

# SCA RESCUE AND HEALTH FOUNDATION MINUTES

## Third Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Foundation Chairman Lee Ann Stusnick called the meeting to order at 5:35pm at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, Chattanooga, TN on April 18, 2009. Present: Beverly Henry, Secretary, Lee Ann Stusnick, Michele Kasten, Carol Rehtmeyer and June Moore. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This last year saw significant actions by the SCA Rescue & Health Foundation that further its designated mission:

The Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation was founded for the benefit of all Schipperkes. As an organization granted IRS designation as a public charity under 501(c)(3), it may accept tax deductible donations and distribute them to:

- advance Schipperke health and genetics
- support health research projects of importance to the breed
- promote education of owners, breeders and potential owners
- provide financial help to rescued schipperkes through approved rescue organizations.

The Trustees have established a Rescue Assistance Policy and Individual Rescuer Assistance Application. This is an ongoing effort to assist individuals performing Schipperke rescue who were previously dependent on the SCA Rescue for financial assistance.

The Foundation continues to host a website. Webmaster Beverly Henry does a great job of keeping the site updated. For instance, the "Education" tab shows links to the "Genome Barks" audio presentations from the AKC Canine Health Foundation (no I-pod required), OFA Schipperke Health Survey, OFA Health Clinics, and a very interesting study in canine gait with a canine lameness module. The Foundation has created an e-mail list to facilitate communication between the Foundation and Schipperke lovers everywhere. The link to join this group appears at the bottom of the Foundation website home page.

The Trustees have approved several grants for financial assistance for breed rescue. Last year we approved grants in the amount of \$1600. Most recently we have networked with four other Schipperke Rescue organizations to provide financial assistance toward the rescue of the Kentucky 39. To date Trustees have allocated \$695 for brucellosis testing and \$500 for MPSIIIB testing.

At the National Specialty in 2008 the Foundation sponsored the first health clinic for eye and patella exams. This year the Foundation sponsored a health seminar in conjunction with the SCA National Specialty Show. **Epilepsy - the Disease and the Genes** discussed epilepsy basics and current DNA research to find the mutations responsible for inherited epilepsy in Schipperkes and many other breeds, plus information on how breeders and owners can assist in the research and use the results when they're available. **Current DNA Research - Understanding What It Is, and How It Benefits Your Breed** presented current DNA research techniques and methods in an understandable format. Using completed and ongoing research as examples, the benefits of

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participation in research, and how to use current and future DNA tests wisely was discussed. The presenter was **Liz Hansen**, Project Coordinator for the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine.

We look forward to future opportunities to advance the stated mission of the SCA Foundation.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

2008 is complete and published on the website. The chair entertained a motion to approve Treasurer's report as previously published. Motion to approve made by Michele Kasten and seconded by Carol Rehtmeyer. Motion carried unanimously.

2008 Income	\$7,148.19
2008 Expenses	\$7,992.60

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following motions were made and voted on since our last Annual Meeting.

I, Virginia Larioza, move **that we grant \$500 to SRN to be used towards vet expenses for rescue(d) Schipperkes**, seconded by Carol Rehtmeyer. Voting in favor: Virginia Larioza, Shirley Quillen and Carol Rehtmeyer. Voting against: June Moore, Beverly Henry and Lee Ann Stusnick. Michele Kasten abstained. The motion failed.

I, June Moore, move **to issue a grant to the Schipperke Rescue Network for \$1,000.00 to replenish their depleted funds to provide for future rescues**. Seconded by Beverly Henry. This motion has passed with all 7 trustees voting in favor on June 13, 2008

I, Beverly Henry, move **that we grant an amount not to exceed \$600 for amputation of the injured Schipperke's leg requested by Dominion Pet Rescue. The check is to be made payable to the Veterinarian or Clinic performing the surgery**. Seconded by Shirley Quillen. This motion has passed with all 7 trustees voting in favor.

I, June Moore, would like to make a motion **that the SCA Rescue & Health Foundation commit to a donation of \$1000.00 to the Canine Health Foundation for Legg-Calve-Perthes research, and then begin a fund drive to raise funds from the public. Any funds received above and beyond the \$1,000.00 pledge would be forwarded to the CHF as well**. Seconded by Michele Kasten. Voting in favor: Beverly Henry, June Moore, Shirley Quillen, Carol Rehtmeyer and Lee Ann Stusnick. No ballot received from Michele Kasten and Virginia Larioza. Motion carried. For the record, in Michele's defense, she was on vacation.

**I, Beverly Henry, make a motion that we amend ARTICLE V, VOTING; SECTION 3 of the Operating Procedures to read as follows:**

**Conducting Foundation Business by Mail, Fax, E-mail or Teleconference:** Any and all business of the Foundation may be conducted by means of teleconference, email, U.S. mail, or any other manner agreed upon by the Trustees if such manner of conducting business of the Foundation is not expressly prohibited by any statute or the Operating Procedures of the

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Foundations and such business may be conducted in such a manner with a resolution by the Board of Trustees approving such manner of conducting Foundation business.

- a. **When conducting business by mail or e-mail, the secretary shall send a ballot containing notice of the motion to every trustee. Trustees shall have seven (7) days from the date of mailing or e-mailing of the ballot by the secretary to return their ballot to the secretary. Return of the signed ballot may be by mail, e-mail or FAX. The results may be announced as soon as all ballots are cast. A discussion period will be determined by the Secretary, not to exceed seven (7) days. In the case of an emergency situation, discussion and voting may be done immediately by teleconference.**

Motion passed unanimously, effective 9/29/08.

Virginia Larioza moves **that we allocate \$1,000 from the health fund for DNA testing for diseases/conditions that exist in schipperkes and already have genes identified in other breeds. The trust's funds would be used when necessary to pay for the lab tests to prove or disprove that an existing test also is relevant to Schipperkes. The tests and sample collections for specifically designated diseases and/or sensitivities are to be supervised by Dr. Shirley Quillen.** Seconded by Carol Rehtmeyer. Motion passed unanimously.

I, Shirley Quillen, move **the SCA Rescue and Health Foundation approve the grant application for \$695 presented by Schipperke Rescue Net by Susan Fogleman, Rescue Coordinator.** Second by Carol Rehtmeyer. Approved March 12, 2009.

### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of plush puppies - Carol said she had plush order forms in her car to pre-sell a set of 4 for \$80. She advised us that minimum order will be 100 of each pose.

Michele Kasten moved **that the Foundation allocate \$2000 from the General fund to purchase a minimum of 100 sets of the plush puppies conditional on upon the pre-sale of 25 sets at a cost of \$80 per set.** Second by Beverly Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol suggested that we set up PayPal on our website to take orders. June said she had already talked to several people to find out how to do that.

There being no further business June Moore moved to adjourn at approximately 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Henry, Secretary