

**NCA Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB)  
Minutes of February 7, 2024**

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via ZOOM™ teleconference on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm CST. Members present were John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Denise Hatakeyama, Lori Littleford, Chris Plum, Roger Powell, Mary L. Price, and Mary Jane Spackman.

**Chairperson’s Report:** Clyde Dunphy, Chair, reported that he had attended Mary W. Price’s visitation and funeral and that it was very nice. He spoke with Mary’s three daughters and shared that at least two of them plan to attend the 2024 National Specialty and will be bringing some of Mary’s Newfoundland memorabilia for the Trust.

The new Social Media committee has met and has made good progress on the Help-A-Heart campaign.

In response to the letter sent out to the regional clubs regarding Newfoundland memorabilia, five or six regional clubs have requested Newfoundland memorabilia be sent to them for fundraising purposes. Clyde has ordered a new supply of rack cards and they will be included with the memorabilia for the regional clubs to give with each item.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Cornell moved and Chris Plum seconded that the minutes of January 3, 2024 be approved as presented. The motion passed. (2 Abstentions: Littleford, Powell)

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

	NCA Charitable Trust		
	Balance Sheet		
	January 31, 2024		
	Health Challenge		53,493.41
	SAS Research		174.93
	Forelimb Anomaly Research		2,700.45
	Cruciate Study		3,557.87
	Rescue Fund		15,487.11

Scholarship Fund			6,776.78
Trust Management			4,794.28
Endowment Fund			
CTMB	0.3%	2,047.66	
Education Grant	2.4%	15,426.68	
Health Challenge	25.9%	164,338.14	
Rescue	49.8%	315,826.25	
Scholarship	3.8%	23,827.73	
Unrestricted	<u>17.7%</u>	<u>112,101.09</u>	
	100.0%	633,567.55	<u>633,567.55</u>
			720,552.38

Mary reported on the current balances and that there were no CDs immediately coming due. Lori Littleford, Clyde, and Mary will review the cash amounts to determine if a rebalancing is indicated at Morgan Stanley.

Mary shared the scholarship reimbursement receipt for Matelyn Cobban. It was noted that she has over \$5000 in her scholarship fund.

Lori Littleford moved and John Cornell seconded to approve the disbursement of \$4,960 from Matelyn Cobban's scholarship fund for her scholarship payment. The motion passed unanimously.

The Elizabeth Bellows McPherson estate's probate paperwork has been filed as has the paperwork for the Margaret Collins estate.

Mary reported that the End-of-Year donations to the Health Challenge included a donation of \$8000.

**NCA Rescue:** Mary L. Price, Chair, reported that the Colonial Newfoundland Rescue, Inc. requested a grant for \$3000 for "Ranger" (nine months old) for his bilateral shoulder OCD surgeries. Clyde reviewed the documentation received. Lori Littleford moved and Roger Powell seconded that the grant requested by the Colonial Newfoundland Rescue, Inc. for "Ranger" and his bilateral OCD shoulder surgeries be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

A thank you note was received from the Newfoundland Club of Southern California for the grant for Annabelle's surgery.

Mary reported that rescue continues to be very busy with 17 dogs from "producers" in Ohio coming into rescue in the last few weeks. The "producers" profess to be no longer breeding Newfoundlands. A litter

of puppies that were ill upon intake are recuperating. It is anticipated that more calls from these “producers” may be coming.

#### **New Business:**

**Stipend for Services:** After discussion regarding all the services that Marylou Zimmerman provides to the Trust, it was agreed to offer her a yearly stipend. John Cornell moved and Lori Littleford seconded to offer a \$2500 yearly stipend to Marylou Zimmerman for services provided to the CTMB as an independent contractor for social media and publishing services. The motion passed unanimously.

**2024 National Specialty:** It was reported that plans are moving forward for the Trust information display. A new supply of rack cards have been ordered for distribution at the National and also to be sent with the memorabilia requested by the regional clubs. The printing of the 2023 donor list was approved by consensus for inclusion in the NCA Charitable Trust Annual Report and as a handout at the Welcome Reception and the Annual Membership meeting.

**Annual Report:** MaryLou Zimmerman is working on the *Annual Report* as reports are being finished and reviewed. The digital version of the *2023 Annual Report* will be distributed in the February issue of *NewfCare: Research and Rescue* and posted on the Trust’s FaceBook™ page when completed. It will also be mailed out with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 issue of *Newf Tide*.

**Help-A-Heart Campaign:** There was a discussion to set a goal of \$5000 and to start the campaign on February 10, 2024 with an end date of April 10, 2024. It will go out on all NCA social media platforms, along with being posted on the Mighty Cause site. Chris Tyler and Trudy Stroupe will assist. Thank you acknowledgments will be sent out electronically.

Mary Jane Spackman moved and Lori Littleford seconded to accept the recommendations of the Social Media committee for the Help-A-Heart campaign to run February 10, 2024 to April 10, 2024 with a goal to raise \$5000. The motion passed unanimously.

**Vision Statement:** Clyde reported that the CTMB will develop a vision statement for the Trust and that its development will continue.

**Morris Animal Foundation and Citizen Pet:** Clyde reported on Citizen Pet (Morris Animal Foundation), a communication pathway for pet owners to Morris. After discussion, Clyde will report to Morris that we are evaluating it. He will also forward the proposal to the NCA Health & Longevity Committee.

**Trademark Update:** Chris Plum reported that the application was moving forward but it had been suggested by the officials that a disclaimer be attached to the logo. The attorney handling the application for the CTMB feels the disclaimer is unnecessary and he will move ahead and argue that point.

**Adjournment:** At 8:13 p.m. CST, Lori Littleford moved and Mary Jane Spackman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 7 pm CT.