

Bouvier Health Foundation Report

January 21, 2015

Board Members Present: Penny Anderson, Serge Bilodeau, Susan Costanzo, Marilyn Howard, Andie Newman and Wendy Sparschu. Erika Werne joined the discussion later in the meeting.

ABdFC Oversight: Dennis Craig - Absent: Dayle Sullivan



1. Officer Reports

- Chair (Susan Costanzo) updated contact information with AKC/CHF; contact limited to three - Secretary will forward all CHF coorespondence to the Board as received.
2015 Bi-Annual AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference to be held in St Louis the weekend of August 7 – 9.
Corrected copy of BHF by-laws will be uploaded to both BHF & ABdFC websites
Designated Health Day at Colorado Specialty scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th
- Secretary (Penny Anderson) BHF donations since Nov 2014 – 2014 donations/43 – totaling \$1,361.00; and, to date, 2015 donations/10 – totaling \$430.00. Of these 2015 contributions, three – totaling \$230.00, were made in memory of Robert Litogot, who died recently.

2. Old Business

- Bouvierpedigree.com – any website changes will be at the discretion of Ray Waterman, who, at this time, doesn't see value in expanding the health reporting aspects of the site.
- BHF Mini Health Survey – initial survey distribution via ABdFC ListServe; asking for membership involvement in the distribution of current CHF/DAF funds totaling \$1,294.65
- DNA Profile Proposal – 2014 proposal/recommendation passed; will be forwarded for ABdFC Board action
- BHF Health Survey - covered what form of in-depth survey OFA can offer – no cost involved; OFA collects data – recommend review OFA website for examples

3. New Business

- Survey Monkey Product Options - possible vehicle for future survey distribution - "Select" product level currently \$26/mth (\$228/yr), limits responses to 1000/mth; a no-limitations "Gold" level is available at \$300/yr
- Bouvier Glaucoma Study - overview of research continuation from Dr. Gary S. Johnson (UMissouri-Columbia); sequencing the genome of an affected Bouvier to investigate any gene similarity with other diagnosed subjects. Current \$6,000 cost would be Foundation funded, covering sequencing of one Bouvier subject – not time-sensitive, will review at future date
- Gene Mutation for Heart Disease/Sub-aortic Stenosis (SAS) - UCDavis study; identified gene mutation for SAS in Newfoundlands; its chief investigator – Dr. Josh Stern, extremely interested in collecting Bouvier samples to further this study.
- BHF Committee Formation
 1. DNA Repository Blood Draw (Colorado National) appoint Jody Head
 2. Health Day Guest Speakers (Colorado National) appoint Beth Leabch
 3. Gene Mutation (SAS Study) (UCDavis) appoint Sue Matthews to work with Dr. Stern ; create plan to inform the membership of his study needs
 4. CHF/DAF Research Projects Committee – appoint Wendy Sparschu
- BHF Website Overhaul - appoint Susan Costanzo to work with Marilyn Adams