



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION**  
Voting May 25, 2016 – June 8, 2016  
**MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 2015 Online Board Business Session

**Motion:** I move to accept the minutes for the November 2015 Online Board Business Session.

Motion made by Kim Simons. Lia Raitt seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [1]:** B. Fogg

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 2016 Online Board Executive Session

**Motion:** I move to accept the minutes for the February 2016 Online Board Executive Session.

Motion made by Kim Simons. Lia Raitt seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [1 ]:** B. Fogg

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*No action taken on the Committee Reports*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** In-person and Annual Meeting Attendance and Reimbursement.

**Motion:** I move to amend and approve Proposal #1 as follows:

Proposal: A. Officers and Directors of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) (excluding ex-officio Board members) shall be reimbursed for attendance at the Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Membership meeting held in conjunction with the National Specialty. Reimbursement shall be limited to the following:

Travel: Economy airfare or mileage based on the current IRS reimbursement amount. Airport parking and tolls are also covered. Shuttle/cab fares to and from the airport and Host Hotel are covered. Rental cars are not reimbursable. If a Board member chooses to drive an RV to the National, the Club will pay for mileage, tolls, RV space rental and hook-up fees. In this instance, an additional hotel room will not be paid.

Hotel: The NSDTRC (USA) will reimburse the cost for each Board member's individual hotel room for those nights to cover attendance at both the Board of Directors meeting and Annual

Membership meeting. Reimbursement for a hotel room one day prior to the meetings may be necessary due to travel restrictions.

Meals: If either meeting involves a meal, it will be covered by the NSDTRC (USA).

The NSDTRC (USA) will not pay for: liquor, personal phone calls, laundry, room service, pet fees, and other items of a strictly personal nature.

Within 60 days of incurring the expense, an itemized list of expenses along with receipts, must be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement. No payment will be made without receipts except for mileage and tolls. No Board member may receive compensation beyond expenses to attend both the Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Membership meeting.

Proposal: B. The Annual Meeting is called by the Board of Directors and regular meetings are called by the President or by the majority of the Board. Each year, the Specialty Chair shall be informed as to the preferable dates for both of these meetings. Every effort will be made to hold these meetings on dates as close together as possible to minimize expenses and to avoid missing an activity or event.

Proposal: C. Approve as written.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Alyson Casper.

**APPROVE [ 7 ]:** D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ 2 ]:** T. Hancy, B. Fogg

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #2:** Expansion of Judges Education Committee.

**Motion:** I motion to amend and approve the following action items:

1. Amend the proposal to a total of 5 Judges' Education Committee Members.
2. Amend the proposal to publish the list of Approved Mentors on the Club website and provide a link on the Club website for the Club Toller video.
3. No action taken at this time.
4. The JEC Chairperson shall notify Committee Members and Mentors of upcoming Events in a timely fashion.
5. No action taken at this time. This action item is outside of the scope of the JEC's authority.
6. Mentors will be solicited to provide dogs at JEC events where it is geographically feasible.
7. No action taken at this time. Mentors are expected to have this information.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Dan Rode

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ 1 ]:** B. Fogg

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

## NEW BUSINESS

**Proposal #1:** Investigate Participation in Championship Breeders Website as a Club for General Breed Content.

*No action taken at this time.*

**Proposal #2:** Use the NSDTRC-USA logo for bags to be used at the Region 2 All Breed Agility Trial in 2016.

**Motion:** I move to accept the proposal as written contingent on following our club guidelines for use of the club logo.

Motion made by Betsy Fogg. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** B. Fogg, T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #3:** Revisit the Board's Actions to fill open Board/Committee position's during a term.

**Motion:** I move to amend the November 2010 Procedure for filling vacant appointed positions with NSDTRC (USA) with the following to be inserted at the end of item 1.:

If the vacated Committee position is deemed critical to the operations of the NSDTRC (USA), the President will call for an Executive Session to be held by way of the approved forum or conference call. The purpose of the Executive Session is to appoint an interim person to fill the vacated critical Committee position while the search for a permanent replacement continues under these procedures.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Dan Rode.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ 1 ]:** B. Fogg

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #4:** Review Fran Kaplan's proposed changes to ROM/ROMX program.

*No action taken at this time.*

**Proposal #5:** Standard Committee Action.

**Motion:** I move that we take the following actions regarding the Standard Committee:

1. To accept Peggy Parks' resignation from the committee.
2. That we authorize up to \$100 for a gift from the Club to honor her years of support
3. That we approve Sue Dorscheid's appointment to the committee
4. That we appoint Laura White as the Standard Committee Chairperson

Motion made by Kim Simons. Motion seconded by Ann DiSilvestre.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #6:** Best Veteran Trophy.

**Motion:** I would like to make a motion that the Board approve the replacement of the Best Veteran trophy in a similar fashion and design of the current trophy, along with the design and construction of a packing/shipping box to fit the trophy. Total expenditure not to exceed \$750 (including construction of box).

Motion made by Kim Simons. Motion seconded by Terri Krause.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #7:** Add the ability to use live shot at Club Field tests to allow involvement of other breeds.

*No action taken at this time. Referring Proposal to the Field Chair.*

**Proposal #8:** Region 1 to Host the 2018 National Specialty.

**Motion:** I move to lay Proposal #8 on the table.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Marile Waterstraat.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #9:** Award Best Owner Handler at Nationals and have it NOHS eligible.

**Motion:** I move that we require the NOHS special attraction at each National starting in 2018. 2016 & 2017 Nationals may choose to offer it but it will not be required.

Motion made by Tish Hancy. Motion seconded by Ann DiSilvestre.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #10:** Owner Handler Sweepstakes.

**Motion:** I move that Proposal #10 be postponed indefinitely.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Marile Waterstraat.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ 1]:** B. Fogg

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #11:** Re-define who is eligible for Sweepstakes at Nationals.

**Motion:** I motion to accept Proposal #11: Re-define who is eligible for Sweepstakes at Nationals with the following amendments:

1. Professional Handlers can not show dogs in the Sweepstakes Event at the NSDTRC (USA) Nationals.

2. Abide by the AKC definition of a Professional Handler: "Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers organization, distributed rate cards or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years. Compensation for expenses outside of the conformation ring does not meet this definition."

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Kim Simons.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #12:** Update the Supported Entry Application with a line item for AKC Division and the physical address for the Host Show Chair.

**Motion:** So moved by Marile Waterstraat. Motion seconded by Kim Simons.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #13:** Separation of Supported Entries Dates to Encourage Maximum Participation.

*No action taken at this time.*

**Proposal #14:** Change in 2016 Specialty Dates.

**Motion:** I move to approve the new dates for the 2016 National Specialty, October 16 – 19, 2016.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Kim Simons.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #15:** Mock Field Test

*No action taken at this time.*

**Proposal #16:** Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) AKC PAC Fund Drive Proposal.

**Motion:** I move to table Proposal #16 and ask Bob Eisele to re-submit the proposal with changes.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Kim Simons.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ 1 ]:** B. Fogg

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

#### **CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Proposal #1:** Personnel Issue.

*No action taken at this time.*

**Proposal #2:** Consideration for a NSDTRC-USA Club Approved Mentor in the AKC Mentoring Program.

**Motion:** Move to accept Betsy Boryczka as a Club approved mentor.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Motion seconded by Kim Simons.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** I move to adjourn the April 2016 Board Meeting.

Motion made by Kim Simons. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** T. Hancy, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, L. Raitt, B.Fogg, B. Sherlag

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary