

**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) In-Person Board Meeting
Linthicum, MD - Thursday, October 9, 2003**

Board Actions and Votes

Board Members Participating:

Sue Dorscheid, President	Susan Wright, Secretary	Eric Johnson, Treasurer
Jane Young, Region 1 Director	Jody Petry, Region 2 Director	Dominique Jolley, Region 4 Director
Melissa Savage, Region 7 Director		

President Sue Dorscheid called the In Person Meeting of the NSDTRC (USA) Board of Directors to order at 8:40 a.m. All actions outlined below were approved unanimously. The minutes of the August 2003 On-Line Board Business were approved as written.

Kennel Club Books, Inc had offered their new book, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever by Nona Kilgore Bauer, to our Club at a 50% discount based in the purchase of full cartons of 20 books each. The Board will respectfully decline the offer.

Committee reports were postponed until 2:00 p.m., and the meeting proceeded to unfinished business.

The Board voted to postpone pursuing AKC licensing for tracking until such time as there is sufficient interest within the Club.

November 15, 2003 was selected as the date that the ballots on the previously approved bylaw changes would go out to voting members. The bylaw changes will be divided into three votes on the ballot; one for the membership changes, one for agility, and one for the housekeeping corrections. Voting will end on 12/15/03.

Blake Porter has agreed to sign an assignment of rights document for the breed video, in which Blake would give the Club all rights to the video, and the Club would agree to leave his name in the video.

Current and future appointees to Club positions will be asked to sign letters of appointment which include the statement, "I (name here) assign all rights to work products, files, and documents created and received while working in this position to the NSDTRC (USA)."

The discussion on Breeder Director requirements was postponed until 1:00 p.m.

The possibility of holding an AKC Plan A Hunt Test was discussed. Julie Hanson will be asked to find out from the AKC if our Club holds an AKC Plan A Hunt Test and becomes licensed to hold AKC Hunt tests, if we would lose our licensing if we did not hold tests.

The Board voted to join the Purina Parent Club Program. The program generates funds for Canine Health Research. If Toller Club members were also members of Purina's Pro Club, the club would receive a benefit of 10% of the value of all points submitted by our members.

The Board passed a resolution adopting a change of the Club's Registered Office. The Club's registered agent will remain Joan Johnson, but the address has change from the address of her law firm to her home address.

An application to hold a Supported Entry on July 24, 2004, at the Waukesha Kennel Club in Waukesha, WI was approved.

Discussion on Breeder Directory requirements commenced at 1:00 p.m. Breeder Referral Chair Sue Van Sloun and Health & Genetics Committee Chair Sherry Seibel were included in the discussion. The following

two bullets on the recently approved Breeder Referral Directory document were moved from the list of recommendations to the list of requirements:

- Follow AKC requirements for record keeping, identification of animals, and registration procedures.

- Health Clearances

1) Prior to breeding, all currently used breeding stock within the kennel and stud dogs should, at minimum, be:

a) Certified clear of Hip Dysplasia by any of the various organizations recognized in providing hip clearance certification.

b) OptiGen tested for PRA before first breeding in order to reduce the incidence of PRA as recommended by Optigen LLC.

c) Bitches - Eyes cleared, before each breeding, by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist for signs of heritable eye defects other than PRA and registered with CERF or have equivalent documentation from a board-certified ophthalmologist.

Bitches should continue to have eyes checked every 18 months up to the age of nine (9) years.

d) Studs - Eyes cleared before first service by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist for signs of major heritable eye defects other than PRA and registered with CERF or have equivalent documentation from a board-certified ophthalmologist.

Thereafter, eyes should be checked at least every 18 months up to the age of nine (9) years.

During the discussion on Breeder Directory requirements, the issue of reviewing the Club's Code of Ethics was raised. An ad hoc committee was formed to study the Club's Code of Ethics and to come back to the Board with recommendations. Kelly Barry, Sherry Seibel and Marile Waterstraat were named to the committee, with Kelly as Chair.

Committee reports were heard beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The cost to list on Breeder Referral was raised to \$20.00.

During the August session of Board Business, it was approved that a reminder of the registration requirement be included in future field premiums, on Alternate Field Pass forms, and on the forms dog owners use to submit to Records for WC/I/X passes through other clubs. The Board approved the following wording to be used for the reminder:

" A dog must be registered with the American Kennel Club and documentation of AKC registration must be on file with Records to be eligible for NSDTRC (USA) titles. Dogs registered with AKC after May 1, 2000 must have a copy of the AKC certificate submitted to Records for any pass to be recorded toward Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) titles."

The Club will no longer ask on the Membership application if the applicant would like to receive a roster. Rosters will be mailed to every household.

The Board regretfully accepted Don White's resignation as National Rescue Chair.

The Board voted to ask Jerry Forster to accept the position of National Rescue Chair. Jerry later declined, but agreed to serve as interim until a replacement is found.

The positions of AKC Liaison and Registrar were eliminated.

The discussion on Event Finances was tabled.

The meeting was recessed at 6:25 p.m. and resumed at 9:26 p.m. after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Betty White (Region 3), Dee Nichols (Region 6) and Jean Gilroy (Region 1) were named to the 2004 Nominating Committee with Betty as chair, and Cherie Ball (Region 5) and Ellen Jackson (Region 7) were named as alternates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.