

## **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, August 16, 2024 at 5:30 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 Foundation CD Investment.** The board will not renew the \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit (renews 10/21/24). Instead, the Board will investigate a high interest-bearing money market checking account for a portion of these funds.

### **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. **Tripawds Foundation is financially solvent.** Treasurer Agredano reviewed the profit and loss statement, balance sheet, and 2024 program disbursements. The organization has distributed more program grant funds in the year-to-date than in all of 2023. Upon review of all financial documents for 2024 to-date, the Board concludes that the organization remains financially solvent for the coming year.

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

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

1. **New Outreach Materials Campaign.** To fulfill the organization's participation mission in a 2024 Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association webinar, Tripawds President Nelson developed Tripawd recovery and care Q&A checklists for veterinary professionals and pet parents, to ensure concerns are addressed before amputation surgery. Checklists will be distributed electronically, and a future publicity campaign will be developed by Agredano to promote these new outreach tools.

2. **Three Legacy Foundation collaboration.** Agredano reported that this Kansas-based 501c3 is interested in partnering with Tripawds Foundation on their efforts to raise money for amputee pets with cancer. Program specifics are yet to be determined by Three Legacy Foundation, and Agredano is following up to determine specific ways our organization can support their efforts. The Board agrees that these collaborative efforts will *not* result in any new Tripawds Foundation programs, which require more time and resources than are currently available.
3. **The Teach Your Dog to Paint Video Course.** New social media outreach efforts will begin in Q4 2024 by Agredano and supporter Natasha Baguley to increase awareness of this fundraising tool.
4. **Plans for a 2026 Tripawds Foundation Calendar are underway.** The Board agrees to proceed with a donations-based outreach campaign for an annual “Tripawd-of-the-Month” calendar fundraising tool. Methods for donations procurement will likely include social media-based voting for individual entrants. The Board agrees that a professional designer will be fairly compensated to organize and design the 2025 calendar. Planning will begin in Q2 2025.
5. **Platform Migration is underway.** President Nelson reported that in 2025 the Tripawds Foundation will migrate to a more robust and user-friendly platform solution for Tripawds Discussion forums and other communications channels. Planning sessions will begin in November 2024 with consultants from Circle.co, an all-in-one community platform solution. Migration of to-be-determined Tripawds community engagement tools will occur between 2025 and 2027.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Agredano, Secretary