

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR TRIPAWDS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Tripawds Foundation was held online on Friday September 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time. The following directors were present: Rene Agredano, Secretary, Ralph Kanz, Director, Jim Nelson, President. Member at large Martha Lowe was also present. A quorum for the transaction of business was present at all times.

The President called the meeting to order.

### **ITEM 1: Old Business**

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Board makes the following determinations:

1. **Tripawds Brochure Outreach Mailer Recap.** Martha Lowe reported we had few requests from the last mailer to clear out our inventory of older brochures. With more veterinary offices providing digital information to clients, there is no need to pursue other print mailers. We will keep a small quantity on hand (approx 800 left) for events and individual requests. Board agreed to discontinue bulk mailing to veterinary practices.
2. **Tripawds Rescue Contact Info Database Project.** Rene A. reports this is in hiatus. Not enough progress or volunteer help to pursue any kind of meaningful completion and outreach.
3. **Harness Donation Incentive Program.** The board reassessed the fulfillment challenges of mailing the 50 donated harnesses we received from Ruffwear. All agree the net profit earned did not justify repeating similar bulk-mail projects.
4. **Tripawds ASAP Program Increased Amounts Update.** Jim N. reports that applications are up some months and down others since increasing the grant from \$500 to \$1000 in January. In June a generous donor gifted us \$12,000 specifically to ensure we could also increase the number of grants dispersed each month, from two to three. Application interest remains steady but not overwhelming.

### **ITEM 2: Organization Financial Review**

**WHEREAS** Tripawds Foundation's 2023 Year-to-Date Financial Report was reviewed. Board discussed existing operating expenses, program fund disbursements, upcoming fundraising and outreach activities. The board unanimously moves to approve current financials.

1. Board agrees to invest approx 75% of existing unused savings account funds, in a higher interest-bearing, 6-month Certificate of Deposit with our current bank, Wells Fargo. Agredano and Nelson will open the CD at a Wells Fargo location (must be done in-person) before year-end.

This discussion was adjourned and the Board proceeded to discuss additional agenda items.

### **ITEM 3: Organization Projects Review**

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Board makes the following determinations:

1. **Put 2023 Racery Virtual Race on hiatus.** The board unanimously agreed to put this program on hiatus until late Spring 2024.
  - a) Rene A. to inform Racery virtual race platform company about our plans to resume in 2024.
2. **Investigate costs of a Tripawd-specific mobility study.** The board unanimously agreed to pursue possibility of funding a study to examine the mobility benefits of support braces (prosthetic devices) for front-limb amputees with no residual limb.
  - **Rene A.** will discuss study development possibilities with canine rehabilitation therapist contact.
  - **Jim N.** will speak with graduate student who recently contacted Tripawds Facebook page, inquiring about prosthetic use in our community.
  - **Rene. A. & Jim N.** will also propose study funding with a foundation supporter who recently expressed interested in funding a new program for the community.
3. **Holiday fundraising ideas.** The board unanimously agreed to pursue a “min-auction” holiday fundraiser consisting of auctioning one piece of original canine artwork collaboratively created by Tripawds Spokesdog Nellie and Painting Dog Schultz Baguley. This artwork will appear on Tripawds.com holiday cards.
  - **Jim N.** to structure auction website for holiday auction to take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Agredano, Secretary