



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION
Beginning Saturday, November 22, 2014
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2014 In Person Board Meeting Minutes
(See Attachment A - Secretary Report BOD 2014 Annual In Person Meeting)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None – Limited Agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Submitted by: Eric Johnson
(See Attachment B – Legislative Report)

AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Conduct of Business
Submitted by: Kim Simons, President

Each year the Board must agree on the method to conduct Board Business as provided in the Bylaws which is in compliance with Alabama law related to conducting business without a meeting. In legalese there is a distinction between “meetings” and conducting business. “Meetings” require that all in attendance **MUST** be able to see or hear everyone else so can only be accomplished in-person or by video or telephone conferencing.

Article III, Section 4. Board Business.

The Board of Directors may also conduct business by telephone conference call, mail, and fax provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these Bylaws. All Board members must agree upon the means of communication. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, mail, and fax must be confirmed in writing within seven days.

Since approximately 2002, the Board has “conducted business” by using a Forum or Bulletin Board for discussions with all voting being done by mail or fax. However, the Board has to approve this method of conducting business each year.

Specific Board Action Requested: that the NSDTRC (USA) Officers and Board unanimously agree to continue to use the current on-line Forum for the conduct of business with all voting done by mail or fax during the next year (Nov 1st, 2014 – October 31st, 2015).

Proposal #2: AKC Meet the Breeds February 14, 2015

Specific Board Action Requested: Decide if the NSDTRC USA should participate in the AKC Meet the Breeds held on February 14, 2015 in conjunction with the Westminster Kennel Club's Master Agility Trial. Response is due back to the AKC by January 4, 2015
(Please see: Attachment C - Westminster Meet the Breeds)

Proposal #3: Appoint/ask one or two members to be our representative on the new companion events e-list. (obedience, rally, tracking, agility)

Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat, Delegate

Proposal Description: AKC Companion Events yahoo group

Justification: It will hopefully provide good information for Club members and national specialties

Administration: Don't think it will require much unless someone wants to drop out. Just finding interested members to be on the list.

Financial: none

Specific Board Action Requested: Agree to find one or two members to join the list. NSDTRC USA BOD members need to Contact Maureen Setter, Setterdogs@aol.com to be added to the group

Proposal #4: Adding an additional supported entry for western Region 1 (the Finger Lakes Classic) AKC Division 2

Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat

Proposal Description/Justification: We have agreed to share with Region 7 (AKC division 2, which includes NY, NJ, and PA) for the special Morris and Essex show. Morris and Essex occurs once every five years. We have already submitted a request for a supported entry at that special show, Marile Waterstraat and Kim Luikert chairs. However, we have just had a very successful supported entry at the Leatherstocking Classic Shows in Syracuse, NY on November 15, with 23 entries, 7 sweeps entries, 4 rally entries, and 1 obedience entry, 5 point majors in both sexes, good food, fun, and earning the Club \$202.65. We feel that it would disadvantage our region's members not to have a supported entry in this area next year, as majors are very difficult to come by in this area. We are asking that an exception be made for 2015, allowing us to have a supported entry in our region, along with the "special" one at the Morris and Essex shows.

Administration: Marile Waterstraat, chair

Financial Implications: Since this year's supported entry earned the Club \$202.65, I would expect it would gain us about the same amount.

Specific Board Action Request: To allow western Region 1 (AKC division 2) to have a supported entry at the Leatherstocking Classic Shows in Syracuse, NY, in November 2015.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Proposal #1: Appointment of Region 2 Interim Director

Specific Board Action Requested: Review letters of interest and appoint an Interim Regional Director needs to be appointed for the remainder of Cathy’s term (November 10, 2014 through October 31, 2015.)

Proposal #2: Appointment of 2015 Nominating Committee
Submitted by: Kim Simons

Proposal Description: The Nominating Committee is to be appointed by the newly elected Board coming into office on November 1 each year. The number of Nominating Committee members has been increased to 5 plus 2 alternates. No more than 1 Board member may serve on the committee.

The positions up for nomination and those currently in each position:

Region 2 Director: Interim Director appointed in this Business Session (finishing Cathy DeBruyne’s term)

Region 5 Director: Max Hamilton (finishing 2nd 3-year term – 2 term limit)

Specific Board Action Required: Appoint a Nominating Committee to select the slate of candidates for available positions.

ADJOURNMENT



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
2014 In Person BOARD MEETING
ROBERTS CENTRE, Wilmington, Ohio
Tuesday, October 7, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM EST on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 by President Sue Dorscheid.

ROLL CALL:

Board of Directors Attending in Person: B. Fogg, J. Hollis, K Adams, B. Sherlag,
Board of Directors Attending via Phone: S. Dorscheid, B. King, C. DeBryune, S. Bakalis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre,
Ex-officio Non-voting Members: M. Waterstraat
Guests: K. Simons, L. Meacham

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to amend the April 2014 Minutes by adding the title Proposal #5 title as: APHIS RULE AFFECTING NSDTRC USA RESCUE;

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Brad Sherlag seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Betsy Fogg moved to approve minutes as amended. Sue Dorscheid seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Betty King seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

No actionable items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

Motion: To donate \$2,000 annually to CHF from the Health and Genetics Fund

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Sue Dorscheid seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Add Assistant to Records Position

Motion: To approve the proposal as written:

Approve the addition of an assistant to the Records person, and advertise the position on the website and in Quackers.

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Betty King seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: NSDTRC(USA) to join the Master National Retriever Club in years when NSDTRC(USA) holds a Hunt Test that includes a Master stake.

Motion: To join the Master National Retriever Club on an annual basis.

Motion made by Brad Sherlag. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) Facebook Page

Motion: To approve the creation of the NSDTRC-USA Official Facebook Page for informational only purposes, the page will be closed for comment, open to the public and overseen by the Public Education Committee.

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #4: Maggie Therapy Dog Award

Motion: To send this proposal back to Sydney Jones with the following suggestions.

- 1) The Maggie Therapy Dog Awards will be given to Tollers earning the Titles of AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) and AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD)
- 2) The winners of the Maggie Therapy Dog Awards will be published in Quackers and may also be announced and published in the banquet booklet
- 3) Certificates will be mailed to the recognized dogs following the annual banquet.

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Brad Sherlag seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #5: Versatility Committee Restructuring

Secretary's NOTE – this proposal was moved to the confidential executive session

Proposal #6: Proposal for Appointing the Chairperson and Approval of Funding for the Meet the Breeds event at the 2014 Eukanuba National Championship, December 9-11, 2014, Orlando Florida

Motion: To Approve an annual \$200 budget for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Meet the Breeds Toller Booth.

Motion made by Jenn Hollis. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #7: To send Eric Johnson, Legislative Liaison, to the NAIA Conference in Orlando, FL

Motion: To send Eric Johnson, NSDTRC (USA) Legislative Liaison to the 2014 NAIA National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The NSDTRC (USA) will reimburse Eric's travel expenses, meals and incidentals (cab fare, parking etc) after an expense report has been turned in.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Betsy Fogg seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #8: Region 4 Application to Host 2016 NSDTRC USA National Specialty

Motion: To approve Region 4's application to host the 2016 National Specialty.

Motion made by Jenn Hollis. Brad Sherlag seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL

Executive Session:

At this time Meeting guests Kim Simons and Liz Meacham were excused from the meeting and only current Board Members and Ex-Officio Board members remained.

Proposal #1: Review and approve standing and ad hoc committees

Motion 1: Judges Selection Committee – Betsy Fogg and Cynthia Parker update the Job Description for the Judges Selection based on the recent changes made to the committee form and function. It is requested that the updated description be ready for Board of Directors Approval for the January 2015 meeting.

Motion made by Sue Dorscheid. Betty King seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion 2: Appoint Jenn Hollis as the Public Education chair.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Betsy Fogg seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion 3: Appoint Kathy Guerra as the Membership Chair.

Sue Dorscheid made the motion. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion 4: Versatility Committee

Motion: To ask: Maureen Baumtrong, John Simonson and Danika Bannasch to join the Versatility Committee. Ask the committee to first review the categories that qualify a Toller for the Versatility Award and then review the point schedule for each category.

Motion made by Sue Dorscheid. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: Scholarship Candidate

Motion: To approve the NSDTRC (USA) Junior Scholarship Award to Kaitlyn Hemp with the request that she sends the Board of Directors a letter telling us her intentions of her scholarship funds.

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: Review Club Mentor Applications

Motion 1: To accept the application of Francine Kaplan as a NSDTRC USA Club Approved Mentor.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Cathy DeBruyne seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion 2: To accept the application of Terri Krause as a NSDTRC (USA) Club Approved Mentor.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Cathy DeBruyne seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #4: Proposal to Add Member to the Judges Education Committee

Motion: To add Terri Krause to the Judges Education Committee.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Cathy DeBruyne seconded the motion.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the Board Business Session and the Confidential Executive Session.

Motion made by Brad Sherlag. Cathy DeBruyne seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: B. King, K. Adams, B. Sherlag, B. Fogg, C. DeBruyne, S. Bakalis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, J. Hollis

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM EST.

NOTE: President's vote was cast for all motions, but only counted in the case of a tie.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Adams, Secretary

Report of the Legislative Liaison

All has been relatively quiet for the past few months on the legislative front.

Perhaps the biggest event is that a summary judgement was handed down in the Associated Dog Clubs of New York State (ADC of NYS) V. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) case. This case was filed earlier this year against the USDA by about 42 different dog clubs and individuals. The basis for the suit was that the USDA did not follow proper procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to create the new rule governing sales of puppies and also that they neglected to take into account the realities of providing the kennel/whelping conditions required of previously unregulated home or hobbyist breeders. The summary judgement was against the plaintiffs. According to the fairly sparse comments available, they are giving some consideration to an appeal. According to other comments I've heard, the basis for any appeal just isn't there. If any one is interested, I can send them the opinion. There's a lot of "legalese" but basically the judge accepted that the government had the right to make the rule and had followed a logical and legitimate process in doing so.

In other news, Julian Prager, an attorney from Pennsylvania, has been hired by USDA/APHIS to help them interpret the rule they released a year ago and to help with any writing of amendments to that rule. Mr. Prager is well-known within the dog world as he is the AKC Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club. He has bred and shown Bulldogs for many years. In addition, he is the legal advisor to the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). Mr. Prager has always been helpful to me and sort of guided my discussions with the APHIS representatives concerning breed club rescues, particularly breed clubs which have basically a home based operation such as ours. I really look forward to seeing what he can bring forth from this mess. At first I thought that talking to us would put him in an ethical squeeze but he assured me that since he's not acting in any way as a lawyer for APHIS, we can continue to raise questions and he'll answer them if he can. Apparently his first task will be to write the APHIS response to the Congressional comments contained in the Agriculture Bill passed earlier this year. These comments voiced many of the concerns that hobby breeders had raised when the rule was proposed.

Finally, I am just back from the NAIA Annual Conference ... just back. I'll have a more lengthy report in the next couple of weeks. For now I just want to say that the conference was very good. I would suggest that a member of the Board go to this meeting at least every other year. While I enjoyed the meeting, I think it will help the Board get a broader perspective of just what is going on if someone other than myself attends the next one. Further, a Board member from the locale of the conference will help hold down travel costs in addition to broadening the exposure to the NAIA viewpoint.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

Eric Johnson, Legislative Liaison



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Gina DiNardo
VP/Assistant Executive Secretary

October 15, 2014

Dear Parent Club Secretary,

We are delighted to announce that the Westminster Kennel Club will present AKC Meet the Breeds on February 14, 2015 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. This sixth stand-alone AKC Meet the Breeds® event will be held at Pier 92, 711 12th Ave, New York, NY 10019 in conjunction with The Westminster Kennel Club's Master Agility Trial. AKC Meet the Breeds will again showcase all AKC recognized breeds including those in our Foundation Stock Service.

This showcase provides Parent Clubs with the opportunity to meet and greet the public while educating them about the special characteristics of each AKC registered breed. Your Parent Club is invited to participate by hosting a Parent Club informational booth. We ask that you bring educational materials; at least three club members, adult dogs and puppies over four months of age. You may decorate your booth space to convey information about your breed, for example, country of origin, historical purpose and function, and attributes as a family pet. A contest will be held for Best Booth in Show with prizes awarded on Saturday afternoon.

This year, Parent Clubs will receive either a 10 x10 or 10 x 20 complimentary booth space, depending on the size of the breed. Included with the booth are all the necessary amenities: draped tables (optional), chairs, complimentary admission for booth volunteers, breed sign. In addition we will provide a stipend for lunch each day and a donation will be provided to each Parent Club to assist in the cost of participants' travel related expenses such as parking and gas. If the Parent Club participates in the AKC Breed Flyer program, we will have copies of this document reproduced and available for you to distribute to the public.

Please notify us of the club's participation by returning the AKC Meet the Breeds Response Form, via mail, fax or email. Upon receipt of their contact information, AKC will forward all the necessary booth set-up and booth competition information to this individual. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-696-8350 or via email at gml@akc.org. On behalf of the AKC Meet the Breeds™ Committee, thank you in advance for working towards our common goal of educating the public about the unique and wonderful qualities of your breed and responsible pet ownership.

Sincerely,

Gina DiNardo

CC: Parent Club Presidents and Delegates



AKC MEET THE BREEDS®

RESPONSE FORM

February 14, 2015

Pier 92, 711 12th Ave, New York, NY 10019

In order for club's participation to be listed in our Event Guide response must be received by January 4, 2015

Parent Club Name: _____

Name Parent Club Officer sending form in: _____

Local Chapter Club hosting booth if applicable: _____

AKC'S Liaison Name (information regarding booth setup will be sent to this person):

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone/Cell Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of booth volunteers:

Saturday: _____

Please indicate to whom Stipend should be paid: (check one) cash/check (circle)

Parent Club Treasurer: _____ **or Booth Liaison:** _____

Name and Address of check recipient if not liaison:

CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN AKC MEET THE BREEDS® IN 2015: Please Circle:

YES

NO

Please Return Form to: Gina DiNardo - email: gml@akc.org Fax: 212 696-8345
Mail: The American Kennel Club, 260 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016