



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION
Beginning Friday March 2, 2018
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 2017 Online Board Meeting Minutes

(Please see: Attachment A – November 2017 Online Board Meeting Minutes)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None submitted

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please see Attachment A

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please see Attachment B

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Manual Review Committee Report

Submitted by: Joy Annunziato

Donna McClellan, Paula Wortman and myself have been in communication concerning the Show Manual and we are working on it. We have all agreed to not reinvent the wheel and are working with the AKC Show Manual, tailoring it for the Toller Club. In the meantime, it would be helpful if the BOD put together a report template that they want submitted at each meeting and what their expectations are for events etc. Do we want to make a ton of money or cover our expenses with a small net profit...we are non-profit.

Examples:

Do we have to have a banquet, annual meeting, board meeting, educational events, clinics etc? What performance events are required and which are optional? What are the BOD's expectations from the National Chair in the form of reports, budgets, approvals? This past National 2017, Carolyn Kurth was on it with fabulous records so in the next few years we will be able to compare Nationals thanks to her impeccable record keeping. We cannot do that just yet.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None submitted

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Club Specialties

Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat waterstraat@rochester.rr.com 224 Wilkinson Road, Macedon, NY 14502 315-986-4077

Proposal Description: A show may be designated as a Club Specialty under the following conditions:

The Guidelines and timeline for Supported Entries are followed with the following additions:

1. The Specialty is held in conjunction with an all-breed show (is not independent)
2. The event has had at least 40 entries in the two previous consecutive years. In the case for an event that travels, like the BYC, the previous two consecutive years must have met this criteria.
3. The event has had a five point major for both sexes in the two previous consecutive years.
4. The event must include Sweepstakes, including puppy, veteran, hunting retriever and working retriever (if allowed). Regular classes must include veteran, hunting and working retriever (if allowed). Additional classes and companion events may be included.
5. The Specialty must be financially self-sustaining

Proposal Justification: Members have requested the ability to hold a Club Specialty and there are presently no guidelines for one.

Administration: Club Events Chair

Financial Implications: None. This event must be financially self-sustaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Request that the BOD consider the breed to be a ramp judged breed and assist with canvassing the Membership for interest.

Submitted by: Deb Gibbs

Proposal Description: The JEC is proposing that the BOD consider the possibility of being a ramp judged breed and if the BOD approves, assist the JEC in canvassing the Membership as to the interest by the Club Membership in becoming a ramp judged breed in the AKC Conformation Ring.

Proposal Justification: The Committee has been discussing this for about 6 months and each of us has had in person conversations with Members who are open to the idea. The Committee has

reached out to the AKC to see what our options and procedure would be should the Club feel they want to pursue this.

Administration: If approved, assistance with canvassing the Membership.

Financial Implications: Unknown.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the consideration for the breed to be ramp judged and assist with canvassing the Membership.

Proposal #2: Funding for the AKC field evaluation portion of Club request to have Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers added to the eligible breeds to participate in the AKC Upland Test performance events.

Submitted by: Dan Kauzlarich

Description: At the 2016 Specialty I was tasked/requested to research and engage with AKC to get Tollers accepted into the Upland hunt events. This required my researching historical records and articles relating to Tollers and their upland hunting background. Information was obtained from Canadian and American sources and forwarded to the AKC. The AKC rep (Tom Meyer) informed me the Club would need a field evaluation of a number of Tollers performing upland hunting. It is my understanding after talks with AKC personnel that this should be the last item for Tollers to be accepted into the upland program.

I'm in the planning stage for conducting this field evaluation phase but will require some funding for at least one portion of the event. The event will tentatively be on a day in June of this year in Brainerd, MN at Pine Shadows Kennels and dog training. Pine Shadows specialize in upland training and have successfully trained a number of my Boykin Spaniels. The event will be a staged training/upland test event specifically organized to showcase Tollers upland hunting qualities. The level of performance will be at the junior hunt level. Pine Shadows has agreed to let the Club use one of their training fields for the day. Pine Shadow charges \$300. They will assist with providing gunners as well as obtaining and planting birds. The cost of birds should be approximately \$10 per bird and any extra birds will be used by Pine Shadow for their training. Usual planning is for 3 birds per dog. It is my hope that handlers running their dogs will pay for their birds since it will be training for them. Cost of shells will be covered through club member connections at Federal Arms. The dogs for the event will be handpicked to ensure best presentation of Toller upland hunting ability (i.e. Dogs that have upland hunted). An additional \$200 should be allocated to cover unforeseen expenses.

Proposal Justification: Requirement to complete the acceptance into the AKC upland hunting program. The cost is minimal considering the event that is being planned. Additionally once accepted into the upland events the Club will have the opportunity to hold upland hunting events. This has the potential to generate revenue for the Club as a well-planned test should generate \$1500-3000 per event.

Administration: None.

Financial Implications: \$300 to use the Pine Shadow training Field and an additional \$200 to cover unforeseen expenses.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve funding for the field evaluations required to allow Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers the ability to enter/hold AKC Upland Hunting events.

Proposal #3: Official Club Facebook Policy

Submitted By: Jennifer Hollis, Public Education/Communications Coordinator
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Description: To cut down on the number of Facebook pages being created unofficially by regions, regional members, or for events, this policy aims to create no more than one official Facebook page for each region.

Each region will be permitted to create one Facebook page at the discretion of the regional director. This same Facebook page should be used for all events hosted by that region including regional specialties, supported entries, field events, agility trials, etc. Individual activities will not be permitted to have their own pages. The regional director will be the main administrator of the regional page. It is also required that the Public Education/Communications Coordinator be made an administrator. Regional directors can specify additional administrators such as event chairs as they see fit, however the regional director will have responsibility for the regional page. It is recommended that the page be titled Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club Region X or something similar so that it can be used for all regional club activities and communication.

The national specialty will also have a separate page for each year. The chair of the national specialty will be the main administrators of the national specialty page. The national specialty chair can specify additional administrators such as committee chairs as they see fit, however the national specialty chair will be the main administrator. It is also required that the Public Education/Communications Coordinator be made an administrator.

The Facebook pages can be used as a supplement means of communication and all official club communications will still be made by the regional mailing lists. Regional directors are not required to use Facebook or create a Facebook group if they choose not to. Regional members are not required to join Facebook or the Facebook page in order to receive information. Regional directors are still required to send all official club communications by email. However, those members who are having problems receiving club communications by email may wish to join Facebook as another means of being sure to receive communications.

Members will be permitted to join as many of the regional Facebook pages as they wish. That way members who are in one region, but might live close to or like to participate in activities in another region can be sure to receive the information about the regions they are interested in.

Members agree by participating in a regional Facebook page that they will not post any material which is false, defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, invasive of a person's privacy, adult material, or otherwise in

violation of any International or United States Federal law. They also agree not to post any copyrighted material unless you own the copyright or you have written consent from the owner of the copyrighted material. Spam, flooding, advertisements, chain letters, pyramid schemes, and solicitations are also forbidden on the regional Facebook pages.

The NSDTRC (USA) does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information presented on a Facebook page. The posted messages express the views of the author, and not necessarily the views of this organization. Anyone who feels that a posted message is objectionable is encouraged to notify the regional director, the Public Education/Communications Coordinator, another member of the Board, or the webmaster.

Violation of the Terms & Rules of the Facebook page can result in consequences that range from a Warning, Moderated Postings or removal from posting to the regional Facebook page.

The Facebook page Terms & Rules are subject to change at any time without notice.

Justification: To cut down on the number of individual Facebook pages being created by regions, regional members, and for events, this policy designates no more than one official Facebook pages for each region.

Administration: Each regional director will have the option to create a Facebook page for that region. The regional director will be responsible for administration of the Facebook page. The Public Education/Communications Coordinator must also be made an administrator of each Facebook page.

Financial Implications: None

Specific Board Action Requested: Notify all regional directors of their option to create a Facebook page and the specifications on administration as outlined above. Notify all members of the new policy and instruct them to remove any unofficially created pages and direct content to their regional director for the official page. Also, inform them they are welcome to join as many regional pages as they are interested in. Regional directors should send an email to their regional members with the link to that regions Facebook page so that all regional members who wish to join can do so. Regional directors should remember this is a supplemental means of communication and all official communications should still be done via email.

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