

BCCA Trust Minutes
December 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. CST by President Carol Freeman.

Present: Carol Freeman, Linda Taylor, Don Means, Carol Sirriner, Maryann Szalka, Michele Ritter, and Ruth Colavecchio

Absent: Glenn Alexander

We will mount an end-of-year giving campaign entitled the Canine Cancer Challenge. Proceeds from the Cancer Challenge will be donated to AKC-CHF with the understanding our donation will be doubled.

The following project will receive the funds we raise as part of the CCC:

AKC-CHF study #01759: Disrupting the Differentiation of Cancer Stem Cells to Prevent the Spread of Hemangiosarcoma
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jaime F Modiano, VMD PhD Institution: University of Minnesota*
Total Grant Amount: \$233,914.00; Grant Period: 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2015

We will send out an e-mail blast via the BCCA membership list and on our Facebook page communicating about the CCC, our past success around this fundraising initiative. and the benefits of donating to the BCCA.

In addition, the Trust will donate \$1,000 from the BCCA Trust General Fund to the work AKC-CHF is undertaking on issues related to the aging dog. Money donated to CHF's *Old Dogs Rule* will be used to establish a funding base for senior and geriatric veterinary biomedical research. Beginning in 2015, CHF will award grants to researchers who aim to understand how to strengthen the aging dog's immune system, prevent and/or manage health problems such as degenerative cardiac disease or kidney disease, and how aging dogs can retain their cognitive function to not just live longer, but live well.

We will come together in January via a conference call to discuss the focus of our fundraising efforts in the 2016.

The conference call concluded at 7:45 p.m. CST

Carol Sirriner
Recording Secretary