Animal Charity Evaluators

Board of Directors Meeting
Type of Meeting: Standard Monthly Meeting
Date: June 19, 2016

In attendance:

Chairperson: Jonas Mueller Treasurer: Peter Hurford Secretary: Jeff Sebo

Board Member: Sam Bankman-Fried Executive Director: Jon Bockman

Absent:

Board Member: S. Greenberg Board Member: Claire Zabel

Quorum established: Yes

1. Call to order: JM called the meeting to order at 10:09am PST.

2. Approval of minutes: Minutes were approved via email.

3. Items considered:

1. Brief financial update (JB)

a. Updated financials

b. May financials

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Beginning balance (May)	\$399,745.60
Income	\$7,673.12
ACE Contributions	\$1,667.74
Top Charity Contributions	\$5,424.52
Other Income	\$580.86
Expenses	\$26,882.01
Net income/loss	-\$19,208.89
Ending balance (May)	\$380,536.71
for Top Charities (donations that have already reached our bank, not including May GD donations since those won't be deposited	
until June)	\$64,523.24

ACE's balance	\$316,013.47
Months of Operating Expenses	11

- 2. Progress update (progress in relation to <u>strategic plan</u>) (JB)
 - a. Sentience conference
 - i. JB and JR gave talks, JB took notes for fall ACE conference
 - b. Hires
 - i. Development Director
 - 1. 20-hour/week position
 - ii. Possible Marketer
 - 1. Independently contracting EH and will be advertising for 20-hour/week position in Communications
 - c. Guide to Advocacy for Charities delay
 - i. Will be creating small booklet that highlights research findings
 - ii. Considering also designing tri-fold and/or writing an e-book for Amazon
 - d. Website Redesign
 - i. Moving forward as planned, deciding how to arrange tabs
 - ii. Explainer video (introducing EA for animals) moving forward as planned
 - e. Audit
 - i. Finished last week and will forward to the board
 - ii. No major negative findings, but some practical advice for us to consider
- 3. Conflict of interest Policy (JB)
 - a. Finalized addition
 - i. Does formal volunteer position count as a conflict? Borderline case, but ideally we can make the position less formal.
 - ii. Should we disclose past donations? Borderline case, but might as well.
 - iii. Should we disclose friendships? Not necessary, and not practical.
 - iv. Finalized disclosures Please add past donations to recommended charities within next two weeks.
 - b. Kieran and advisors to Research Fund
 - i. No longer requires discussion
 - c. EAF
 - EAF accepts money for us, yet we evaluate Sentience Politics, which is part of EAF. Conflict? No, but we should disclose relationship in any relevant reviews.
 - ii. ACE staff and board will not accept honoraria for talks organized by evaluated charities, but will accept travel and accommodations.
- 4. Board ACE email addresses
 - a. Board members will have ACE email addresses moving forward.
- 5. Investment update (PH)
 - a. There was an issue with E-Trade application, but PH is resolving it and we should have a policy soon.
 - b. Draft policy

- 6. Recruitment committee (JS)
 - a. JS met with subcommittee and JB. JS developed board recruitment procedure and presented it to the board for approval. The board approved. JS will follow up soon to solicit nominations.
- 7. Evaluation committee (CZ)
 - a. CZ absent, but PH and JS confirm that subcommittee will meet next weekend.
- 8. Next board meeting (JM)
 - a. Sunday 7/24, 10am PST

4. New business

N/A

5. Closed session (optional: excludes ED or other invited guests):

[N/A if the session was not closed]

6. Next scheduled meeting:

Sunday 7/24, 10am PST

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am on Sunday June 19 2016 by JM

Submitted by:

Jeff Sebo, Board Secretary

Jonas Mueller, Board Chair