

**NCA Charitable Trust Management Board
Minutes of September 8, 2022**

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via ZOOM™ teleconference on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm CDT. Members present were John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Clyde Dunphy, Denise Hatakeyama, Lori Littleford, Chris Plum, Roger Powell, Mary L. Price and Mary Jane Spackman.

Chairperson’s Report: Clyde Dunphy, Chair, reported the broken link to the OFA Health Survey has been repaired. There are over 1100 dogs now listed in the survey. Amendments to the Morris Animal Foundation Donor-Inspired Study on SAS are forthcoming. He also noted that we should check to see if more dogs may be needed for the UC Davis SAS drug study by Dr Stern. The August issue of *NewfCare: Research and Rescue* newsletter went out and it was a nice issue with a diversity of articles.

Approval of Minutes: John Cornell moved and Roger Powell seconded that the minutes of August 3, 2022 be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary L Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances.

	NCA Charitable Trust		
	Balance Sheet		
	August 31, 2022		
Health Challenge			69,149.47
SAS Research			17,908.68
Forelimb Anomaly Research			2,700.45
Rescue Fund			13,448.11
Scholarship Fund			9,933.55
Trust Management			11,630.43
Endowment Fund			
CTMB	0.3%	1,758.34	
Education Grant	2.1%	11,331.02	
Health Challenge	23.5%	126,425.63	

Rescue	57.7%	310,478.02	
Scholarship	3.0%	15,935.73	
Unrestricted	<u>13.4%</u>	<u>71,968.07</u>	
	100.0%	537,896.81	<u>537,896.81</u>
			662,667.50

Mary noted that a delay in switching funds to a previously approved CD resulted in receiving a higher rate of 2.5% for the Health Challenge. Carlyn Hensen, the CTMB advisor from Morgan Stanley, informed Mary that CD rates are improving. After some discussion, the following motion was made.

Mary Jane Spackman moved and Lori Littleford seconded to move \$25,000 to a six-month Morgan Stanley CD at the rate of 3.2% from available cash at Morgan Stanley. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary reported that Michelle Lang requested for her daughter, Lauren Lang, her previously awarded scholarship grant. Lauren is attending Rutgers University.

Mary informed the CTMB that the AKC Canine Health Foundation has not yet sent the 2nd Quarter statement. Currently, they are without a Finance Director. As of May 31, 2022, the Donor-Advised Fund stood at \$4,145.00.

Benevity has recertified the NCA Charitable Trust which allows for the CTMB to accept donations from payroll deductions and corporate matching grants programs processed through them.

NCA Rescue: Mary reported Rescue groups are very busy with dogs obtained during the COVID-19 pandemic and now being given up. Four Newfs in foster care in Michigan are still involved in a neglect court case and cannot be placed until the case is settled.

Windy Reed has been phenomenal in working with people and companies to donate to Rescue. Chewy™ and Barkbox™, in particular, have been very helpful in getting supplies and food drop-shipped to foster homes. Barkbox™ has donated and delivered over 15 pallets of food worth \$18,430 to our foster homes.

National Newfoundland Rescue: The CTMB reviewed a letter written by Clyde, Mary and Lori regarding the trademark application of the National Newfoundland Rescue. It will be sent as a rebuttal against the approval of the federal trademark application of this group. The letter will also be forwarded to the Trustee by Mary Lou Cuddy with her report.

Fundraising Report: The subcommittee of Mary Jane, Mary and Clyde submitted their report on fundraising in the future. It was agreed that the Trust will not participate in the Fine Arts Auction in 2023. There was discussion about using an online auction service to disperse Newf memorabilia that is given or willed to the Trust. Auction services will have to be researched and Clyde will write a proposal to submit to the Trust once additional information is received.

The CTMB will continue to help support the Welcome Reception at the national specialties, along with having fewer but better quality items for ringside auctions. Dry goods would be available on demand online, perhaps as part of an online store for CTMB with the different logo items (Rescue, Health Challenge, etc). Brochures and promotional items would be expanded.

There was a discussion of the perception that the Trust is in competition with the National Specialty fundraising. It was agreed to keep working towards a mutually agreeable solution that benefits all.

There was a short discussion if OFA has any quality metrics for DNA blood collections at specialties. This was due to some researchers saying that some collections are not usable. Lori will follow up with OFA for their suggested collection procedures.

Cruciate Ligament Study: It was reported that the Cruciate Ligament study by Dr. Peter Muir of University of Wisconsin is proceeding. It was agreed to wait to see if funding from the AKC Canine Health Foundation or the Morris Animal Foundation will be forthcoming. The Trust could commit some funding if neither organization opts to fund or only partially fund the study. The study will need 24 affected dogs and 24 control dogs. This will be continued to be monitored.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 7 pm CT.

At 8:13 pm CT, Roger Powell moved and Chris Plum seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
CTMB Secretary