

**NCA Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB)
Minutes of June 5, 2024**

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via ZOOM™ teleconference on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm CDT. Members present were John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy (joined at 7:35 pm), 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 presented his report to the Trustee at the Annual meeting of the Trust. (Report is attached to these minutes). The Trustee then approved all CTMB committee Chairs and the appointment of Clyde Dunphy and John Cornell to 2-year terms for 2024-26.

The Trustee also approved the use of the NCA Charitable Trust logo and phrase and the NCA Charitable Trust’s National Rescue logo on NCA approved videos and other social media documents upon approval of the CTMB

Approval of Minutes: After discussion, John Cornell moved and Lori Littleford seconded that the minutes of May 5, 2024 be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (1 Absent: Cuddy)

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

Newfoundland
Club of
America
Charitable
Trust
Balance Sheet
May 31, 2024

Health Challenge	59,387.32
SAS Research	2,785.24
Forelimb Anomaly Research	2,700.45
Cruciate Study	3,557.87
Rescue Fund	11,601.43

Scholarship Fund			707.18
Trust Management			9,524.89
Endowment Fund			
CTMB	0.30%	2,162.43	
Education Grant	2.6%	16,291.38	
Health Challenge	27.4%	172,428.69	
Rescue	47.3%	298,039.52	
Scholarship	3.9%	24,883.09	
Unrestricted	<u>18.5%</u>	<u>116,283.18</u>	
	100.0%	630,088.29	<u>630,088.29</u>
			720,352.67

Mary also reported the NCA renewals are coming in.

After discussion, Lori Littleford moved and Chris Plum seconded to renew the CDs due June 20th, July 3rd and 17th at the best available terms and rates.

After discussion, Lori Littleford moved and Mary Jane Spackman seconded that the Trust's proposed budget as presented by Mary Price be amended to increase the CTMB operating grant request to \$4,000 and a Junior Scholarship Grant request of \$3,000 for a total grant request of \$7,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion passed unanimously. (1 Absent: Cuddy)

The BEC seminar speaker fee of \$2,684.58 was presented for payment (original grant was for \$2,700) and by consensus it was agreed to transfer the Education Grant to NCA, Inc. for the speaker expenses as recommended by the Trustee.

NCA Rescue: Mary L. Price, Chair, reported that Rescue continues to be extremely busy across the country. The North Central rescue is getting six more dogs this week.

Windy Reed has begun a private fundraiser and committed the proceeds to the NCA Trust with 50% to Rescue, 25% to the Barrister Fund and 25% to the SAS Fund and to date, \$1,800 have been raised.

2024 National Specialty: Mary gave a short update on the success of the Trust's information booth and raffles at the National. The booth was open for three days 10:00-3:00. A complete report will be presented at the July meeting. The Booth was very well received. All the supplies were packed up and sent with NCA members to be delivered to Donna Thibault for the Trust activities at the 2025 National.

Help A Heart Campaign: It was agreed to close the Help A Heart Campaign but to leave the site up on Mighty Cause™. Another fundraiser could be done in the fall.

Trust Documents Request: After discussion of a request to see the Trust's IRS 990 form, Roger Powell moved and Lori Littleford seconded to approve the following statement: The Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust has earned Guidestar's™ Gold Seal of Transparency to provide information for donors and others interested in the work of the Trust. Financial information and other data are entered at the GuideStar™ site after the review, approval and filing by the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust. The Annual Report and other guidance are published at www.ncacharities.org. The motion passed unanimously.

Vision Statement: Clyde reported that he is working on a statement and will present it at the next CTMB meeting.

Election of Officers: Roger Powell moved and Lori Littleford seconded to elect the current officers to the same offices for 2024-2025:

- Chair: Clyde Dunphy
- Vice Chair: Lori Littleford
- Secretary: Mary Lou Cuddy
- Treasurer: Mary L Price

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Lori Littleford reported that she and Dr. Herbert are working on the contract for Dr. Herbert's proposed study to track the long-term results of the cutting balloon angioplasty procedure. She hopes to have it finished by the end of the month.

At 8:18 pm CDT, John Cornell moved and Lori Littleford seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7 pm CDT.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
CTMB Secretary

Charitable Trust Management Board: Chairman's report to Trustee. May 13, 2024

Mary Lou Cuddy as the NCA 1st Vice-President and Liaison to the CTMB does an excellent job of communicating the activities of the CTMB to the NCA BOD with her monthly 1st VP report in addition Mary Lou serves as the Recording Secretary for the CTMB.

1. Thank You to the NCA Board of Directors, serving as NCA Charitable Trust Trustee, for your continued support of the CTMB and the Trust. The CTMB continues to meet monthly via Zoom.
2. The NCA Charitable Trust is again co-sponsoring the Welcome reception with the National Specialty Committee prior to the NCA Awards recognition presentations May 14, 2024 for \$3,500. Additionally, the CTMB will be sponsoring the 2025 National Welcome reception in Warwick, RI. The funding for these

events is made possible from returns on the Trust's Morgan Stanley investments. No donated funds are used for these events. The CTMB will be hosting an information tent and raffle ring side this year, with Posters and general information about the Trust activities. No logo items will be sold ringside.

3. NewfCare: Research and Rescue.... The e-newsletter of the NCA Charitable Trust continues to be published quarterly and is a very important in communication with donors and NCA Members. Research updates are placed in NewfCare. The Trust has over 1,300 subscribers to NewfCare and over 6,000 followers on the Trust Face Book page. Thank You to Marylou Zimmerman for her continued help and work with the Trust communications.

4. The NCA logo, NCA Charitable Trust (name) and NCA Trust Logo (Your Gift Their Future) have been submitted for trademark registration to the US Patent and Trademark Office. Chris Plum was instrumental in the correspondence with the attorney completing and submitting our applications. These applications are pending.

5. NHC Save a Heart campaign raised \$2,435 from 36 donors. It was well promoted but did not stimulate a large number of donations.

6. Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) initiative Citizen Pet is moving forward the Newfoundland breed is the first breed to be invited as a result of the close relationship of the CTMB with MAF. The initiative will be launched through NewfCare:Research and Rescue newsletter and on the Trust FB page. The initiative will be launched to NCA members pending approval by the NCA Board. This appears to be an exciting program that will be educational, informative and will give researchers and dog owners a forum to interact.

7. NCA National Rescue continues to be very busy as several regional clubs no longer provide rescue through the regional club and some regional clubs are disbanding, putting more responsibilities on the National Rescue committee and volunteers. The CTMB is also seeing an increase requests for Barrister Fund grants.

8. Research update: Lori Littleford, NCA Vice-Chairman and RAC Chair.

- SAS research----Morris Animal Foundation Donor Inspired Study (DIS) progress report in last NewfCare.
- CCL research----Dr. Peter Muir...University of Wisconsin. Initial research did not support a close correlation between the Labrador Retriever marker for CCL and the Newfoundland. Dr. Muir has resubmitted a larger CCL study to include other breeds including Newfoundlands to Canine Heath Foundation which was approved for funding. The NCA Trust is co-sponsoring this study for \$10,000 from the Newfoundland Donor Advised fund at CHF.
- 03227: Genetic Testing for Cruciate Ligament Rupture Using Polygenic Risk Score (PRS)
- Prediction Principal Investigator: Peter Muir, BVSc, PhD; University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Total Grant Amount: \$129,218; Grant Period: 2/1/2024 - 1/31/2026

- Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly---Michigan State University (DIS) the initial phase was completed and reported in NewfCare. The second phase of the research is ongoing. We have been in touch with the Researcher and an update should be forthcoming.
- Funding was approved for \$10,000 to the Morris Animal Foundation for Study #536; D24CA-536: Discovery of public tumor specific neoantigens (pTSNAs) and pTSNA reactive T cells arisen from hotspot mutations in canine hemangiosarcoma.
- Dr. Herbert presented a clinical study for SAS in the Newfoundland update.

9. The CTMB Members Clyde Dunphy and John Cornell terms expire in 2024. The CTMB recommends reappointing both members to 2-year terms from 2024-2026.

10. Reappointment of All NCA Charitable Trust committee chairpersons per CTMB recommendation:

Newfoundland Health Challenge ---Mary Jane Spackman

Rescue and Referral---Mary L Price

Research Advisory Committee---Lori Littleford

Junior Scholarship--- Lynne Hamilton

Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly / Lateral Radial Head Luxation Comm. ---Barbara Jenness

11. The CTMB continues developing a strategy to auction items donated to the Trust through an online auction service and promoted on social media. Some items have been sold. In addition, we implemented an initiative with the help of Sue Marino to send items to NCA Regional Clubs to help with their fund-raising efforts, reduce trust inventory of Newfoundland memorabilia and promote the trust Activities. To date only 6 clubs have participated in this project.

12. The CTMB approved an annual stipend of \$2,500 to Mary Lou Zimmerman for technical services related to her services of the annual report, NewfCare newsletter, maintenance of our webpage and Facebook page.

13. Discussion of proposal by John Caldwell for the use of NCA CT Rescue logo and NCA CT logo and use of "Your Gift their future" in water test instructional videos involving a brown and white dog and his is including a rescue disclaimer.

14. The NCA Charitable Trust is in a very strong financial position with our endowment funds invested for long term results. Cash is invested in CD's, at present, as rates are much improved over the past year. The CTMB Financial committee, Lori, Mary and Clyde review our investments monthly and a semi-annual review of our investments with our Morgan Stanley Financial advisor and rebalancing of funds are performed, to stay within the guidelines of the Trust Financial policy.

15. Financial reports from Mary L. Price under separate cover.

16. Other New Business

Clyde E Dunphy DVM, CTMB Chairman