

## **CTMB Meeting – December 9, 2009**

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on December 9, 2009. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Dave Helming, Janice Hight, Mary L. Price, Mary W. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Mary Jane Spackman and Andy Zinsmeyer. Roger Powell was absent. Dave Helming moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009, as corrected. Mary W. Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Janice Hight and Mary Jane Spackman abstained.

**Chairman's Report:** Deferred to New Business.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balances as of December 6, 2009. Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC): checking account—\$3,258.39 savings account—\$42,377.60; invested in CDs—\$34,208.47; Health Challenge total—\$79,844.46. Rescue Fund checking account—\$16,104.65; invested in a CD—\$10,743.34 Rescue total—\$26,847.99. Scholarship checking— \$ 0; invested in a CD—\$6,766.03; Scholarship total—\$6,766.03. Trust Management checking—\$7,783.79. Total Charitable Trust—\$121,242.27. Note: Of the NHC balance of \$79,844.46, \$5,100.00 is committed to the DNA Rebate program leaving an available NHC balance of \$74,344.13.

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

She received the NHC statement written by Consie for inclusion in the *Healthy News from A to Z* book and forwarded a copy of the statement to Clyde and Dave for review and approval. The NHC statement is proactive and a positive perspective of the NHC, not a detailed history of its development. She confirmed that 1,000 copies will be produced of the book.

She reported that the tentative regional club sponsors for the 2010 National Specialty Silent Auctions will be Old West and NewFla pending approval of their

Boards of Directors.

**Rescue Report:** Mary L. reported that she received a grant request from Noreen Kohl, a non-NCA member, for \$3,500 for a stem cell transplant for a Newfoundland with severe hip dysplasia. The Newfoundland was surrendered due to his medical condition. Noreen has formed a 501-3c for rescue and taken over the area previously served by the Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club. Following discussion, it was the consensus that Clyde investigate the value of this procedure compared to traditional methods. In addition, Mary L. will request Noreen obtain a second opinion prior to taking any action on this request.

**Old Business:** Mary Lou Roberts reported that the Trustee agreed that the current policy and review system for evaluating potential studies by the CTMB is sufficient and did not require any modification. Under current policy, the Research Advisory Committee recommends and the CTMB determines which studies should be funded.

**New Business:** Kevin Gallagher submitted the following proposal for a wine-tasting event at the 2010 Top Twenty to raise funds for the Newfoundland Health Challenge and Rescue:

“Our problem is that the hotel does not have a license to sell alcohol off their premises. Additionally, we have not been able to find a caterer that can offer the service as well. We were at a dog show event in Napa, CA this weekend that was selling wine to raise funds. All the wine was donated (step one) and they sold the wine in a commemorative glass (no need to add this expense).

According to the alcohol laws in MI, we believe we can get a temporary alcohol permit for a non-profit organization. Our idea is to use the CTMB non-profit status to obtain a permit, obtain wine donations with a portion of sales going to help the NHC and Rescue, and have the members of CTMB, NHC & Rescue be the servers at

the Top Twenty on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We plan to keep it simple and serve beer, wine, champagne, soda, water. The big rush will be 7:30 to 8:00 and at the intermission when we serve the food (about 9:00).

We would like to offer splitting the profits (after cost of ice, glasses, napkins, etc) 50/50. We also thought there could be a donation jar (in lieu of a tip jar) with all proceeds from the jar going directly to the NHC & Rescue.

The wine event we were at netted \$1,900 in one afternoon, but had about \$350 in expenses for the glasses. Still a good income for a short period of time. Our event will be from 7:30 to 9:30.

The Top Twenty committee is willing to do all the heavy lifting and deal with the permit process, storage of wine donations, purchasing supplies (cups, etc). What we need is the bodies to run the 2 bars during the event and the use of the CTMB non-profit status.”

To your success, Kevin

It was the consensus that this Top Twenty Proposal would be acceptable if the National Specialty insurance policy covered the liability of the CTMB and the volunteer bartenders. We would also need verification of a license to sell alcohol.

Dave Helming moved to support the Top Twenty fundraising initiative with a 50/50 split of the net profits to the NHC and Rescue, provided the above questions were answered as requested. Mary Jane Spackman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clyde reminded the CTMB that committee reports are due to Meredith Reggie by January 1 for publication in Newf Tide. Clyde will contact Tamzin (RAC) and Steve McAdams (Juniors) to submit their reports as requested, with copies to Clyde and Mary Jane.

Clyde reported that he had received a request from Roger Frey for the CTMB to

compile the top five Newfoundland health concerns as requested by the Canine Health Foundation (CHF). The CHF needs this information prior to December 31 in order to be included in its 2010 Request for Proposal process. A brief discussion followed on the top health concerns that should be submitted by the CTMB. They included: 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, and hip dysplasia. It was acknowledged that the lack of a current health survey prevented an accurate focus on the health problems in the Newfoundland. Clyde will also contact Jenny Zabloutney for her input on the top five health concerns.

Mary W. Price reported that she would distribute an article written by Christine Haakenson, PhD., entitled *Navigating the CHF Grant Process*. In addition, Mary W. reported that the AKC will reduce the CHF's grant funding by 50 percent in 2010.

Mary L. Price reported that she received notification of a \$250 donation from *Network for Good*, which is associated with *Facebook*. She has not been able to track the donation but will continue working on the resolution of this problem. She also reported on a Swim for Newfies fund-raising project, spearheaded by Diane Lynch. Diane will participate in a two-mile swim in March 2010 for our breed and is seeking donors. All funds raised will be split between the Newfoundland Health Challenge and Rescue. Diane requested that this information be posted on the CTMB *Facebook* page. It was the consensus that this innovative project was much appreciated and should be publicized as requested.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be at 7:15 CDT on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Mary W. Price moved to adjourn at 8:45 CDT. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.