

The Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation, Inc.

Annual Meeting Minutes

August 07, 2018

The annual meeting of The Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation, Inc., was called to order at the Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing, in Matamoras, PA, by our President, Lee Ann Stusnick, at 9:04 am on April 11, 2018, in the free breakfast area.

The following Officers and Directors were present: Melanie Coronetz, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.

The following guests were present: Mary Cox, Michele Kasten, Donna Kenly, Mary Kraus, Cynthia Lewis, Barbara Murray and Betty Jo Patrick.

Beth Lilly, the Secretary, took the meeting minutes.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation was founded for the benefit of all Schipperkes. As an organization granted IRS designation as a not for profit corporation 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.

Since its inception the Foundation has provided financial assistance for rescue amounting to \$27,578. This was distributed to both other rescue organizations, as well as to individual rescuers in accordance with our established rescue assistance policy.

To date the Foundation has donated a total of \$5,000 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. The four trailers benefiting from \$1,000 each were in Cecil County, MD, San Diego County, CA, Fort Worth, TX and Spalding County GA. It donated this year an additional \$1,000 to the program to be used in hurricane Harvey and Irma relief.

Following is a brief summary of programs sponsored by the Foundation:

- 2008 - donated \$3730 to the Canine Health Foundation sponsored Alopecia Red Coat Study
- 2009 – donated \$2,500.00 to the Canine Health Foundation sponsored Association mapping study of Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease
- 2015 donated \$533.32 toward CHF sponsored Hemangiosarcoma research

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- 2008 National – sponsored a CERF clinic by veterinary ophthalmologist; patella exams by a veterinarian
- 2009 National – sponsored seminar “Epilepsy - the Disease and the Genes” by Liz Hansen, Project Coordinator for the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine. This seminar 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 are available.
- 2010 National - *Foundation sponsored a free educational seminar on the subject of canine reproduction. The speaker was Dr. Greg Burns, Diplomate American College of Theriogenologists.*
- 2011 National - *Foundation supported a health clinic that included thyroid, cardiac, patella and eye testing. It also provided support of the Finnish Epilepsy Study – “The Identification of Epilepsy-Causing Mutations from the Associated Loci by Next-Generation Resequencing” by providing blood collection from not more than 40 normal dogs and any Epileptic dogs presented at the National Specialty in Wisconsin, including funds for supplies and shipping.*
- 2014 National Specialty- Sponsored an eye clinic, including free exams for 16 Schipperkes belonging to 16 individuals.
- 2015 National Specialty - *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. There were 30 Schips that received an eye exam, each receiving a \$10 subsidy.*
- 2016 National Specialty - *Foundation sponsored an educational seminar by Pat Hastings entitled “A Glimpse at Structure in Action” at I. Thirty-eight individuals attended this very informative seminar. The feedback from attendees has been very positive. In addition the Foundation co-sponsored, with the SCA Breeder Education Committee, a seminar by Patti Strand, founder of NAIA. The topic was "Saving Purebreds - Challenges and Opportunities”.*
- 2017 SCA National Specialty the Foundation presented a FREE seminar on “The Nuts 'n Bolts of Genetics for Dog Breeders”, presented by Carol Beuchat PhD, the Scientific Director Institute of the Institute of Canine Biology. This brought up the ideas of genetic diversity, genetic basis for health conditions and the genetic testing to identify these in our Schipperkes. Enter Embark Testing. This testing also provides information about the dog’s genetic background and the actual coefficient of inbreeding, as well as traits such a coat type and markings.

The Foundation launched the Schipperke Diversity Project in October 2017 with the solicitation of pedigrees and genetic samples from 50 Schipperkes, show lines and pet lines, healthy and those with diagnosed medical conditions. These tests were paid for by the Foundation in exchange for the Foundation owning the results and sharing those results with the owner.

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The results from many of those initial 50 tested are in. We have discovered three health conditions in our Schipperkes, in both show and pet lines: two Hematologic conditions - Von Willebrand Type 1, carrier and affected; Factor VII Deficiency (F7 Exon 5); one ocular condition Canine Multifocal Retinopathy cmr2 (BEST1 Exon 5).

The second phase of testing was begun in March to offer testing at the rate of \$69 instead of the usual \$179 available through a subsidy from both the Foundation and Embark. The individual test results in this phase are private between the owner and Embark. The Foundation will receive the raw data reports from these tests, but no individual results identified with any particular dog or owner will be shared with the Foundation. The first 50 tests were snapped up via our Facebook page in less than two hours. Days later a second set of 50 tests were offered and they too were purchased in less than a day. A third set of 50 tests was offered at a rate of \$89 per the Foundation agreement with Embark, which have also been purchased by individual owners. The Foundation is offering an additional 50 tests at the SCA National Specialty Show under the same conditions as phase one of the project. These tests will be paid for by the Foundation in exchange for the Foundation owning the results and sharing those results with the owner.

This testing is a numbers game in that the sample size (N) must be large enough to predict results with enough certainty to be meaningful. There are known conditions for which there are known genetic markers; there are known conditions for which there are NO known genetic markers; there are conditions that are not yet known for which there may be genetic markers. Once the sample size reaches 100 (which will be very soon) Embark will be able to investigate conditions that particularly affect Schipperkes. When we reach the 300 samples submitted mark this ability will be even greater.

On another note, I solicited a legal opinion from our attorney, regarding the form of the Foundation, past and present, as well as the propriety of the handling of the Foundation's DNA testing project in association with Embark. The legal opinion from Sharon Steckler is included in my report. Ms. Steckler is legal counsel and assistant treasurer for the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, AKC Delegate for the American Boxer Club, Secretary for NAIA, CPA, with a legal practice specializing in non-profits in the state of Texas. (Read letter.)

The prospect for the future of the Schipperke Diversity Project could never have been imagined ten years ago. The DNA results are recorded and can be used by researchers all over the world! The recorded results can be analyzed for presence of genetic conditions yet to be discovered----a look back in time. None of us knows what the future holds for the continuing health and wellbeing of our Schipperkes. It is our hope that this project will help insure a more healthy future for our breed.

We would like to thank all our generous donors from all over the world. In fact we have owners from all over the world who have or will participate in this program. This is about all Schipperkes, from pet and show lines, from North America and the rest of the world.

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I would like to thank every member of this board of directors for their efforts to further the mission of the Foundation. The whole is definitely greater than the sum of its parts.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Our 2017 Annual Meeting was held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Mesquite, Texas on April 5, 2017.

Motions passed at that meeting were:

Karen Ward moved that we investigate redesigning the current Foundation logo. Kristin Morrison will discuss design possibilities with Dawn Bannister.

Seconded by Kathy Navarrete. *Motion passed unanimously 04/05/2017.*

Motions passed since the meeting were:

I, Beth Lilly, move that The Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation, Inc., sponsor 40 MPS-IIIB blood tests with UPenn at \$25 each. The individual will pay \$25 and UPenn will waive \$25 of the \$75 total fee per test. This would require that participants submit to the following agreed upon criteria:

- **Any tests that are being done as retests, as part of this verification, should be after 2014.**
- **Owners should also consider DNA marker profiling offered by AKC or UC Davis to assure correct parentage.**
- **EDTA blood samples must be by microchip verification and properly label each sample including the microchip to avoid sample mix-up. Verification must be done by a veterinarian.**
- **All samples should be registered together on PennGen and sent together and we must inform UPenn ahead of the submission**
- **Owners must sign a release/waiver allowing all results to be copied to the Foundation for use on their website or any other related materials for research and/or educational purposes.**

The Foundation will sign up participants starting with one dog per household for the first two weeks. After such time, the initial participants will be allowed to sign up additional dogs of varied pedigrees until the limit of 40 is met. Once our sign-ups are complete participants will be contacted with testing instructions and deadlines. The waiver must be included with their sample submissions.

Action on this motion is contingent upon it passing and of Dr. Urs Giger signing an agreement to the aforementioned terms. Motion seconded by Karen Ward. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Voting against: none; Abstain: none. Motion passed 5/28/2017.*

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I, Beth Lilly, move **that The Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation, Inc., sponsor 10 Embark tests. This would require that 10 different people submit one dog for testing and that each person signs a waiver that makes the results public and that they grant the Foundation the right to post them on their website and any other documentation that the Foundation sees fit for research and/or educational purposes. The amount for all tests shall not exceed \$1,500.00. If the Foundation is unable to find 10 unique individuals that fit the aforementioned criteria, then those who do participate would be invited to submit additional dogs, of as varied pedigrees as possible, until the 10 dogs designation is met.** Motion seconded by Kristin Morrison. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Voting against: none; Abstain: none. Motion passed 5/28/2017.*

I, Beverly Henry, move **that we donate \$1,000 to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Fund specifying that the donation be made to help animals in the areas affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. This donation would be taken from the rescue fund.** Seconded by Karen Ward. *In favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Against: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed 09/23/2017.*

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation utilize three of the Embark tests that we are sponsoring, for use on (name redacted), his normal sister (for comparison) and (name redacted). This is contingent upon the owners signing the Foundation's release so that the results can be used how the foundation wishes, such as on the website, Newsletter, Facebook, etc.** Second provided by Karen Ward. *Motion Passed Unanimously 10/16/2017.*

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation purchase 30 Embark Tests at \$129 each for a total of \$3,870 and that the following dogs be approved for testing upon receipt. 3 Three of the dogs included in the following list have health issues, so they will be done at no charge. We have to have the test on hand, submit it with proper documentation of the disease or condition, to get either reimbursed or receive a replacement kit that we can use on a different dog.**

List REDACTED for privacy of 30 participants.

Second provided by Karen Ward.

Votes in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Votes against: Kristin Morrison. No ballot received: Kathy Navarrete. Motion passed 12/08/2017.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation sponsor an Embark study for "Name Redacted" This dog has epilepsy. We will obtain a veterinary report so that the Foundation may receive a replacement test, since this one will be no charge.** Seconded by

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Beverly Henry. *Votes in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Votes against: none. No ballot received: Kathy Navarrete.* Motion passed 12/10/2017.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation sponsor Embark testing on “Name Redacted”. Redacted’s sire died from hemangiosarcoma as did his sire.** Seconded by Karen Ward. *Votes in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Votes against: none.* Motion passed 12/13/2017.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation purchase the following items for resale in our store, containing the artwork that Dawn Bannister sent me for this purpose:**
200 Note Cards with Envelopes containing image 1 - Cost \$102.31 Will be sold in sets of 10
200 Note Cards with Envelopes containing image 2 - Cost \$102.31 Will be sold in sets of 10
100 Note Pads containing image 2 and Not To Barge In - Cost \$144.75 Will be sold in sets of 3

The total cost will be \$428.78, including tax and shipping. Seconded by Kristin Morrison. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete and Karen Ward. No ballot received: Lee Ann Stusnick.* Motion passed 12/26/2017.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation purchase 25 Auto Sun Shades from 4imprint (quote attached), with a cost of approximately \$10 each. The sales price would be \$20 in the online store. The sunshades will bear the Schip Family Logo in Black.** Seconded by Karen Ward. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete and Karen Ward. No ballot received: Lee Ann Stusnick.* Motion passed 12/26/2017.

I, Kristin Morrison, move **that The Foundation, Inc. enter into a partnership with Embark to work on a schipperke breed study to collect samples from at least 100 schipperkes over the next 12 months.**

Seconded by Beverly Henry. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 01/19/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that all proceeds from the Foundation Store, be credited to the Foundation General Fund.**

Seconded by Karen Ward. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 02/01/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move that the Foundation accept the following applications for Embark testing: **(6 Dog Names Redacted for privacy of participants)**

These tests will be fully subsidized. *Seconded by Beverly Henry. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 02/01/2018.

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I, Beth Lilly, move that the Foundation subsidize Embark testing in partnership with Embark Vet. This will make the price to each individual dog \$69. We already have purchased 40 tests, Embark has comp'd us another 10, making the total of fully subsidized, 50. These additional 50 dogs, partially subsidized will put us at the 100 mark. Embark will bill the Foundation each month for the dogs that have purchased testing through the Schipperke Diversity Project website, capping at 50 dogs or we may pre-pay at our option. *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Abstain: Kristin Morrison. Motion passed 02/01/2018.*

I, Beth Lilly, move that the Foundation create a central email account via GMAIL for the Schipperke Diversity Project website. This is in line with the example that Embark Veterinary has provided us. All emails to this account will be automatically forwarded to the officers. As the officers change, the forwarding will be updated. This account will belong to the Foundation and all officers will receive the password. *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Motion passed 02/01/2018.*

Note: Referencing: schipperkediversityproject@gmail.com This email is set-up and ready for the website when they get to that point but I wanted to do a motion for documentation purposes and so that we are all on the same page. This email address is set-up to forward automatically to the 4 officers. As those change, we or whomever will update the forwarding. I have shared the password with the officers as well.

I, Beth Lilly, move that the Foundation acquire and retain ownership, on an ongoing basis, the following domain names for use with any health projects it deems appropriate:
Schipperkediversityproject.org
Schipperkediversityproject.com
Schipperkediversityproject.net
Seconded by Beverly Henry. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Motion passed 02/01/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move that the Foundation fully subsidize Embark testing for the following submissions:

(10 Dog Names Redacted for privacy of participants)

Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Abstain: Kristin Morrison. Motion passed 02/01/2018.

I, Beverly Henry, move that we inform Sharon Steckler that we want to put her on retainer, immediately sending her our list of officers, financial statement. *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Motion passed 03/11/2018.*

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I, Beverly Henry, move to amend the following standing rule:

2013-01 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.)**
- 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 officer 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?**

To read:

2018-01 that candidates for the position of director of the The Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation, Inc. 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.)**
- 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 officer 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?**

Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Motion passed 03/11/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation place a 2-page advertisement, in color, in the 2018 SCA National Catalog, promoting Embark and testing at the National. The cost will be \$150.** *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly,*

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Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Motion passed 03/11/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation place a bulk order of 50 Embark tests to be distributed, free of charge, at the 2018 SCA National Specialty Show.** *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 03/11/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation President, Lee Ann Stusnick, sign the attached partnership agreement with Embark Vet.**

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation purchase 60 Embark tests to have in reserve for future applications so that we may take advantage of bulk pricing of \$129 per test. This will require a wire transfer fee of \$30, however, Embark will issue a \$50 credit to use to cover the fee. The total to be wired to Embark on this order will be \$7,690. These tests will be held in inventory at Beth's home to be doled out as the Foundation votes to do so in the future.** *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 03/22/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that we extend the partial testing subsidy by 100 dogs for Embark testing.** *Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 03/22/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation order tests to send to the owners of the following dogs that we have received applications for Embark testing, at no cost to the owners. 13 tests at \$129 each, \$1,290.00.**

(14 Dog Names Redacted for privacy of participants)

Seconded by Beverly Henry. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Abstain: Beverly Henry & Kathy Navarrete. Motion passed 03/22/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation fully sponsor Embark testing on the following applicants. These tests will be taken from currently inventory.**

(18 Dog Names Redacted for privacy of participants)

Seconded by Karen Ward. Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward. Motion passed 04/04/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move **that the Foundation fully subsidize Embark testing on the following three dogs. These will be taken from our existing inventory.**

(3 Dog Names Redacted for privacy of the participants)

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Seconded by Beverly Henry. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 04/06/2018.

I, Beth Lilly, move that the Foundation fully sponsor Embark testing for the following dogs. The tests will be taken from existing inventory.

(3 Dog Names Redacted for privacy of the participants)

Seconded by Beverly Henry. *Voting in favor: Melanie Coronetz, Beverly Henry, Beth Lilly, Kristin Morrison, Kathy Navarrete, Lee Ann Stusnick and Karen Ward.* Motion passed 04/06/2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lilly

Karen Ward moved to approve the Secretary's report as emailed. Due to the length, it was not read aloud. Kathy Navarrete seconded. Motion passed unanimously

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

- Balances for the following accounts as of March 21, 2018:

Checking account -- \$28,828.08

Savings account -- \$90,740.97

Total -- \$119,569.05

- The substantiation letters have been sent to those who gave donations in 2017 and thus far in 2018 if I had either an email address or a USPS address (donations received via the Facebook fundraiser are listed as anonymous on the check I received from Network For Good). Donations since my last report March 31, 2017 have been received in the amount of \$12,081.05 - \$14.06 (PayPal fee) = \$12,066.99, plus \$169.91 from AmazonSmile for a total of \$12,236.90.
- IRS 990-N was submitted and accepted for 2017. There was no cost for the filing.
- Directors and Officers Liability Coverage: Coverage has been obtained through RV Nuccio with policy coverage from March 22, 2018 – March 22, 2019. The annual premium is \$87.50.
- Legal Counsel: An annual retainer check was sent to Sharon Steckler, Attorney and Counselor At Law.
- Michael Downs Estate: I contacted Katharine B. Dernocoeur, the Personal Representative to the Estate of Mike Downs, to ascertain if a portion of Mike's estate of more than \$110,000 to the Foundation intended for protection (such as rescue) of the breed could be used for genetic

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testing through the Embark Project. Per Ms. Dernocoeur, “It seems that genetic testing may be another form of protection (and thus rescue, in a sense) that he would have grasped readily if he were able to speak to the current situation. Permission is given to The Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation, Inc. to release \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to help breeders insure they are breeding healthy schipperkes. With the decline in breed numbers that you described, it is relevant to ensure the ongoing health of schipperkes through your proposed Embark project as it was explained to me. In the understanding that any funds remaining from the \$30,000 at the end of the Embark project will be moved into a Health and Genetics fund for future genetic testing possibilities. I believe Mike would continue to want funds to be used, rather than sitting unused in a bank account. Although it appears that requests for monetary assistance with schipperke rescue seem to be scant, it is my continued hope that your Foundation will use these funds in any way you see fit to help the breed and/or individual dogs needing assistance. Michael did love the schipperke breed. As I said, I’m sure he would be happy if his donation was used to help schipperkes in the best ways possible. Thanks for your continued fiduciary care of his donation.”

On March 10, 2018, \$30,000 of the Michael Downs Estate was moved into the Embark Project; \$10,000 was moved from Savings into checking with the remaining \$20,000 left in savings to continue accruing interest until needed for the Project.

- Embark Project Financial Status: see page 2 the Embark Project P&L Summary Report

As of the date of this report there has been \$9,765.50 raised because of Fundraising efforts by Beth Lilly with \$14,483.51 spent.

The total income for the Embark Project, including the transfer of Mike Downs Estate money to the project and the fundraising is \$39,765.50 with Expenditures of \$14,483.51, there is currently \$25,281.99 Net Income for the Project.

See page 2 for the Embark Project P&L Summary Report.

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2:20 PM
03/21/18
Cash Basis

SCA RESCUE & HEALTH FOUNDATION Embark Project Profit & Loss Summary July 1, 2012 through March 21, 2018

	Jul 1, 12 - Mar 21, 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2000 - Health-Genetics Donations	
2000.06 - Embark	39,765.50
Total 2000 - Health-Genetics Donations	39,765.50
Total Income	39,765.50
Gross Profit	39,765.50
Expense	
7260 - Health Testing	
7260.00 - Embark DNA Testing	
7260.01 - Embark DNA Testing Postage	209.45
7260.00 - Embark DNA Testing - Other	14,110.00
Total 7260.00 - Embark DNA Testing	14,319.45
Total 7260 - Health Testing	14,319.45
7500 - General & Admin Expenses	
7500.03 - Publicity/Advertising Club Prom	150.00
7500.04 - Paypal Transaction Fees	14.00
Total 7500 - General & Admin Expenses	164.00
Total Expense	14,483.51
Net Ordinary Income	25,281.99
Net Income	25,281.99

- Financial Review: A financial review of the 2017 Financial Records was conducted by Norma Yarborough, EA, a retired IRS auditor who audited the financial records of Fortune 500 companies. She determined the records were in order. The report was provided to the Directors.
- Annual Budget – The Foundation lost \$6,6167.47 in 2017; however, the Michael Downs Estate donation for rescue skews Income and Expense. The Budget will be provided with the 1st Quarter Report after I return from the National and reconcile the accounts.

Kathy Navarrete moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Melanie Coronetz seconded. Motion passed unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Navarrete asked the Foundation to start considering what seminar and/or any other educational or health related information they would like to present at the 2019 SCA National Specialty Show in Pomona, CA. Some suggestions were made to consider having Dr. Carol Beuchat do a follow-up seminar with our Schipperke Embark Testing data. Dr. Jean Dodds with

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Hemopet was also mentioned. She is located in Garden Grove, CA so associated travel expenses would be less. No specific topic for Dr. Dodds to present was mentioned but the Foundation would continue discussing it.

Barbara Murray said she feels there is an issue in our breed that is largely being ignored or misunderstood. The issue is vestibular syndrome. She first saw it when she lived in Washington state. She asked the person who owned the dog about it because she had never observed it before. The owner stated that the puppy was stuck in the birth canal for a period of time. He was very severely affected.

When Barbara M moved to Florida, she observed several more dogs with a similar issue. They were not as severe as the first one she had observed. It is observed as dog that dances freely or when you put them in an ex-pen and when they run, they lean against the ex-pen panels to keep their balance. Her personal term for those is “leaners.”

Barbara said she has had 3 dogs with vestibular syndrome. One was very slightly affected. She stated that usually you know by the time they are 6, 7 or 8 weeks old, as soon as they are up on their feet.

When she moved to Colorado, she ran into a pet/companion couple who had a Schipperke with the exact same symptoms/behaviors. To date they had expended \$2-3K and that was almost 20 years ago. The dog had, had extensive testing including an MRI and been diagnosed with Vestibular Syndrome, which is where she put all of the prior cases she had seen together with a name for the condition.

She indicated that she is willing to openly admit that she has had it in dogs she has produced. Others have not been as willing. Excuses are made such as the dog was in the birth canal too long, etc. However, when the mother and/or a sibling has it too, it is not birth canal it is genetic and should be treated as such.

When researching the Vestibular Syndrome on the web, it is listed with Epilepsy on one of the big reputable sites. It is neurological in nature and considered related to Epilepsy.

Kristin Morrison noted that it doesn't just affect Schipperkes. She has seen an Akita on the web doing it and they called it dancing dog – also a Shiba Inu.

Lee Ann Stusnick said the Foundation will consider this issue for education as well. Barbara said that she has a video one of the dogs before she went to her new home. Barbara revisited her after 2 years and there was no doubt about her condition. It was much more pronounced. She also indicated that dogs with the condition spin in only one direction. Barbara has submitted one to Embark already. She has offered to give a talk about it at the National and she can bring the dog to California to show those in attendance.

In closing, she strongly advocated for breeders to be made aware that this is a real condition and be encouraged not to be in denial about it because it hurts the breed.

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Lee Ann mentioned that we will be considering several conditions to submit to Embark during the research phase of our project. Vestibular Syndrome could certainly be among them.

Beth Lilly presented some of the happenings and plans with the Embark Project. They are outlined below:

- We have been able to collect DNA for Embark on many Schips affected with various conditions including Epilepsy, Hemangiosarcoma, Vestibular Syndrome, Hemivertebrae (including Nikki & Loki – who had since passed away), Red Coat Syndrome and so on.
- We must reach 100 Schipperkes in the database before they will start working with us on research into health conditions in our breed but have indicated that 300 is a much better sampling and would possibly yield better results of our testing.
- We have mailed out many fully sponsored tests and subsidized many more that are in various stages. Some have results back, some are in testing, some are in transit in the mail. So right now we do not have the numbers, but we will.
- Embark has been working to develop a test for MPS-IIIB so it can be included in the Embark DNA test currently performed. They have collected several affected and carrier dogs and we were able to get them in touch for another affected and that one was collected as well.

Regarding Vestibular Syndrome, Kristin Morrison said that she also believes breeders are either in denial or just not aware of the condition. She feels that for them to see it in person will have a much greater impact and will help breeders realize this is a problem. She thinks that would be a step in gaining more compliance.

With the testing of dogs for any affected condition that becomes part of the research phase, It's important to stress that it will be strictly anonymous and only between Embark and the Breeder. It is up to the breeder to share that their dog/s are included.

Dogs who are affected and wish to participate in a research study can have confidence that it is all anonymous data. Even the foundation will only get numbers on this portion, not names of dogs or owners. She said education first is key in order to gain participation and cooperation.

Beth brought up the topic of inbreeding coefficients "COI" in our dogs and how we need to work to bring them down – a lot of our dogs are at 20% to 30% and higher. There are many who feel it shouldn't be above 10%. We are no where close to that. Perhaps 10% isn't really attainable but we can be cognizant of these numbers and breed out more often and breed with lines not previously used to help bring them down and improve the health and longevity of our breed in the process.

Regarding vestibular syndrome Michele Kasten noted that she thinks there is a test for Dancing Dobs and inquired as to whether Embark will compare that data with what we see in our dogs. We did not have an answer. Beth said she would check with them and let her know.

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How are they (Embark) handling the issues with genetics that are not simply dominant or recessive? Beth explained that she had been in touch with Dr. Erin Chu, Embark's Senior Veterinary Geneticist. Noting that some of these conditions are new for our breed such as von Willebrand Type 1 and Canine Multifocal Retinopathy (CMR1), they recommend not to immediately make breeding decisions based solely on this data but to observe those deemed affected going forward to determine if they are symptomatic. For example, if you continue to have several generations going forward with CMR1 and continue to CERF normally, then we may have a different issue. So those recommendations will continue to evolve.

Barbara Murray thanked the Foundation for taking an interest in helping breeders with programs like the recent one with UPENN by offering a joint subsidy from the Foundation and UPENN in order to make the MPS-IIIB testing much more affordable and to reaffirm results on any that wished to be retested via blood rather than swab. She was able to have all of hers tested and was happy to know that all of her dogs that were clear by pedigree were actually clear. She knew of some false positives and false negatives in the past, so she was pleased the Foundation took on this project. She thinks we all stopped testing way too soon and there should be testing going forward rather than just testing one generation.

Cynthia Lewis asked that the Foundation compile a list of labs that do testing a la care be shared with the Schipperke community. She asked if we could send out an email blast and put on our website of resources to consult for a specific test like if the bitch is a carrier for von Willebrand Type 1 and she wants to test puppies for that only so it would be cheaper to do only one test rather than Embark for everything.

Mary Cox asked that when we send out informational emails that we include links to the appropriate website.

Beth announced that Embark will be giving the Foundation Quarterly reports. Those reports will be shared via email, our website, Facebook and in the Newsletter.

Cynthia Lewis inquired about Embark tests that are already done and whether they will be updated as new markers are identified. Beth explained that yes, no dog will need to be retested later for new markers. Embark will routinely run the testing against the database and update the Foundation and/or owners of their dog's result from that new test. If it is testing that was done through the Foundation, the Foundation will forward that information to the owner, when it is received.

Beth announced that Embark can do testing on Frozen semen for dogs who may have passed away. Lee Ann further explained that the testing can even be done on the remains in the tube after the semen has been used so there is no need to waste any.

Michele Kasten asked about Cornell's role in Embark going forward. She asked if Cornell would be receiving the data from the Embark testing. Beth explained that we are not privy to exactly how the two organizations interact but that they are research partners. It is her

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understanding that Cornell will receive results but there is not currently information on what they will do with it specifically.

Betty Jo Patrick thanked the Foundation for their contribution both with education and financially for the Embark Project. She said it is just amazing that this has brought about such openness in the Schipperke Community to discuss our health issues in the breed so we can all learn and ultimately HELP the breed.

Lee Ann announced that the Schipperke breed is really in on the ground floor with this project. Beth said that they were all blown away with the way folks have shared with everyone else with the focus on the breed, not on the breeder and that, that was groundbreaking. Our breed can only benefit from such behavior. We hope it continues!

Kristin Morrison left the meeting at 10:05am.

Barbara Murray said she would like to see a lot more of our breeders doing OFA testing. She believes that at least 75% of our breeders are not testing and publishing the results. As far as she is concerned if they are not published, they didn't happen. Many in attendance agreed with her.

Michele Kasten said she has multiple siblings, the sire and most of the dams with 2 affected dogs with red coat syndrome. She said they are in various stages and asked if the Foundation wanted those tested. She was told absolutely, yes, and was asked to fill out the forms. She said they all have their CHICs.

Kathy Navarrete moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am. Karen Ward seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Lilly, Secretary

Attachment: (in body) Letter, Sharon Steckler, April 6, 2018