



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION**  
Beginning Friday, May 1, 2015  
**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 2014 Online Board Business Session Minutes

**(Please see: Attachment A - November 2014 Online Business Session Minutes)**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2014 Back Yard Classic Report**

*Submitted by: Heather Green*

Please find attached a copy of the final Summary Report for the 2014 Back Yard Classic.

**(Please see: Attachment B – 2014 Back Yard Classic Check Register)**

*No Action Required*

**Standard Committee Report**

*Submitted by: Deb Gibbs*

The following is a brief synopsis of the items that have been/are being discussed by the Standards Committee relative to changes in the Standard.

- Honorable scars ? leave in or take out?
- Ongoing discussion relative to 'bite'
- Ongoing discussion relative to over grooming and coat type and color (open...black in the coat)

The following has been agreed to:

- Full dentition preferred. (this was also voted on prior to the meeting)
- Take out "in a ratio of 10 to 9" in the proportion section
- Take out "bright pink nose" as a fault in the Nose section
- Remove word "short" from the sentence "the back is strong, short and straight"
- Remove the sentence starting with "The tail may be carried below the.....though never touching the body " and replace it with "When gaiting or alert, the tail is carried above the level of the back in a curve, though never touching the body."
- Under the section for Coat: add a fault for over grooming . To read "Faults: coat longer than medium length, over grooming of coat.

Change the section on Markings to Read:

- “The Toller is a red dog that may have any of the following white markings –tip of tail, feet (not extending above the pasterns as viewed from the front), chest and blaze. A dog with lesser or no white should not be penalized.. Fault: White extending beyond the pastern faulted to the degree of deviation.

No Action Required

### **Events Chair**

*Submitted by:* Robyn Haskin

I am still at about 60% I have not done much since last meeting. I will however begin again since my chemo and radiation has just completed. My goal is to be done by summer for approval

### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

*None submitted*

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Maggie Award (Therapy Dog Award)

Submitted by: Sydney Jones and Kim Simons

**(Please see: Attachment C - Proposed Maggie Award)**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Removal of Kennel / Dog names from the pictures on the NSDTRC (USA) website

**Submitted By:** Paul Kartes [paul@lakotaretrievers.com](mailto:paul@lakotaretrievers.com) 630-292-3658

**Proposal Description:** Remove all reference of kennel names / dogs names from the pictures on the club website.

**Proposal Justification:** With having Tollers and kennel names on the club website, it is promoting certain dogs and kennels. There is no process / committee picking the names or kennels to be featured on the club website. There is no way to even tell if the owners/ breeders are in good standing with the club.

**Administration:** Have the webmaster remove the names

**Financial Implication:** None

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Have the webmaster remove the any identifying names from pictures on the NSDTRC (USA) Website.

**Proposal#2:** Allow double entries during a NSDTRC (USA) WC/WCI

**Submitted By:** Paul Kartes [paul@lakotaretrievers.com](mailto:paul@lakotaretrievers.com) 630-292-3658

**Proposal Description:** Page 7 of NSDTRC (USA) Field rule book. “A dog may be entered in only one stake or level “. The proposal is change this line to read “A dog may be double entered in the Working Certificate (WC) and Working Certificate Intermediate (WCI). A dog entered in the Working Certificate Excellent may not be entered in any other stake / level. “

**Proposal Justification:** With test becoming harder and harder to come by, this will allow a handler more opportunity to achieve the title. This would also allow addition income for the test and help offset expenses with very little additional cost to the club.

**Administration:** Change the NSDTRC (USA) rule book page #7

**Financial Implication:** None

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Allow double entries during an NSDTRC(USA) WC/WCI test

**Proposal #3:** Purchase Upgrade of Alpha 5 Version 12 Software for the Records Chair

**Submitted by:** Francine Kaplan

**Proposal Description/Justification:** I contacted Alpha 5 today and the problems I have been having with the database is because we have Version 8. Version 8 was built for Windows XP and it is not totally compatible with Windows 8.1.

XP is no longer supported in the market place so I upgraded my computer to Windows 8.1. I can basically operate the database, but I cannot publish to Excel, PDF, RTF or Notepad.

This means I cannot print reports for Quackers or the National awards in those formats. A critical function. Exporting to Excel is critical for calculating awards.

The only solution Alpha 5 has for this problem is to upgrade to Version 12. Version 12 would fix all these problems. The upgrade is \$299.00.

Please approve the purchase of Alpha 5 Version 12. I will put I on a credit card and submit for reimbursement once you have approved the expenditure. The last time we upgraded was 2006.

Also, Sue Dorsheid had asked me to look into launching the database onto the Web which would allow multiple users to edit the database and multiple people to view it. It could be tied to our National Webpage. This would require the purchase of an “Application Server” and the upgrade to Alpha 12. If I purchased both together now, it would be a one time fee of \$999.00.

I put in a request for a quote for an Alpha 5 consultant to launch the server and provide training. I will let you know when I receive the quote.

I believe it will be more than we wish to spend. Perhaps Amanda has the skills to help launch the application if that is the way you wish to go. If she does, then I would suggest it be a joint Records/Webmaster project.

So for now, I am asking the you approve the upgrade alone for \$299.00 as soon as possible.

**Administration:** Purchas the software upgrade.

**Financial Implication:** Purchase price is approximately \$349

**Specific Board Action Requested:** The Board informally agreed this upgrade via email in February 2015. This proposal is merely to formally approve this expenditure.

**Proposal #4:** Purchase of *Dog Teaching: How to Survive a Puppy Without Losing Your Mind*  
**Submitted by:** Kim Simons

Proposal Description: Club member Jane Young has written a book relating to dog training entitled *Dog Teaching: How to Survive a Puppy Without Losing Your Mind*. Jane has asked the Club if we would be interested in purchasing copies of the book to sell through Merchandising. The Club would be able to purchase them through CreateSpace and offer them for sale to members. The book as a Toller on the cover. The book's list price on CreateSpace is \$14.99. Here is the link: <https://www.createspace.com/5293995> We would be able to mark the price up to offer to our members.

The other option is to have Jane offer them for sale through Quackers directly.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Discuss and decide how to offer this publication to our members.

**Proposal #5:** Judge's Education – Denver, Colorado August 2015  
**Submitted by:** Kim Simons

Proposal Description: Deb Gibbs has contacted me to advise that our Club has been invited to participate in Judge's Education at the Colorado cluster of shows in August 2015. Due to location, it is important to the Club to support this request as there are not many opportunities for this in the west. Cost to club to send a representative (Deb Gibbs or Terri Krause) will be approximately \$1000. Based on an informal email vote, we have approved this request. We need a formal vote and approval.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Based on an informal email vote, we have approved this request. We need a formal vote and approval.

**Proposal #6:** Judge's Education – Portland, Oregon January 2016  
**Submitted by:** Deb Gibbs

**Proposal Description:** Request to Board:

Proposes that the Board approve approximately \$1000.00 in travel expenses for a JEC member to travel to Portland Oregon in January, 2016 to present a Judges Education Seminar in conjunction with the Portland Cluster.

We have a request from Dianne Kroll . The Oregon Dog Judges will be offering Sporting breeds for the 2016 seminars at the Rose City shows in Portland OR, January 22-24, 2016. They expect 30 judges and request two presenters.

Due to the inability to get definite airline fees at this time, the JEC is estimating the costs for travel and two nights hotel. The second member presenter lives in that region of the country.

This gives us an opportunity to reach a number of judges in the western part of the country. Additionally judges from many parts of the country attend these Group seminar venues.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve approximately \$1,000.00 in travel expenses for JEC Member to travel to Portland Oregon in January 2016.

**Proposal #7:** 2017 Application to Host the National Specialty  
**Submitted by:** Joy Annunziato and Region 6

(Please see: Attachment D – 2017 Application to Host the National Specialty)

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approval of Region 6's Application to Host the 2017 National Specialty

**Proposal #8:** To update the Field Trial Application to include a check box, with a yes or no response to the question of "Regional Director contacted?"  
**Submitted by:** Ann DiSilvestre

**Description:** The Supported Entry Application has a check box for the applicant to check yes or no to contacting the Regional Director. To be consistent with both the Field Trial and Supported Entry Applications, the Field Trial Application should be updated to include the same check box.

**Administration:** One time change to the Field Trial Application.

**Financial Impact:** None

**Specific Action Requested:** To approve the addition of a check box on the Field Trial Application indicating a yes or no response to the question of "Regional Director was contacted?"

**Proposal #9:** Proposal: To add the requirement of an Event Treasurer to the Field Trial and Supported Entry Applications.  
**Submitted by:** Ann DiSilvestre

**Description:** At this time, we have been unsuccessful in appointing an Event Treasurer. Therefore, both the Field Trial and Supported Entry Applications need to include a line item for the Event Treasurer. This person will be responsible for the collection and expenditure of Event funds and a final accounting of the funds. The funds collected at the Event shall be made payable to NSDTRC-USA and may include, but not be limited to, entry fees, trophy and raffle donations, prepaid meals, and merchandise.

**Administration:** One time change to both the Field Trial and Supported Entry Applications.

**Financial Impact:** None

**Specific Action Requested:** To approve the addition of Event Treasurer to the Field Trial and Supported Entry Applications.

**Proposal #10:** Approval of Records Assistant Chairman  
**Submitted by:** Francine Kaplan

(See Attachment E – Records Assistant Chairman PD)

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve the Records Assistant Chairman Position Description

**Proposal #11:** Amend the 2013 Board motion on AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference  
**Submitted by:** Karen Bauman, Chair Health & Genetics Committee ([addax@aol.com](mailto:addax@aol.com))

**Proposal Description:** During the June 2013 Online BOD Business Session, Motion #1 approved the proposal summarized below, as written in the official Aug 2013 minutes.

*Proposal #1: AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference Motion: I move to approve funds for the registration of one attendee to the annual AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference this year and every year going forward. The attendee shall be a Member of the NSDTRC-USA Health & Genetics Committee. The Chair of the NSDTRC-USA Health & Genetics Committee will assign the Committee Member to attend, of which it could also be the Chair, and do their best to receive any "Early Registration" benefit. The attendee will provide a written report of the Conference to the Board of Directors.*

This approved motion assists in fulfilling one of the specific purposes of NSDTRC-USA Club – “To encourage and support research into the genetic and health related issues that impact Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers” (NSDTRC-USA Bylaws, section 2, #f). It assured that the Club would always have access to the most current research by way of a Health and Genetics Committee member attending the AKC Canine Health Foundation Conference. It also provided an opportunity for networking with Health and Genetics Committee representatives from other AKC parent (breed) clubs and representatives from the AKC Canine Health Foundation as well. However, the motion only approved funds for conference registration, which does include 2 nights of hotel and all meals during the conference, but not travel expenses. Thus as currently written the attendee must be willing to absorb all flight or mileage charges in order to attend the conference on behalf of the Club.

This current proposal requests an amendment to the 2013 motion such that both registration and travel related expenses would be covered for the Health and Genetics Committee Member attending the important conference.

Technically this motion should not require any additional funds from the Club since the original motion approved that yearly funds be made available, yet this conference is held every other year. Therefore, registration funds allocated by the Club in non-conference years per the approved 2013 motion could be used to pay for travel expenses (not to exceed \$500.00, which is the cost of registration). No additional governance from the Club would be required; this proposal simply requests: 1) an approved amendment to Motion #1 from the 2013 June 2013 Online BOD Business Session to include travel expenses, and 2) reallocation of existing designated funds. All other stipulations described in the original 2013 motion, including: who would attend, the emphasis on obtaining the “early registration” benefit, and the requirement to submit a written report the Board of Directors would remain in place.

I respectfully suggest the language for the amendment be as follows (changes not italicized):  
*2015 Amended AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference Motion: I move to approve funds for the conference registration and travel expenses of one attendee to the annual AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference this year and every year the conference is held going forward. The attendee shall be a Member of the NSDTRC-USA Health & Genetics Committee. The Chair of the NSDTRC-USA Health & Genetics Committee will assign the Committee Member to attend, of which it could also be the Chair, and do their best to receive any "Early Registration" benefit, as well as utilize the most economical travel method possible. Travel expenses will not exceed \$500.00, and receipts must be submitted to the NSDTRC-USA Treasurer to receive reimbursement. The attendee will provide a written report of the Conference to the Board of Directors.*

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve reimbursement of travel expenses up to but not exceeding \$500.00 for a member of the Health and Genetics Committee to attend AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference.

**Proposal #12:** Change the 2016 National Specialty Dates  
**Submitted by:** The 2016 National Specialty Committee

**Proposal Description:** We would like to change the dates for the National Specialty to September 9th - 14th, 2016. This request is due to the availability of venues, and in consideration for the Master Nationals. The location will remain Napa, CA.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approval to change the dates to September 9<sup>th</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Proposal #1:** Additional members for the Health and Genetics Committee

**Proposal #2:** Accepting Resignation from the Standard Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**