



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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 2014 Online BOD General and Executive Session Minutes  
(See Minutes - April 2014 Online BOD Business Session)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Sue Dorscheid, President*

The Board meeting will start at 10:00 AM Eastern, 9:00 AM Central, 8:00 AM Mountain and 7:00 AM Pacific.

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I will be dialing in from home and running the meeting virtually. Someone who is present at the meeting needs to dial in on the speakerphone as the leader of the conference call. I will most likely be on a mobile phone so do not want to call in as the Chairperson of the call in case I lose service for some reason.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dorscheid - President

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Adams, Secretary*

The Nominating Committee's slate was presented to our membership in the Fall 2014 issue of Quackers. No additional nominations were received on or before August 10, 2014 for the following positions:

**PRESIDENT:** Kim Simons (California) – [First 2 year term]

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Betsy Fogg (New Hampshire) – [First 2 year term]

**SECRETARY:** Kimberly Adams (Wisconsin) – [Third 2 year term, no limit]

**TREASURER:** Brad Sherlag (Illinois) – [Second 2 year term, no limit]

**DIRECTOR:** Region 1 - Liz Meacham (New York) [First 3 year term]

**DIRECTOR:** Region 4 - Lia Raitt (California) [First 3 year term]

**DIRECTOR:** Region 7 - Jenn Hollis (New Jersey) [Second 3 year term]

It is with pleasure that I, as Secretary of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA), cast one vote on August 17, 2014, for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region 1 Director, Region 4 Director and Region 7 Director.

Officer terms to begin on November 1, 2014 and run through October 31, 2016.

Regional Director terms begin on November 1, 2014 and run through October 31, 2017.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Brad Sherlag, Treasurer*

(Please See: Treasurer Report - 63014 Financial Report)

### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

#### **REGION 1 – 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Betsy Fogg, NSDTRC-USA Region 1 Director*

None submitted.

#### **REGION 2 – 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Cathy DeBruyne, NSDTRC-USA Region 2 Director*

None submitted

#### **REGION 3 - 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Terri Krause, NSDTRC-USA Region 3 Director*

This year, Region 3 hosted two field tests.

Tollers owners from Washington, Oregon, British Columbia and Montana were among those attending the 2 day Basic Retriever Clinic hosted by Puget Sound Retriever Club on the Kitsap Peninsula late in May.

The Toller folks out numbered the other attendees and are able to boast that we had attendees that did not even OWN Tollers... yet, but do now. Attending this type a program was a wonderful introduction to what your Toller is capable of achieving and how to start your puppy.

PRSC followed up in June with a NAHRA event on Saturday - with Tollers participating and qualifying at different stakes and then the WC, WCI, WCX on Sunday. This year's Coordinator was Marcia Lyons. Qualifying for the WC were Ducker's Scotia Piper owned by John and Heather Gordon of British Columbia and handled by John, and AKC/NSDTRC-US CH Vermilion's Mango Cum Laude JH WC owned by Marie & John Simonson, K. Koebensky-Como & J. Como handled by Marie Simonson. Qualifying for the WCX was AKC NSDTRC-US CH Kasomor's Chipperwill Chauncey JH WCX, owned and handled by Chick Miller.

Puget Sound Retriever Club is looking forward to continuing to support our Northwest Toller community - and visitors with another clinic in 2015 in May and our third WC/WCI/WCX in early June.

The second event offered for a WC in conjunction with the Rose City Lab club's WC on May 31, 2014, held on beautiful Sauvie Island near Portland, OR. We had four entries and two passes (Joan Armstrong's Aanya and Ken Fliszar's Brix)! Our judges were Kimberly Dotson and Donna McClellan. Everyone had a great time and the Lab people really enjoyed seeing what our little red dogs can do.

At this time, I have received no requests or comments from members to present to the Board for this meeting.

#### **REGION 4 – 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bakalis, NSDTRC-USA Region 4 Director*

No report submitted

#### **REGION 5 – 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Max Hamilton, NSDTRC-USA Region 5 Director*

No report submitted

#### **REGION 6 – 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre, NSDTRC-USA Region 6 Director*

#### **Secretary's Note – UPDATED 2014 Report:**

Jeanne Westhoff-knight, Region 6 Member, Chaired and organized the 2013 AKC Eukanuba Meet the Breeds event in December. Once again it was very successful with volunteers from all parts of the country including Puerto Rico. The volunteers were kept very busy talking to and handing out literature to all of the visitors eager to learn about our wonderful breed. The fabulous booth earned our Members a second place in the Sporting Group Booth competition! Congratulations and a huge thank you to all of the volunteers. Alyson Casper, Region 6 Member, has volunteered to Chair the 2014 AKC Eukanuba Meet the Breeds event in December. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Alyson.

Region 6 held a supported entry at the Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers Association Show on March 8, 2014. There were over 15 dogs entered with majors for both dogs and bitches. Joy Annunziato Chaired the event again and has received permission to include a supported entry for this same show next year on February 28, 2015. Anyone interested in helping out with this event, please contact Joy. Special thanks to Joy and all of the volunteers who helped make this event so successful.

## **REGION 7 – 2014 REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hollis, NSDTRC-USA Region 7 Director*

### **Secretary's Note – UPDATED 2014 Report:**

Region 7 assisted Region 1 by coordinating participation in the Meet the Breeds at the Jacob Javits Center in NYC in late September 2013. This year Meet the Breeds will be in conjunction with Westminster's Agility Championship on Saturday, February 14. A few Region 7 members may be willing to volunteer if desired.

Region 7 once again put up a good display at the annual Philadelphia Kennel Club Show in November 2013 and won first prize in the booth decorating contest. Plans are already underway for bigger and better again this year.

This past year region 7 had a supported entry at Maryland Sporting Dog show in March 2014 and had a really good turn out as usual. We will have our 2015 supported entry at the same show. Sherry Seibel has volunteered to be event and trophy chair this year.

A special thank you for Melissa Savage for being the National Specialty Chair this year and putting on a great specialty for region 7!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY REPORT**

#### **AKC DELEGATE**

*Respectfully submitted by Marile Waterstraat*

Sunday, September 7:

Parent Club Meeting: \*22,667 CGC titles awarded by the end of July. \*Trailer Task Force: 10 trailers have been delivered, 10 are coming soon. 60 parent clubs and 19 specialty clubs have raised \$720,000. Westminster KC will present a trailer to the Borough of Manhattan at the Meet the Breeds during Westminster week.\*All parent clubs should check their meeting procedures to be sure they are in compliance with the state laws for not-for-profits in the state they are incorporated in. We would need to have a "not-for-profit" lawyer in Alabama check the laws for us. \*Parent Club Rescue Alliance, an e-list for parent club approved rescues. We were supposed to receive a letter about this but I haven't seen it yet. \*The AKC is going to change the AKC online classifieds to be a kennel ad, not just that you have puppies for sale. I have questions on one of the kennels that is listed under Tollers and will check into it. There will be a committee to add recommended health clearances to each breed site and will be contacting each parent club for theirs.\*It was requested that the AKC provide each parent club with a list of Breeders of Merit annually. \* The AKC has published books about breeds, starting with the 15 most popular. The delegate who spoke said that his breed was well done.

Canine Health Committee: \*The 2015 Canine Health Conference will be August 7-9 in St. Louis, MO. \*There are presently 171 AKC breeds. \*There is a new vet school in TN. And it is good news that the new president of AVMA is a breeder! \* There are 19,111 samples in the AKC/CHF DNA bank for use for research. If you have donated a sample of blood there, you can access it for new DNA tests that become available for your breed. \*Samantha Wright ([sjw@akc.org](mailto:sjw@akc.org)) is the liaison to health chairs. \$369,000 have been granted in acorn grants (small starter grants) and \$1.2 mil in oaks (ongoing). [chfgrants@akc.org](mailto:chfgrants@akc.org) There are two new epilepsy grants, and hypothyroidism needs support. (*See attachment AKC Delegate Attachment A-1, AKC Delegate Attachment A-2, AKC Delegate Attachment A-3*)

The matching challenge for donating to CHF is on the AKC website. Also available are many 20-30 minute podcasts related to health. \*Re-homes will be able to be added to the AKC breeder classifieds. \* We need to make sure the breed health requirements in the COE, by-laws, CHIC, and website are all the correct and the same. \*Purdue and the Pet Industry are partnering for health guidelines for their industry. \*World Show: dogs were randomly screened for health problems at the show with urine and drug tests. If you go be sure to read the fine print!

Monday, September 8:

Legislative Caucus: \*Over 1500 dog bills are being followed so far this year. \*Julian Prager is now a “resource” consultant (Canine Program Advisor) for APHIS. [julian.d.prager@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:julian.d.prager@aphis.usda.gov) His query is what does de minimus mean to dog breeders? I.e. ship a small number of dogs especially to people you know and have dealt with before? Exemptions need to be verifiable. Some good news: “Business Model” was removed as a term pertaining to us. \*NAIA conference is in Orlando November 7-9.

AKC Reunite Disaster Pet Relief Trailer: The people from Cecil County, MD who received “our” trailer spoke. It has already been used at a shelter after 120 elderly were evacuated. There is online training for FEMA at [fema.gov](http://fema.gov).

Chairman’s report: New titles, Grand Field? For pointers, Retriever Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement. 4 new therapy titles. \* 50 Legislator of the Year Awards. These are new. \*Woofipedia had 1.1mil users in August. \*The AKC’s general counsel retired.

CFO: Net operating costs are down from last year, dog revenues about the same, revenues down about 1 mil, mostly because the “extras” aren’t selling as well.

Committee elections were held and reported. The Board nominating committee reported it’s slate 5 days after the meeting and we have received one self-nominated candidate so far.

## **AKC GAZETTE COLUMNIST**

*Respectfully submitted by Heather Green*

I continue to enjoy authoring our breed column for the AKC Gazette. This past year I covered topics on movement in Tollers, impulse control, and advice on educating potential puppy people while maintaining a level of professionalism. If you have an idea for a future column, please

contact me at zephyr341@sbcglobal.net, or chat with me this week while you are here for the Specialty.

**BREEDER REFERRAL**

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Richardson*

No report submitted

**FIELD EVENTS**

*Respectfully submitted by Danika Bannasch*

In the last year, the National club has sponsored six field tests and approved the entry of NSDTRs in five tests supported by other clubs who were willing to run tests according to our rules. An amendment to our rules to accept other breed club judges without an additional NSDTRC Judges Qualification Form was approved and has been implemented. Applications for both NSDTR sponsored working tests and other tests are available online now.

NSDTRC Club Sponsored Working Tests								
Shows	Date	Chair	Region	Location	BRT	WC	WCI	WCX
National 2013	10/1/13	Annunzio	1	Mexico, NY	X	X	X	X
BYC 2014	5/18/14	Dorscheid	2	Wesbshire kennels, WI	X	X	X	X
Puget	6/8/14	Lyons	3	Breummer's Ranch, Tahuya, WA		X	X	X
Colorado	8/3/14	King	5	DT Ranch, Weldona, CO		X	X	x
Iron range	8/8/2014, 8/9/2014	Como	2	MN Iron Range RC		X	X	X
Echwood	9/13/14, 9/14/14	Annunzio	1	Mexico, NY	X	X	X	X
National 2014	10/12/14	Savage	7	Wilmington, OH	X	X	X	X

Other Clubs								
Sponsoring Club Name	Date	NSDTR Member	Location	Region	BRT	WC	WCI	WCX
Rose City Labrador RC	5/31/2014	Armstrong	Sauvie Island, WA	3		X		
Irish Water Spaniel National	4/26/2014	Gaddie	Lee Kay Public Shooting Range	4		X		
Norcal Golden RC	5/10/2014	Romeiro	Denverton, CA	4		X	X	
Greater Twin Cities Golden RC	9/14/2014	Lindemer	Kelley Farms, MN	2		X	X	X
Golden Retriever Club of Greater LA	11/1/2014	Myers	Chino Hills, CA	4			X	

## **HEALTH & GENETICS**

*Respectfully submitted by Karen Buaman*

We have assisted the membership as needed via the website email account and direct contact, providing information and/or resources about diseases, donations for H & G, and also responding to assistance in circulating sample requests. We continue to receive quarterly reports from: OFA, Optigen, CHIC and CHF; participation in these programs appears to be high, except for CHIC. Not many members are submitting samples to CHIC despite participation been approved by the Board several years ago. It appears that most members are unaware of the CHIC program, thus an article in Quackers is planned. Also, in 2014 we endorsed funding one research project (submitted by S. Dorscheid) which was approved by the Board.

We have reached out to other Health and Genetics Committees for NSDTR in other countries and in other breeds to begin networking and seeking areas where collaboration may be of benefit. This has resulted in some discussions with the Canadian Club about our OFA Survey (reported in 2014 REPORT) draft that was created by J. Samuels and K. Dugger. The Canadian Club has agreed to review the survey questions and provide feedback based on their experiences with the previous Canadian toller health survey. Although this discussion has slowed things a bit, it seemed important to have these discussions prior to launching the survey. The plan continues to be to have the survey open to the membership by the end of 2014; it is unknown yet if the Canadian Club will utilize our OFA survey or do a separate one in the future. The UK Toller Club put out a health survey this summer.

We continue to slowly build capacity; we continue to search for potential additional members for the committee. We have also been in contact with Amanda Crane about changes to the website that would expand the Health and Genetics section. The purpose of this would be to create a better resource for members and those interested in toller health. We have contacted several people to write “white papers” in layman terms about specific diseases/conditions that have been of recent interest to the membership. Each “white paper” will be authored by a veterinarian and/or researcher who is a content expert; this has been very successful with the Golden Retriever Club of America. These will be available in standardized format containing information on: symptoms, treatment options, testing information, research (if on-going), risk factors (if known) and references. Many of these will be submitted to Quackers to expand the audience and reach more members with the information. Also available through the planned expansion of the Health section of the website will be peer reviewed scientific articles for those who wish to read more in depth on any of the topics or provide articles to their veterinarians; articles and the “white papers” will be in PDF format to facilitate access through the website. Topics selected thus far are: Addison’s disease (adult and juvenile), mast cell cancer, liver conditions, degenerative myelopathy, and several on eye conditions. Additional topics will be added as needed. Lastly, we will also be adding a section to the website with instructions on how to donate to the H & G funds - both maintained by the Club and the CHF Donor Advised Funds - including how this can be done to honor a dog, as this has been a frequent question.

### **H&G Toller Health Survey Development Committee Report**

*Respectfully submitted by Katie Dugger (Chair), Jude Samuel, and Julie Hanson*

See Health and Genetics Report

## **HISTORIAN**

*Respectfully submitted, Marile Waterstraat*

I continue to collect information related to the history of the Club and its activities. I truly appreciate members who send me copies of premiums and catalogs, as well as articles.

## **JUDGES EDUCATION**

*Respectfully submitted by Deb Gibbs*

The Committee has continued to work to bring the Mentor Program in line with our peer Clubs and AKC Guidelines. The NSDTRC-USA has approved new Mentor Guidelines/Requirements for Club Approved Mentors. A new application packet is being developed as a result of the changes.

We participated in two seminars this year in addition to the National Specialty. One was in Pullyap, WA and the other in Flint, MI. Both were well attended, reaching approximately 35 potential judge applicants.

A reminder to the membership that all seminars be approved through the Committee, in compliance with the AKC.

## **JUDGES SELECTION**

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Parker*

No report submitted

## **LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

*Respectfully submitted Eric Johnson*

Please see Legislative Liaison – Attachment A

## **MEMBERSHIP**

*Respectfully submitted by Michael Petry*

I resigned from this post on January 1st of this year. Membership renewals need to be sent out in September. I am not planning on sending those renewals out since that would lock me into the membership position at least through February of next year.

## **MERCHANDISING**

*This position is current VACANT*

## **NATIONAL TROPHY CHAIR**

*Respectfully submitted by Kim T Simons*

No report submitted



## **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

*This position is current VACANT*

## **QUACKERS EDITOR**

*Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Lee Marble*

If you have article ideas or submissions for our quarterly club newsletter, Quackers, please email them to Editor@nsdtrc-usa.org

## **RECORDS**

*Respectfully submitted by Fran Kaplan*

Please see Records Report – Attachment A

## **RESCUE REPORT**

*Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper*

**Overview:** The NSDTRC (USA) Rescue Program is dedicated to finding new homes for purebred Tollers. The Regional Coordinators have the most critical role in the work of rescue. Our work would not be possible without the dedicated Regional Coordinators, the volunteers and donations.

- Region 1 – Vacant
- Region 2 – Jane Billman
- Region 3 – Linda Gallacher
- Region 4 – Vacant
- Region 5 – Max Hamilton
- Region 6 - Ann DiSilvestre
- Region 7 – Janis Dibert

Regions 1 and 4 have been vacant most of the year. We are in need of volunteers to move into these Regional Coordinator positions.

**The Process:** Our procedures continue the same as last year. Potential dogs are identified through various mechanisms. These include screening websites, through the club, AKC websites, club members, and from other rescue organizations. Still, most of the inquiries to Rescue are screened as “Not A Toller”. The new website information “[Do you think you have a Toller in your Shelter?](#)” has helped in the identification process. Once a potential Toller is identified the Regional Rescue Coordinator obtains additional information and arranges for a screening visit to determine if the dog is in fact a Toller. At the same time, the coordinators are arranging for a temporary foster home. The dogs are then evaluated in their foster homes and the process of reviewing applications, phone interviews, and arranging for home assessments is started. Once a new home is identified the coordinators make arrangements to deliver the dog to their new home. Efforts are made to place the dog in the region of origin but due to special needs of some dogs several have been placed in distant regions. This requires a significant amount of coordination and teamwork.

An on-line application process has been operational for 5 years and is working well. I have not received any paper application. We received 247 applications this year. Applications expire after 6 months and we currently have 44 active applications on file. Thanks to the new website, the following forms are now available on-line for completion and review to aide in the entire process:

[Do you think you have a Toller in your Shelter?](#)

[Owner Surrender Form](#)

[Owner Surrender Guidelines](#)

[Shelter Visit Guidelines](#)

[Checklist for Home Visit](#)

[Dog Received into Rescue Form](#)

**The Numbers:**

Adoption Applications Received	247
Total Dogs in Program*	8
Dogs verified as purebred	8
Dogs by Region:	R1 (1) R2 (6) R3 (0) R4 (0) R5 (0) R6 (0) R7 (1)
Dogs placed with Breeder	0
Breeder Assisted**	2

\*One dog was not adopted through our rescue program, but was advertised with assistance given in the rescue coordination.

\*\*We were contacted to aid in a toller surrender, but the breeder was contacted and the dog was re-homed by the breeder and did not end up coming through our rescue program.

I am willing to continue in my role for the next year.

**RESCUE MERCHANDISE**

*Respectfully submitted by Janis Dibert*

No report submitted

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

*Respectfully submitted by Deb Gibbs*

No report submitted

**SHOW/TRIAL EVENTS:**

*Respectfully submitted by Robyn Haskin*

I am concerned that supported entry applications not coming in. Not sure if new computer program or Regional Directors not making announcements. So if RDs who have supported entries normally can put out periodic reminders it would help. Have only received one thus far via computer program and one hand written application . I am hoping they now come to my email.

**Secretary’s Note AMENDED Report from Robyn Haskin:**

Show manual is about 65% complete. I have been working on it with this years show chair to help simplify items. I am working on the worksheets at this time. I also am referring to the new Akc show manual to help alleviate some of the clutter. My goal is to have it completed by January so that it can be approved by the club in the upcoming year.

The other item of concern is that I am not receiving applications for events. The webmaster has helped me to get the ones that people have submitted. Apparently there was a missing link so they weren't coming to me. At this time I only received one from region one and I believe region six West Palm Beach Florida. I am asking the regions that usually have supported entries to have the directors please have the applicants contact me if they have not gotten approval. I have not received any from Maryland sporting dog or back yard classic.

**VERSATILITY COMMITTEE:**

*Respectfully submitted by Cathy DeBruyne*

The Versatility committee continued to discuss the original proposal of requiring a field title to be necessary to earn a versatility club award. The majority of the committee did not agree with the requirement. While discussing that requirement, we have also discussed points and categories. We are still trying to reach consensus before making a recommendation. We are not quite there yet but feel we will be by the next Board meeting in November.

**WEBSITE**

*Respectfully submitted by Amanda Crane*

**Website Analytics for [www.nsdtrc-usa.org](http://www.nsdtrc-usa.org) since the launch of the new website.**

**Data collected February 10, 2014 – October 1, 2014**

General Statistics:	
Number of web viewing sessions: 37,742	Returning visitors: 32.3%
Number of users: 25,530	Average pages/session: 4.00
Page views: 150,839	Average session duration: 3:12min
New visitors: 67.7%	Bounce rate: 32.17%

Number of users by month:	
February – 3,324	June – 2,798
March – 3,207	July – 3,743
April – 2,738	August – 4,638
May – 2,754	September – 4,734

Top 10 user countries:	
1. USA – 33,925 users	6. Norway – 137 users
2. Canada – 1,458 users	7. Brazil – 136 users
3. United Kingdom – 383 users	8. Mexico – 98 users
4. Australia – 178 users	9. Finland – 93 users
5. Germany – 145 users	10. Sweden – 91 users

Top 15 traffic source – number of users:	
1. Google/organic – 16,043 (63.39%)	9. News.discovery.com – 501 (5.76%)
2. Direct (typed into browser) – 8,683 (23.01%)	10. M.facebook.com/referral – 424 (1.12%)
3. AKC.org/referral – 1,986 visitors sent (22.85%)	11. Vermilliontollers.com/referral – 366 (4.21%)
4. Bing/organic – 1,314 (3.48%)	12. Dogtime.com/referral – 315 (3.62%)
5. Apps.akc.org/referral – 1,013 (11.65%)	13. Theaustralianshepherd.net/referral – 269 (3.09%)
6. Westminsterkennelclub.org/referral – 957 (11.01%)	14. Vetstreet.com/referral – 206 (2.37%)
7. Yahoo/organic – 930 (2.46%)	15. Aol/organic – 162 (0.43%)
8. Facebook.com/referral – 599 (1.59%)	

Top 10 keywords in organic searches:	
1. Nova scotia duck tolling retriever	6. Nsdtr
2. Nsdtrc usa	7. Nova scotia duck tolling retriever rescue
3. <a href="http://nsdtrc-usa.org">http://nsdtrc-usa.org</a>	8. Nova scotia duck-tolling retriever
4. Nsdtrc	9. Nova scotia duck toller
5. Duck tolling retriever	10. Nova scotia duck tolling retriever breeders

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### NEW BUSINESS

**Proposal #1:** Add Assistant to Records Position  
Submitted by: Sue Dorscheid

Description: The Records person administers the database and performs calculations each year for the Annual Meeting to determine which dogs and bitches have earned Register of Merit (ROM) or Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX). Once these calculations are performed and the dogs are announced, there historically has been quite a long delay before the Records person sends out the actual certificates to the Breeder and Owner of the dogs in question.

I spoke with the Records person and asked her for ideas on how the process of sending out the certificates could be expedited. She suggested adding an assistant to the process. The assistant would take the list of dogs from Records and then print and mail the certificates to the Breeders and Owners of the dogs.

Administration: The assistant would need access to a printer, the certificate template and a club seal. I have a club seal which I obtained from the Registrar at the time when our registry was handed over to AKC. I can send this seal to the assistant when the person is named.

Financial impact: None.

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

**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.

Submitted by: Sue Dorscheid

Description: The Master National is an invitational retriever Hunt Test event held annually. In order to qualify to go do the Master National, a dog must obtain six qualifying scores at weekend hunt tests between August 1 and July 31. The qualifying scores must be at events held by clubs that are member clubs of the Master National Retriever Club.

This proposal would allow those Tollers earning a qualifying score at Master level Hunt Tests offered by NSDTRC(USA) at our National Specialty to use the pass as one of the six they require to qualify to go to the Master National.

Since NSDTRC(USA) does not hold a Hunt Test every year, I am proposing that we only join Master National in years where we hold a Master Hunt Test.

NSDTRC(USA) has joined the Master National Retriever club in the past in years where we have hosted an event. This proposal would allow that again without the Board having to approve it every time.

Administration: Master National dues are paid between June 1 and August 1 of each year. The application must be signed by the Secretary and the President of the club. The application would need to be submitted with the fee by August 1 of the year that the Specialty that included a Master Level Hunt Test.

Financial impact: The current membership fee to join the Master National is \$50 per year.

Specific Action Requested: Approve NSDTRC(USA) to join the Master National Retriever Club in years when NSDTRC(USA) is planning to hold a licensed AKC Hunt Test that includes a Master stake.

**Proposal #3:** Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) Facebook Page\  
Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat [waterstraat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:waterstraat@rochester.rr.com)

Description: That the Club have a Facebook page to include fun photos and information about Tollers, updated daily or weekly. It does not have to have “members” just folks who like it and want the latest on Tollers.

Social media is very powerful and the go-to place for most folks under the age of 50. A presence on Face Book (to start) would increase knowledge about Tollers and the Club.

Administration: One member who is active on Facebook who would up-date the page daily or weekly. Guidelines: Photos of Tollers doing all kinds of fun things. Information would be similar to that found on our website, just in another place. Chris Walker at the AKC can help set up the page and give suggestions.

Financial Impact: None

Specific Action Requested: Approval to appoint a member to set up a Facebook page after developing guidelines with help from Chris Walker, and BOD approval.

**Proposal #4:** Maggie Therapy Dog Award  
**NSDTRC-USA Therapy Dog Award**

**DONORS:** Sydney Jones

**PURPOSE:** Tollers are a very versatile breed, achieving success in multiple dog sport venues. Beyond this, another important quality of a dog is the ability to be able to meet and greet and comfort those in need. It is quite an achievement for Tollers to find their place in the world of Therapy Dogs alongside those breeds with much more docile personalities. This award will recognize those Toller owners who work with their dogs as Therapy Dogs.

**REASON:** This award program will go beyond the current AKC Therapy Dog title, which rewards registered Therapy Dogs after 50 approved visits. There are two levels to this Award:

150 Visit Therapy Dog Award

The Maggie Award for Achievement in Therapy

300 Visit Award in memory of Beacon Hill Lennoxlove M'ggie

Each Award may only be earned by a dog one time during their lifetime.

**DESCRIPTION:** The 150 Visit Therapy Dog Award will be a certificate with the NSDTRC-USA watermark.

The Maggie Award will be a certificate with a watermark of Beacon Hill Lennoxlove M'ggie working as a Therapy Dog.

**FIRST AWARD:** The first Awards will be given out at the NSDTRC-USA National Specialty in 2014, assuming there are eligible dogs. The Awards are such that they may not be given out each year due to the number of hours that are required by dog and handler.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for these Awards the recipient must be a NSDTRC (USA) member in good standing the year they apply for this award. To apply for this Award, owners must submit the application form along with official certification of their therapy hours worked for any AKC recognized therapy organization.

Each year, a notice will be sent out in Quackers asking members to submit their an application for the Award if they have earned their 150 or 300 cumulative hours during that year. The application will be available on the Club website. Applications will be due by September 1 of each year in order to have the Award certificates ready by each year's Annual Meeting.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve NSDTRC-USA Therapy Dog Award

**Proposal #5:** Versatility Committee Restructuring  
Submitted by: Kathy Guerra and Amanda Kaiser

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



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

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**NEW BUSINESS - ADDENDUMS**

**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

Submitted by: Ann DiSilvestre

Description: This proposal is to appoint Alyson Casper, a NSDTRC-USA Member in good standing, to Chair the Toller booth at the Meet the Breeds event at the AKC Eukanuba National Championships held in the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida on December 9-11, 2014.

Members from the club and their dogs will be requested to volunteer to decorate the booth, staff the booth during the hours that it is open to the public and serve as ambassadors of the breed. They will also be requested to disseminate club and breed information.

Justification: The NSDTR club has approved participating in this event. This is to appoint a Member to Chair/coordinate all of the efforts involved in this event.

Administration: Educational materials will be obtained from the Public Education Coordinator.

Financial: Costs would be limited to decoration costs and handout printing not to exceed \$200.00 in reimbursed funds.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the appointment of Alyson Casper as the Chair for the Toller Meet the Breeds booth at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship event held in Orlando, FL in December 2014 with reimbursable funds not to exceed \$200.00.

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

Estimated cost: So the budget looks to be \$700 or so for roundtrip airfare (Eric is looking into cheaper flights if possible), 2 nights of hotel at \$76 per night plus tax, and \$150 (estimated) for meals and incidentals ... cab fare, parking at my airport sort of thing. So total will be about \$1000. But I think well worth it.



Details below:

**Event Details:**

The 2014 NAIA National Conference

**Date:** November 7-9 (reception the evening of the 7th), 2014

**Location:** Orlando, Florida

**Admission:** <http://www.naiaonline.org/get-involved/naia-annual-conference/>

**Reservations link for**

**attendees:** <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MCOSRDT-NAI-20141102/index.jhtml>

**Group rates for The [Doubletree by Hilton](#) are currently available for conference attendees:**

**Group Name:** National Animal Interest Alliance 2014 Conference

**Group Code:** NAI

**Check-in:** 02-NOV-2014

**Check-out:** 12-NOV-2014

**Hotel Name:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld

**Hotel Address:** 10100 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821

**Phone Number:** 1-407-352-1100

Speakers and Presentations:

- **Robert Guyer, President of The Lobby School, former state lawmaker, author:** *Effective Grassroots Lobbying;*
- **David Jentsch, PhD, Neuroscientist and UCLA Professor:** *Seeking cures in an age of extremism;*
- **Jamie Foster, Solicitor Countryside Alliance:** An update on the fight against animal rights extremism in the UK;
- **John Simpson and Michelle Pardo, Attorneys at Law and Partners, Norton Rose Fulbright, Washington, DC:** *Insights gained along the way to the landmark \$25 million settlement paid by HSUS and the ASPCA to Feld Entertainment.*
- **Cynthia O'Connor, DVM, Chris Walker, AKC VP of Communications, Patti Strand, NAIA President:** *The anatomy of a TV hit piece: HBO's Unnatural Selection.*
- **Theresie Tungilik, Dept. of Economic Development, Gov. of Nunavut:** *The impact of propaganda on international policies;*
- **Thomas Albert, VP Gov. Relations, Feld Entertainment:** *From the courts to city hall, the extremist's campaign to ban the circus continues;*
- **Baylen Linnekin, Executive Director, Keep Food Legal, Adjunct Faculty at American University:** *Food Freedom;*
- **Steve Malone, Horse Carriage Owner-Operator:** *The campaign to end the horse carriage industry;*

- **Cindy Buckmaster, PhD Neurobiologist, Chair, Americans for Medical Progress, Director, Center of Comparative Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine:** *Speak now or forever rest in peace; and*
- **Janice Aria, Director of Animal Stewardship, Ringling Brothers Center for Elephant Conservation:** *Animal care at the Greatest Show on Earth, perception vs. reality.*

[http://www.naiaonline.org/uploads/Main\\_Upload\\_Directory/NAIA2014ConferenceFinal.pdf](http://www.naiaonline.org/uploads/Main_Upload_Directory/NAIA2014ConferenceFinal.pdf)  
(Please see: Attachment – Proposal #7 NAIA Brochure)

**Proposal #8:** Region 4 Application to Host 2016 NSDTRC USA National Specialty  
Submitted by: Amanda Crane and Region 4

Please see: Attachment – Proposal #8 NSDTRC USA Application for 2016 National Specialty

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Executive Session:**

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

**Proposal #2:** Scholarship Candidate

**Proposal #3:** Review Club Mentor Applications

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



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**Proposal #6:** Appoint a new Membership Chair

**ADJOURNMENT**