

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
February through June 2003 Board Business - Actions and Votes
Submitted by Susan Wright, Secretary

Under the direction of President Sue Dorscheid, discussion began on Monday, February 10 2003, in the Board's NSDTRC-USA.org on line forum. Voting took place by US mail. The minutes of the November through December 2002 Board Business were approved as written.

Board Members Participating:

Sue Dorscheid, President Julie Hanson, Vice President Susan Wright, Secretary Eric Johnson, Treasurer
Jane Young, Region 1 Director Jody Petry, Region 2 Director Cindy Richardson, Region 3 Director
Dominique Jolley, Region 4 Director Deb Gibbs, Region 5 Director (*February 9-May 31*)
Janice Johnson, Region 5 Director (*June 1-June 21*) Dee Nichols, Region 6 Director
Melissa Savage, Region 7 Director

Deb Gibbs informed the Board that she would be moving out of her region and therefore she would have to resign from her position as Region 5 Director as of May 31, 2003. As per Article IV, Section 4 of the NSDTRC (USA) Bylaws, the Board voted to name Janice Johnson to fill the vacancy from June 1 through October 31, 2003.

AKC Licensing

Julie Hanson reported on the Club's progress toward AKC Sanctioned Status & Licensing. Julie informed the Board that we had been moved to sanctioned "A" status without having to hold a "B" match. Sue Dorscheid moved that Donna McClellan and Julie Hanson be put in charge of the responsibilities of communicating with Club Relations and overseeing the process of getting the club licensed. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

ABSTAIN: Julie Hanson

Jody Petry moved that we allow Julie Hanson to apply for AKC licensing for the club immediately after the A match. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

ABSTAIN: Julie Hanson

Wording Changes to Bylaws

Julie Hanson informed the Board that on 3/29/03 she received a letter from the AKC notifying us that our A match had qualified, and that the Club was now eligible to submit a presentation requesting license status for conformation and obedience, and that before a presentation is submitted requesting license, amendments to the bylaws must be implemented. The AKC stated that foreign members should not have a right to vote. After much discussion on this issue as well as other possible changes to the bylaws, Sue Dorscheid moved that the bylaws be amended and put to a vote by the membership, due to the requirements being mandated by the AKC, that:

1. A new type of membership called "Foreign" be offered for those individuals residing outside the US that are not members on the date to be specified in the amended bylaws.

2. Anyone that is already a voting member that resides outside the US will retain their voting privileges provided they keep their membership current and do not lapse.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols

NOT APPROVE: Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Melissa Savage

Sue Dorscheid moved that the revised wording be submitted to AKC's club relations for review and approval as proposed changes to the bylaws regarding foreign membership and some general housekeeping changes, and if the AKC approves the document as written that the changes be submitted to the membership for a vote.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols

NOT APPROVE: Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Melissa Savage

AKC Supported Entries

Sue Dorscheid moved that the guidelines for supported entries be approved as follows:

1. Application for a supported entry must be made with the NSDTRC Secretary a minimum of 10 months before the show. This deadline will be relaxed for shows occurring before February 2004. The Secretary will approve the applications and notify the Board of all applications received. The Secretary will send the letter to the AKC club approving the supported entry.

2. Application is made by filling out the form made by Julie Hanson. The form will be available on the club website.

3. No more than one supported entry may be held per calendar year in each AKC division. A supported entry held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting Weekend will not count towards the one supported entry per AKC division per year requirement.

4. In order to hold a supported entry, there should be reasonable assurance from the membership in the area that the number of dogs showing will provide a 5 point major for dogs and a 5 point major for bitches.

5. The membership is responsible for donating the trophies for the supported entry. Trophies will be supplied for Best of Breed, Best Opposite, Best of Winners, Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch, Reserve Winner's Dog and Reserve Winner's Bitch at a minimum. At the option of the membership in the area, trophies may be offered for class placements as well. Note: according to AKC rules a Best Puppy trophy can not be offered. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

National Specialties

The AKC defines a national specialty as any show that is sponsored by the parent breed club. It was decided that NSDTRC (USA) would consider the specialty held each year in conjunction with the Annual Meeting as our National Specialty. Julie Hanson moved that:

1) That upon AKC licensure and beginning in 2004 the NSDTRC (USA) sponsor at least one major national specialty a year in conjunction with the annual meeting if possible.

2) That beginning in 2004 these specialties be labeled "**National Specialty**" every year.

3) That a minimum requirement for events held during a **National Specialty** shall be independent AKC licensed Conformation & Sweepstakes, Obedience, and the NSDTRC (USA) approved Field Tests. AKC licensed Hunt Tests, Agility, Junior Showmanship, and Tracking may be offered depending on resources available. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Supported Entry - Region 4

Dominique Jolley requested Board approval for a supported entry to be held in conjunction with a field test in her Region 3. Jody Petry moved to approve Supported entry for Gold Country Kennel Club Show on August 30, 2003. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Dominique Jolley, Cindy Richardson, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

MD Sporting Dog Association Catalog Ad

Sue Dorscheid moved to sponsor an ad for the Maryland Sporting Dog Association Show catalog at the cost of \$50.00, and for the ad to include the Club logo. The show was to take place in March 2003. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

2003 Eukanuba Invitational

Information sent by the AKC for the 2003 AKC Eukanuba Invitational scheduled to be held in California was discussed. Parent clubs may sponsor medallions for the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best Bred by Exhibitor at a total cost of \$75.

Catalog ads for the event are available at the rate of \$125/full page, \$75/half page, and \$40/quarter page. Dominique Jolley agreed to be the Club's liaison for this event. Jody Petry moved that we sponsor medallions (\$75.00) and purchase a 1/2 page ad (\$75.00) for the Eukanuba Invitational. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

NSDTRC (USA) Championships after AKC Recognition

Options for continuing NSDTRC (USA) Championships after AKC Recognition was discussed. Susan Wright moved that once Tollers are accepted into the AKC Sporting Group, the current field pass requirements for an NSDTRC (USA) championship shall be maintained and that the following changes shall be made to the point requirements of the NSDTRC (USA) championship program:

Step 1:

Beginning upon the date that Tollers are allowed to compete in the AKC Sporting Group, expected to be July 1, 2003, points may only be earned at NSDTRC (USA) Specialties or in AKC shows. The NSDTRC (USA) point schedule shall match AKC's point schedule for the location of the event.

All applications for NSDTRC (USA) points earned in AKC shows must be submitted to Records on a Conformation Title Form according to the current policy for wins in AKC Miscellaneous classes. The results of the show shall be verified in AKC Awards magazine. The current NSDTRC (USA) requirement that five points must be earned after 18 months of age and that the dog must earn one major shall be maintained.

Dogs may instead complete the NSDTRC (USA) point requirement by completing an AKC championship. The AKC championship shall be recorded from AKC Awards magazine, and no Conformation Title Forms need to be submitted to Records as each of the 15 AKC points are earned.

Step 2:

Upon the date that NSDTRC (USA) is licensed to hold AKC point shows, all pre-existing NSDTRC (USA) points shall be grandfathered. Dogs with grandfathered points may complete their NSDTRC (USA) points only at AKC shows. The NSDTRC (USA) point schedule shall match AKC's point schedule for the location of the event. For individual NSDTRC (USA) points to be awarded, a Conformation Title Form must be submitted to Records for each AKC win according to the current policy for wins in AKC Miscellaneous classes. The results of the show shall be verified in AKC Awards magazine. The current NSDTRC (USA) requirement that five points must be earned after 18 months of age and that the dog must earn one major shall be maintained.

Dogs with grandfathered points may instead complete the NSDTRC (USA) point requirement by completing an AKC championship. The AKC championship shall be recorded from AKC Awards magazine, and no Conformation Title Forms need to be submitted to Records as each of the 15 AKC points are earned.

Dogs that have not earned any NSDTRC (USA) points before the date that NSDTRC (USA) is licensed to hold AKC point shows shall be recorded as an NSDTRC (USA) Champion only after earning an AKC championship and having passed an approved field test. The AKC championship shall be recorded from AKC Awards magazine, and no Conformation Title Forms need to be submitted to Records. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

NOT APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Deb Gibbs

Sue Dorscheid moved that dogs that have grandfathered points will have a period of two years beyond the date the Club becomes licensed to earn the remaining points. There is no time period by which a dog must complete the field pass portion of the Club championship requirement. **MOTION DEFEATED**

APPROVE: Eric Johnson, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley

NOT APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Jane Young, Deb Gibbs, Melissa Savage

H&G Committee

The Board discussed restructuring the Health & Genetics Committee and eliminating subcommittees. Committee Chair Sherry Seibel's input was requested, and on Sherry's recommendation Sue Dorscheid moved that the PRA subcommittee of the H&G Committee be disbanded, and its members (Sue Van Sloun, Jane Folkman and Liz Corey) be made regular members of the H&G Committee. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Refund for Quackers ads

Interim Quackers Editor Eric Johnson informed the Board that there had been some ads submitted for the delayed issue that would no longer make sense to publish. Sue Dorscheid moved that ad moneys for the Winter Quackers be refunded for those who submitted time sensitive ads at Eric's discretion. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

Quackers Editor

That Dorothy Marble be appointed to the Quackers Editor position effective with the August issue. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Show Events Chair

Due to the rapid changes the Club has been experiencing with regard to AKC licensing, Sue Dorscheid moved that a freeze be put on appointing someone for the Show/Trial position and that the committee previously assigned to review Club paperwork (consisting of Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Deb Gibbs, Betty King, and Kate Dugger) be convened to look at all aspects of the process of doing Club sponsored events from initial bids, Club required paperwork, AKC required paperwork, to final paperwork, plus everything in-between such as award banquets, perpetual trophies, etc., with the committee planning to present a report and recommendations to the Board by the next session of Board business including how to handle the Show/Trial position.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Statisticians

That the statisticians be approved as follows:

Cathy DeBruyne - Head Statistician

Conformation / Jr. Showmanship - Laura Smith

Obedience/Tracking - Keryl Ashbach

Field - Latisha Hancy

Agility - Erin Friedeman

Cathy's responsibilities would be initially to help set up the database and recording format, and decide what information was to be recorded, and then afterwards to coordinate all the information from the others into a single report. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

That the club purchase a second subscription to Awards and have it sent to Laura Smith, and then Laura will split the issue and send it to the other statisticians. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Deb Gibbs, Dominique Jolley, Melissa Savage

Extending Membership Renewal Deadline

Sue Dorscheid moved that the deadline for membership renewals be extended an additional 90 days this year as allowed in the bylaws due to the fact that the reminder notice that normally appears in Quackers before the due date was not received by the membership. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage
NOT APPROVE: Susan Wright

Club Banners

The Regional Directors were asked if they had still had the Club banners, and if they used them. Sue Dorscheid moved that the Club purchase eight banners (garden size 13" wide by 15" long) - one for each RD and one for PEC - at a cost of \$18 apiece.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Sue also moved that we purchase 4 Club banners (size and construction the same as the original banners made years ago) for Regions 1, 3, 4 and 7. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Guidelines for Conducting Board Business

Conducting business on line and voting policies were discussed. Julie Hanson moved that the revised guidelines for conducting business be approved with outlined modifications. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Travel Reimbursement Request

After much discussion on the reimbursement policy and past reimbursement practices, Julie Hanson moved that the current reimbursement policy be suspended until revisions are made and the revised policy is approved by the Board. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

ABSTAIN: Eric Johnson

Webmaster Report / Fundraising on Website

Webmaster Julie Hanson asked the Board to address the issue of posting information on fundraising on the website. Sue Dorscheid moved that a policy be set so that merchandise for sale or on-line auctions for the Annual Meeting and national specialty only be allowed on the Club website for the current event - i.e. the event that is to occur chronologically next. The motion was adopted. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Jody Petry, Dominique Jolley, Deb Gibbs, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Adjournment

Sue Dorscheid moved to adjourn this business session. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Dominique Jolley, Cindy Richardson, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage