

Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation

Annual Meeting

March 13, 2015

The annual meeting of the Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation was called to order at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, by our Chairman, Lee Ann Stusnick, at 11:09 am. The following trustees were present:

Michele Kasten, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. The Secretary, Beverly Henry, was not present. Beth Lilly took the meeting minutes on her behalf.

Report of Chair

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 Foundation's established Rescue Assistance Policy is part of a continuing effort to provide financial assistance for those performing Schipperke rescue. The Foundation has provisions to assist individuals not associated with a rescue group, as well as a rescue assistance policy to accompany that. Additionally, nonprofit organizations may apply for funding by completing a grant application.

To date the Foundation Trustees have donated a total of \$4,000 toward the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Program. AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers help to create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 50 pets immediately after a disaster is declared. Co-location shelters, where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals can be created. The trailers house and deliver essential supplies such as fans, lighting and generators; cleaning supplies; maintenance items; and animal care items including crates and carries, microchips and a scanner as well as bowls, collars and leashes. The first and second trailer benefiting from \$1,000 each were in Cecil County MD and San Diego County CA. Two other trailers will be rolled out in the Midwest in the near future.

The Foundation has issued a \$2,500 grant to the AKC Canine Health Foundation towards the research project titled 01312: Association mapping study of Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease in the West Highland White Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, and Miniature Pinscher. Note the Schipperke is included in this study. (The name of the study had already been determined before Dr. Shirley arranged for Schipperkes to be added to the study.)

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Additionally, it has issued a grant to the AKC Canine Health Foundation of \$3,720 for the Red Coat/Alopecia Study of the Schipperke.

This year at the 2015 National the Foundation sponsored an eye clinic and health clinic. Eye exam, patella check and thyroid testing each got 25% support for every Schipperke. This provided an opportunity for every Schipperke owner to receive a CHIC designation for only \$135 cost. There were 25 patella tests and 26 thyroid tests performed with the schipperke owners being reimbursed \$898.75. I would like to thank SCA Breeder Education Chair and President Mary Kraus for her assistance in setting up these clinics.

The Foundation continues to host a website. Webmaster Beverly Henry does a great job of keeping the site updated. 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 <http://www.schipperkefoundation.org>. Also see us on Facebook.

The Foundation would like to thank all those who have donated to further its mission. Our Treasurer, Karen Ward, mailed letters of substantiation to all 2014 donors. These letters may be used to claim a deduction from income tax. Please note the Foundation is a public charity granted 501(c)3 status by IRS, making deductions tax deductible.

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

You may send your tax deductible donations to:
Karen Ward, Treasurer SCA Rescue & Health Foundation
9112 Madeline Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Report of the Secretary

The report of the Secretary was read aloud by our Chairman, Lee Ann Stusnick.

The following is a complete list of the motions made and passed during 2014:

I, Beverly Henry, move **to grant SRN the \$1,500.00 to rebuild their base medical funds while they continue to work on donations.** Seconded by Karen Ward. Motion passed.

I, Beverly Henry, move **that we donate another \$1000 towards building a trailer and use \$1000 of it towards the Illinois trailer and the other towards the Ponca City, OK**

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trailer. And that our logo be used on both of them. Seconded by Shirley Quillen.
Motion passed.

I, Beverly Henry, move **that we accept Sam Ebbert's request for a grant to cover Casey's leg surgery for an amount not to exceed \$2400.00. Said grant will be paid to the Albany Animal Hospital, 629 Madison St. SE, Albany, OR 97321.** Motion seconded by Shirley Quillen. Motion passed.

I, Shirley Quillen, move **that the Foundation donate the balance in its CHF Donor Advised Fund (\$533.32) toward Hemangiosarcoma research if it has not already been used elsewhere.** Seconded by Michele Kasten. Motion passed, all in favor.

Without objection, on November 11, 2014, 30 day's notice is hereby given that we change Art IV, Sec 4B of the Operating Procedures to change trustee nomination deadline to Nov 1 and to change Art VI, Sec 2B of Operating Procedures, Officer Election and Term of Service to change election deadline to Dec 15.

Karen Ward moved **to change the Declaration of Trust to change Florida to Texas so it agrees with Operating Procedures and tax statement.** Shirley Quillen seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary will get together with Lee Ann to finalize these changes.

On December 11, 2014 the 30 days' notice has been satisfied that we amend Art IV, Sec 4B of the Operating Procedures to change trustee nomination deadline to November 1st and to amend Art VI, Sec 2B of Operating Procedures, Officer Election and Term of Service to change election deadline to December 15th. All trustees voted in favor. Motion Passed.

I, Shirley Quillen, move **that the Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation authorize Karen Ward to register and create an administrator account for the Foundation at the Amazon Smile Foundation.** Second by Beverly Henry.
Motion passed.

Shirley Quillen moved, seconded by Beverly Henry, that **candidates for the position of trustee of the Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation be asked to provide the following information:**

1. Describe your past and current involvement in the SCA (#year's membership, positions held, volunteer activities, current involvements, etc.)

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2. Describe your interests and experience in the breed including but not limited to conformation, performance, companion, rescue, health, education.
3. What do you think you can contribute to the running/function etc. of the Foundation?
4. What aspect of the Foundation do you think needs the most improvement and what would you implement to remedy the problem?
5. Would you be interested in being an office of the Foundation?
6. What specifically have been your contributions to Schipperke rescue?
7. Are you interested in or proficient in fund raising?
8. How do you feel the Foundation could best contribute to the education of Schipperke owners/breeders?
9. How do you feel the Foundation could best contribute to the health and welfare of Schipperkes?

Motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Karen Ward reported the individual balances for the following accounts are as follows:

Checking account -- \$122,779.04

Savings account -- \$701.50

The substantiation letters have been mailed to those who gave donations during the years of 2014 and so far in 2015.

The Foundation supported the Eye Clinic at the 2014 National.

IRS 990-N was submitted and accepted for 2014. There was no cost for the filing.

Karen Ward reported that the Foundation has received approximately \$60 to date from the Amazon Smile Foundation.

Unfinished Business

Michele Kasten referenced a large number of items donated to the Foundation that she is paying to store. She inquired as to whether or not the Foundation would like to pay to ship the items to the 2016 National, where she could set up a booth for the Foundation to sell the items. After some discussion, it was decided Michele would check shipping prices

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closer to the time of the National and report to the Foundation, at which time a decision will be made.

Michele Kasten received confirmation from the Canine Health Foundation, via June Moore, of the Foundation's donation of \$533.32. Per Lee Ann, the Donor Advised Fund is now closed.

Michele Kasten reported that she has a very nice and sought after book that has been donated by Dawn Bannister. Ways to use it for fundraising were discussed. The Trustees decided to offer it via a silent auction, with a reserve and that bid increments would be set at \$5.

Lee Ann noted that the Foundation had thus far raised approximately \$500 in plush sales during the National. Some of the plush were no longer available in the on-hand inventory at the show but there were more remaining in her storage at home. By consensus, it was determined that anyone who ordered and prepaid at the show, would receive free shipping as an incentive to sell more of the plush.

Due to complications with mail delivery, Lee Ann reported that the Amended Declaration of Trust had not been signed by all of the Trustees. It was signed at the meeting by the five present Trustees. It was to be forwarded to Shirley Quillen. Shirley would send it to Beverly Henry for her signature and safe-keeping.

Kristin Morrison mentioned the past discussion of website content updates. She indicated she would be willing to put together an article that would be Schipperke specific and focus on issues such as housetraining, puppy training, bringing in a new dog, etc.

New Business

Michele Kasten asked if the Foundation would be interested in sponsoring a Plush Costume Contest. She noted for a set price, the entrant would receive a plush Schipperke and craft items in order to participate. The Trustees felt it would be a fun way to bring publicity to the Foundation. The following motion was made:

I, Michele Kasten, move **that the Foundation sponsor a Schipperke Costume Contest. There will be a charge to each entrant of \$25 which includes the plush and the crafting supplies. There will be secret judges appointed by the Foundation. Prize to be determined at a later date.** Seconded by Karen Ward. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of hold a fundraising blitz via social media, such as Facebook, email and the website, utilizing tiered incentives. Lee Ann noted that we would

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need to check the IRS regulations regarding the value limits on an item to be received in exchange for a donation.

Kristin Morrison raised the possibility of bringing back the Schipperke family decals as a fundraiser. After some discussion, the following motion was made:

I, Kristin Morrison, move **that we consider reinstating the Schipperke decals as a method of fundraising and/or incentive.** Seconded by Michele Kasten. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Michele Kasten moved to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lilly, Trustee

On Behalf of Beverly Henry, Secretary