

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR TRIPAWDS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Tripawds Foundation was held online on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 5:00 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 Holiday Fundraiser Recap.** The Tripawds Community Fund exceeded its \$24,000 goal for the year. Additionally, unexpected large private donations of \$12,000 (designated for the Tripawds Amputation Surgery Assistance Program) and \$5,000 (designated for the Cashew Legacy of Love Media Outreach effort) helped us reach \$53,300 in donations by 12/31/23.
2. **Progress of Outreach Consultant Arden McLaughlin.** Our media outreach leader Arden McLaughlin is making consistent progress strengthening ties within the veterinary community and among media professionals around the country. She is spearheading three major outreach efforts noted below.
3. **Tripawds Mobility Study Status.** Upon making contact with veterinary rehabilitation therapist Mandi Blackwell DVM of Porland, Oregon, and Kara Amstutz, Owner of Canine Rehabilitation Therapy Institute (CRI), we will embark on discussions with these individuals to assess the feasibility of a study to examine the mobility benefits of support braces (prosthetic devices) for front-limb amputees with no residual limb. President Nelson suggests presenting our need to the CRI membership in a future newsletter.
4. **Tripawds Foundation CD Investment.** The board has invested \$50,000 in a Certificate of Deposit which will renew 10/21/24. Board will decide whether or not to reinvest funds in our next board meeting in September.

ITEM 2: Organization Financial Review

WHEREAS Tripawds Foundation's 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Report was reviewed. Board discussed existing operating expenses, program fund disbursements, expenses related to upcoming fundraising and outreach activities.

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

1. **Approval of 2023 Tripawds Foundation tax preparation expense.** Agredano reports the organization exceeded the \$50,000 IRS threshold for 990 postcard filing. She stated that a formal income statement must be filed for Tax Year 2023, which will cost the Foundation approximately \$1,000 for the preparation service provided by Jessica McKnight of Arcata, California. Agredano reports that for tax year 2024 and beyond, an operating budget line item of \$1,000 will be earmarked for future tax preparation expenses by McKnight.
2. **2024 Goal for Tripawds Community Fund.** The board agreed to increase the organization's annual goal from \$24,000 to \$30,000.
3. **Tripawds ASAP Fund Requirements Change.** The board agreed in order to boost awareness of the Amputation Surgery Assistance Program (ASAP), all applications must now include short narrative about the applicant's animal, and photos. Jim N. and Rene A. will update application form accordingly.
4. **Tripawds Annual Dog Art Auction Greeting Card Fundraiser.** The board agreed to the purchase of customized auction art greeting cards for an additional fundraising source. **Rene A.** to provide final printing and fulfillment estimates to the board no later than 3/30/24.
5. **The Cashew Legacy of Love Fund.** This fund initiated by a private donor has already raised \$8083, serving as a model for future private donors to honor their Tripawds.

The board unanimously moves to approve current financials.

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. **Tripawds Foundation Annual Virtual Race.** The board agreed to initiate plans for a 2024 virtual race fundraising event. Rene A. will work with Racery to coordinate a date in April or May, and the race course.
2. **Triday (Tripawd Awareness Day) 3/3.** Event outreach efforts are currently being led by Tripawds Media Outreach lead Arden McLaughlin. Press releases and member spotlight stories are expected to generate significantly more awareness than prior years.
3. **Tripawds 2024 Dog Art Auction.** The annual fundraising event for the Kaiserin Pet Cancer Care Package will take place between Sunday, May 26 and Sunday, June 1. Additional media outreach efforts

are being planned by Arden McL.

- 4. Tripod Picnic San Francisco.** Tripawds Foundation will have a presence at the annual event taking place on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Additional media outreach efforts are being planned for this event which is expected to attract additional attention as the organizers are seeking to break a world record for the most 3-legged dogs gathered in one place.
- 5. Tripawds Foundation National Symposium and Social Event.** The board agrees to begin planning for an annual educational symposium, tentatively planned for Fall 2025 in Fort Collins, Colorado. **Rene A.** will lead planning efforts.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Agredano, Secretary