



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
2017 In Person BOARD MEETING
Park Inn by Radisson, Kissimmee, FL
October 24, 2017
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:17am EST by President Kim Simons.

Roll call was taken. Voting Members present in the meeting room: President Kim Simons, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Region 1 Director Joy Annunziato, Region 3 Director Marcia Lyons, Region 6 Director Alyson Casper, Region 7 Director Jennifer Hollis. Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members present in the meeting room: AKC Delegate Marile Waterstraat.

Present via conference call: Vice President Terri Krause, Region 2 Director Dan Rode, Region 5 Director Tish Hancy.

Guest present via conference call: Francine Kaplan

Absent: Region 4 Director Lia Raitt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2017 Online Board Business Session Minutes

Motion: I move to approve the minutes of the June 2017 Online Board Business Session.

Motion made by Alyson Casper. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Officer's Reports, Regional Director's Reports, and Committee Reports

Actions taken:

Secretary's Report:

Ann DiSilvestre reported on the Region 1 Director election. 104 ballots were mailed out. The Inspectors of Election counted the returned ballots and the count was 48 votes for Joy Annunziato and 26 votes for Michael Acker. Joy Annunziato will begin her first term as the Region 1 Director on November 1, 2017.

Treasurer's Report:

Carolyn Kurth indicated that the Club financial information should be made available upon request.

Carolyn Kurth will consult with tax experts regarding our 501 (c) 7 status and then we will investigate setting up a “Donate Now” button on our Club website.

AKC Gazette Breed Columnist:

It was noted that Heather Green’s last column will be published in the January publication. Jennifer Hollis volunteered to take the position of the AKC Gazette Breed Columnist.

Membership:

It was noted that Region 2 has a larger Member count than the other Regions. This may need to be addressed through a change in the By-Laws.

Merchandising:

It was noted that Toller video orders have been waiting to be filled for quite some time.

National Trophy Chair:

Kim Simons, Trophy Chair, reiterated that she needs to step down from this position. A volunteer may be identified – TBD.

Record’s Chair Report:

It was noted to remind Members to provide their Flyball Titles.

Rescue Merchandise Report:

Alyson Casper will consult with Janis Dibert and see where we are with merchandise.

Website:

Constant Contact was suggested as an alternative to our mailing lists.

Motion: Motion to approve all of the Reports as written. Motion made by Marcia Lyons.

Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Proposed changes to the Versatility Program

Motion: Motion to approve the changes to the Versatility Program.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

APPROVE [8]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN [1]: Dan Rode
Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

**AGENDA ITEMS:
NEW BUSINESS**

Proposal #1: Hurricane Harvey Donation

Motion: I make a motion to approve the donation.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: Future of HOT Dog Award

Motion: I move to approve this motion as written.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: Approve funds for purchase of more keeper trophies for the Tenderfoot Award.

Motion: To amend Proposal #3 to include retiring the traveling trophy and to approve funds for purchasing more keeper trophies for the Tenderfoot Award.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion: To approve the amended Proposal as written.

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

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #4: NSDTRC Cloud Based Storage

Motion: Appoint Tish Hancy as Chair of a Committee to investigate cloud based storage options and to report back to the BOD during the January/February 2018 BOD meeting.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #5: Region 5 to host the 2019 National Specialty.

Motion: Move to approve Region 5 to host the 2019 National Specialty in Loveland, CO on the following dates: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 through Monday, October 21, 2019.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #6: Grievance Policy (Bereavement Policy)

Motion: To accept the Policy as written.

Motion made by Alyson Casper. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #7: To review and make clarifications to the NSDTRC Field Test Rules and Regulations.

Motion: Motion to approve the creation of a Committee to review and make clarifications to the NSDTRC Field Test Rules and Regulations. The Committee shall consist of Kathy Gibson as Chair, and two additional members, with no more than one member from each Region. Each member will have the appropriate qualifications as outlined in the Proposal.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [8]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, T. Krause.

OPPOSE [1]: D. Rode

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #8: Approve in perpetuity the cost of electricity at the AKC Meet the Breeds in New York City and to approve the Chairs.

Motion: Motion to approve the Proposal as written.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #9: Establish rules for the National Specialty Facebook page.

Motion: Move to table this Proposal.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #10: Upload the Breed video onto the Club website.

Motion: Move to have the Webmaster investigate and upload the breed video if reasonable.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I motion to adjourn the October 24, 2017 Business Session.

Motion made by Joy Annunziato. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Proposal #2: New mentor approval

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I motion to adjourn the October 24, 2017 Executive Business Session.

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

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

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