

SCA Rescue and Health Foundation Minutes

First Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lee Ann Stusnick at 3:10 pm, Holiday Inn, Frederick, Maryland. Trustees present were Chairman Lee Ann Stusnick, Secretary/Treasurer Beverly Henry, June Moore, Virginia Larioza, Carol Rehtmeyer and Michele Kasten. Shirley Quillen was absent. Guests were Melissia Regis, Barbara Matthews, Ute Dedmore, Amy Gossman, Debra DellaMonica, Coleen McCarthy, Dale Green, Kathy Navarrete, Melody Stockton, Olga Joanow, Mary Cox, Howard Cox, Donna Kenly, Mary Kraus and Sandy King.

Lee Ann welcomed everyone to the first annual meeting of the SCA Rescue and Health Foundation. Minutes of the teleconference and annual and quarterly reports will be published on our website

I'd like to introduce our Secretary/Treasurer, Beverly Henry.

TREASURER'S REPORT

first quarter report income - \$2,084.55

first quarter report expenses - \$394.32

2006 income report - \$4,900.00

2006 expense report - \$776.37

A detailed report was distributed to the Trustees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since this is our first Annual Meeting, there are no previous annual minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The foundation was organized as a public charity, having received an advanced ruling on June 24, 2006, it is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. The foundation is governed by its board of trustees who must also be members in good standing of Schipperke Club of America. The trustees serve without payment. Several projects are in currently in development to further the health of Schipperke; to further the causes of the Foundation; to assist rescued schipperkes; further and promote the health of Schipperkes thru scientific research and to educate the fancier and the general public about the Schipperke.

NEW BUSINESS

The chairman welcomed members of the SCA board and other visitors. She stated that it was truly her pleasure to have those present join the Foundation in their efforts to benefit Schipperke organizations, Schipperkes as a whole, their goals and interests in a go forward basis.

The Chairman gave the floor to Trustee Carol Rehtmeyer, a 20 plus year expert in licensing and contract negotiation in the toy and entertainment industry.

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Carol asked that everyone move to the front of the room. She commented on how impressed she was with the enthusiasm everyone has for their breed and club. The following are ideas offered by those in attendance as goals the Foundation should consider.

Michele explained committees, these being Health – Shirley; Education – Virginia and Lee Ann; Rescue – Michele; Fundraising – Beverly. All committee chairs must be one of the trustees, members do not have to be SCA members.

Goals – current goals for trust

Committees

Health

Host health clinics at National Specialty - guidelines/approvals for clinics to participate
Subsidized testing - funding from trust, techs donate time and other ways to lower costs to members
Outside contributions

Education

Outreach recruitment
Programs and opportunities for pet and show owners to participate

Rescue

Access and guidelines needed for use of 501(c)(3) status
Forms available on password protected internet site for priority access
Agreement to allow use to Rescue Director
Liability concerns
Legal waiver to be created and provided by foundation
Meet with attorney to review and implement procedures and guidelines
Overburdened rescue members
Recruit individuals interested in rescue assistance, fostering dogs
Provide waiver or other liability insurance to encourage participation
Accreditation Program for evaluating shelters, foster homes, etc.
Guidelines and process for accreditation
Outside testing and accreditation firm to be hired by SCA Foundation to implement, monitor, etc.
Seal of approval

Fundraising

Seek corporate sponsors
New fundraising opportunities
Product such as plush puppies for sale
SCA Foundation might charge a fee for annual accreditation seal of approval

Public Relations

(See fundraising and education) No further discussion at this time.

- Health clinics at nationals

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- Rescue access funds? How do rescue groups apply to access funds
- who can qualify and who can't
- Universities, individuals
- Pet folks
- Liability? Most groups carry liability insurance but most individuals do not.

There was a question regarding hardship cases. Would funding pool available to help pay for medical services for dogs in need and owners who can't afford the services. Probably could be done if funds were paid directly to vet clinic. Would need guidelines and format for "qualifying" cases.

Ed Sledzik, Tax Practitioner/Attorney, made a point during his meeting with the Board on Monday that the parent club should not do actual rescue that it should be handed over to local clubs and private groups and individuals.

Virginia Larioza moved **that as an interim "patch" the trust provide the SCA rescue coordinator with a letter based on the recommendations of wording provided by Ed Sledzik so that she may represent herself as working under our 501(c)(3) in order to obtain schipperkes from shelter situations in a free or lower cost expedited manner.** Seconded by Michele Kasten. Motion carried, all trustees present voted in favor.

Other:

It was stated that at the meeting with Ed Sledzik, on Monday that he stated that the SCA Board President and 1st Vice President should serve as a trustees.

Fundraising – pay attention to how other organizations raise funds and funnel that information to the committee chair.

Virginia complimented Beverly on putting the website together in such a short time. Website can be huge vehicle for information to the public. If anyone has articles that can be published on the website, please send them.

Michele moved to adjourn. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Henry