regarding imports from China.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be Wednesday, January 8 2020 at 6:45 CST.

Lori moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., CST. Chris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

