

Bouvier Health Foundation Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2015



1. Call to Order (7:01pm – CST)
2. Roll Call:  
**Board Members Present:** Penny Anderson, Susan Costanzo, Marilyn Howard, Andie Newman, Wendy Sparschu and Erika Werne.  
**Absent:** Serge Bilodeau  
**ABdFC Oversight:** Dayle Sullivan **Absent:** Dennis Craig
3. Welcome to Guest – Committee Chair, Sue Matthews
4. Approval of Agenda (Werne/Howard); motion passed by voice vote.
5. Approval of March 18, 2015 minutes (Howard/Newman); motion passed by voice vote.
6. Old Business
  - Treasurer’s Report/Update (Availability of Funds) (Costanzo) current account balance \$76,214.60 (March 31, 2015); with the low-yield Money Market account containing the majority of Board funding – this account requiring the maintenance of a \$5,000 balance. Funding limitations are addressed in Article 4.3 of the BHF Bylaws - funding is solely for the support of research projects, production and distribution of educational materials, and administrative and fundraising expenses approved by the BHF Board. Only when administrative costs are expected to exceed 20% of the annual income, does the expenditure require ABdFC Board approval.
  - Use of Social Media (Sparschu) very little use during the last several years; the BHF website was originally created as a “blog” concept, but the “blog” aspect was abandoned several years ago. Going forward, BHF must begin to utilize various media sources, but we need to strategically map out how & what will be presented and solicit for a member to create & maintain the page/site. Discovered that the AKC offers an on-line course covering the use of social media to promote dog clubs – suggested the Board members complete the course.
  - CHF/DAF Grant Funding (Costanzo) Oncology/Cancer issues were the overwhelming concern in the first phase of our Mini Survey. With this focus, motion (Anderson/Sparschu) to donate CHF/DAF-BHF funds to the Hemangiosarcoma study - Disrupting the Differentiation of Cancer Stem Cells (Grant #01759), under the direction of Chief Investigator, Dr. Jaime Modiano, DVM PhD, University of Minnesota. Three studies were to be funded in 2013 at equal donations of \$3,333 – only two were selected – to mirror the 2013 funding allocation: \$ 747.00 DAF funds will be assigned, with the remainder \$2,586.00 from BHF funds; motion passed by voice vote, with one abstention from Erika Werne, who is a personal/professional friend of Dr. Modiano.
  - Collaborative Funding Invitation (SAS/Gene Mutation) (Costanzo/Matthews) after a lengthy discussion, Sue, as point person, will forward various Board questions to Chief Investigator, Joshua Stern, DVM (Chief Cardiologist, UC Davis) for a response; contact Michael Litt, DVM (Retired, Oregon State University) regarding the availability of samples from the late 1990/early 2000 SAS study; will also check with contributing cardiologist, Lori Siemens, DVM (Sacramento, CA) in the attempt to obtain samples of affected dogs from non-related lines. Sue will write email “blast” to membership covering the early aspects of the study, as well as a Fall DBQ article. Sue is active on various Bouvier ListServes - will post updates as more information is received and, with the support of the BHF Board, will create Facebook page to encourage participation & support of Bouvier owners/breeders worldwide.

- Glaucoma Genome Proposal (Werne) Dr. Gary Johnson (UMissouri, Columbia) has requested a new sample from an affected Bouvier...consideration on the appropriate subject would be based on whether they have a primary vs secondary diagnosis and how that sample will be forwarded to Mizzou. The \$6,000 amount would fund the sequencing of only ONE subject.
  - BHF Health Survey (Werne) we have some time to develop this broad-based informative study as OFA is currently without a web designer responsible for this area of their website; because of the detailed nature of this project, important to create a sub-committee, who will then use the breed surveys already on the OFA site as templets.
7. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm (CST) (Sparschu/Newman); motion passed by voice vote.