

**NCA Charitable Trust Management Board  
Minutes of September 13, 2023**

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via ZOOM™ teleconference on Wednesday September 13, 2023.

Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm CDT. Members present were John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Denise Hatakeyama, Lori Littleford, Chris Plum, Roger Powell, and Mary L. Price. Mary Jane Spackman was absent.

The CTMB held a moment of silence for David Helming. David was a founding member of the NCA Charitable Trust and served on the CTMB for many years along with his many contributions to the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**Chairperson’s Report:** Clyde Dunphy, Chair reported that he and Lori Littleford attended the AKC Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Health Conference August 11-13, 2023 in St. Louis, Missouri. There were fewer presentations this year but everything was done nicely. Two of the presentations were studies which the Charitable Trust has funded. Lori and Clyde were able to talk with both presenters. Links to information presented will be available soon. Lori appreciated the passion shown by the AKC CHF staff and researchers and the fact that they appreciate suggestions and ideas for expansion. There are more and more studies on the intestinal microbiome which may prove to be more important than previously thought to canine (and human) health.

**Approval of Minutes:** Lori Littleford moved and John Cornell seconded that the minutes of August 2, 2023 be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Spackman)

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mary L Price, Treasurer, reported on the current balances.

	NCA Charitable Trust		
	Balance Sheet		
	August 31, 2023		
Health Challenge			41,984.47
SAS Research			150.78
Forelimb Anomaly Research			2,700.45
Cruciate Study			3,362.87
Rescue Fund			21,367.59

Scholarship Fund			6,727.62
Trust Management			4,400.78
Endowment Fund			
CTMB	0.3%	1,946.56	
Education Grant	2.4%	14,480.03	
Health Challenge	26.4%	161,623.65	
Rescue	52.1%	319,656.43	
Scholarship	3.7%	22,904.09	
Unrestricted	<u>15.1%</u>	<u>92,474.58</u>	
	100.0%	613,085.34	<u>613,085.34</u>
			693,779.90

There was a discussion about a CD coming due. Lori Littleford moved and Roger Powell seconded to renew the \$10,000 CD in the unrestricted funds for either six or twelve months depending on the best rate available via Morgan Stanley. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Spackman)

Mary informed the CTMB that \$41,000 from the Health Challenge fund was invested in a CD at BMO Harris for 13 months at 5.10%. It was also agreed that Mary would remove the reserve line in the Health Challenge statement as there are no pending studies to be funded at this time, but it would be returned when needed.

She also shared a scam trademark invoice that she had received. It was emphasized that everyone needs to be very careful as these scams look to be so authentic.

**NCA Rescue:** Mary L Price, Chair, reported that “Yogi” (located in Vermont) has had his TPLO postponed as the owner’s son also needs cruciate surgery. The Newfoundland Club of Seattle has requested a grant from the Seattle Barrister Fund which the Trust holds for that club for TPLO surgery for “Yogi” (located in Washington). Clyde and Mary will review the information and make their recommendation per the Barrister Fund criteria and report at the next meeting. There was a question as to whether the Seattle club’s funds should be invested. Mary will follow up with Seattle.

**Fundraising:** Mary reported the following:

- The NCA Charitable Trust has been named as a beneficiary in the Elizabeth McPherson estate.
- A non-member has directed her wedding guests to donate to the Trust in lieu of gifts.
- Memorial donations for David Helming and Robert Lerman are being received.
- The Karpus Family Foundation has awarded the Trust a grant for \$5000 for use by the NCA Rescue for veterinary care in Ohio.
- A sizeable donation for SAS research from a non-member will be forthcoming. The donor has requested that an article that she is preparing appear in *Newf Tide*. There was discussion about

complementing her article with additional information about studies and research funded by the NCA Trust.

- Janet Cain has offered to conduct a fundraiser benefiting the Trust with custom glass holiday ornaments featuring 20 different designs.

Lori Littleford moved and Chris Plum seconded to approve Janet Cain's fundraising offer to design, produce, market, and ship a glass holiday ornament. The ornament will be priced at \$20 per ornament with the Trust receiving \$5 for each one sold. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Spackman)

**Online Auctions:** Lori Littleford reported that she is working with Marc & Pam Saunders to determine an additional five items of Newf memorabilia from the inventory that Marc is storing to send to A Dog's Tale for possible online auction. The owner of A Dog's Tale will then have 8-10 items to consider accepting for consignment.

Inventory of the memorabilia at the Saunders' is progressing. It was thought to concentrate on Christmas or holiday items at this time. Items, such as ornaments, stockings, etc., could be batched for sale on Sella™. It was commented that the completed inventory will be stored on NextCloud for easy access.

**Research Advisory Committee:** Lori reported that the committee had reviewed eight proposed studies through Morris Animal Foundation and had narrowed the field to three. Two are already fully funded, but one is not. Lori will send out an update and additional information for the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the difficulty of reviewing studies with the limited amount of information in the abstracts shared by Morris and the Canine Health Foundation. It was asked if the committee signed non-disclosure agreements if more information could be obtained.

**New Business:** There was a brief discussion of the communication problems which led to Shauna Bryant, Health & Longevity Committee, having to attend the AKC Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Health Conference virtually instead of in person.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7 pm CDT.

Submitted by,  
Mary Lou Cuddy  
CTMB Secretary