APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 2013 Online Board Business Session Minutes
(Please see: Attachment A - November 2013 Online Business Session Minutes)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

SECRETARY’S REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS
2013 National Specialty Report
Submitted by: Sue Barnett
Please find attached a copy of the final Summary Report for the 2013 Specialty. As you can see, it was very successful in terms of monetary gain for the Club. All of the Event Chairs and Committee Members were a pleasure to work. I for one, feel it was a very successful Specialty... Kudos to all involved!!!!

I will forward a check to Brad and close out the checking account.
(Please see: Attachment B – 2013 National Specialty Report)
No Action Required

Versatility Committee Report
Submitted by: Cathy DeBruyne

Our team is making good progress. Everyone has weighed in with their thoughts. We have plenty of diversity which has made this process a big more protracted. My next step will be to conduct an official poll of the team regarding specific questions (e.g. Should a field title be required? or Should Rally be part of Obedience?). The poll will be done by the end of March. In April, given the results of the poll, I will prepare and present the next draft of the proposed versatility document to the committee for discussion. I expect the process to be wrapped up by the end of May.

No Action Required

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS
None submitted

AGENDA ITEMS:
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Proposal #1: National Sweepstakes Handlers

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL:
Submitted by: Robyn Haskin

I would like to propose we address the wording for sweeps for nationals. I feel the club has grown and to limit sweeps to owners and just breeders is detrimental to the entry and not necessary. By not allowing professional handlers you already are keeping the sweeps on an even playing field. I believe we would benefit by allowing anyone who is not a pro show in sweeps.
This would allow people who have litter mates or numerous young dogs the opportunity to show them all with the help of friends or other Toller people.

Specific Board Action Requested: Allow any non-professional handler to handle dogs in the Sweepstakes Classes.

Discussion: How to define “Professional Handler”

Submitted by: Betty King
I said in that meeting that I always like to understand what other clubs are doing, so I compiled what I could find from sweepstakes rules or premiums. It is just whatever I could find, not a formal analysis!
I'll speak to my "research" during the actual meeting.

Am Cattle Dog
Entries in Sweepstakes may be shown by anyone in good standing with the AKC.

Anatolian Shepherd – no champions

Bearded Collies
must also be entered in a Regular Class at this show at the appropriate entry fee. Champions of Record may be entered in Sweepstakes. No handler restrictions.

Bernese Mountain Dogs
No handler restrictions mentioned.

Black Russian Terrier
No handler restrictions.

Border Collie
AKC Champions of Record may be entered in these classes. No handler restrictions

Borzoi – No handler restrictions
Bouvier For National Specialty only:
Each dog entered must be handled by the owner, co-owner, breeder or by a member of their immediate family.

Briard National & Regional
Entries must be handled by an owner of record (by closing date), breeder, member of the owner’s or breeders immediate family, or BCA member (by closing date). “Immediate Family” as defined by AKC includes: husband, wife, father, mother, son daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.

Bullmastiff
REQUIREMENTS & CLASSIFICATION
Sweepstakes entries must be handled by the owner, co-owner, a member of the owner’s or co-owner’s family, the breeder or an amateur handler. Professional handlers, as defined by the Association, are permitted to handle sweepstakes entries only if they are the owner, co-owner, a member of the owner’s family or the breeder of the sweepstakes entry. Dogs shown in Sweepstakes MUST also be entered in one of the regular classes. All prize money is the property of the owner.

Chesapeake Bay Retrievers that are at least 6 months of age and under 18 months of age on the day of the show. No Professional handlers unless they are the owner. Champions may be entered. Sweepstakes will be judged prior to the Regular Classes. Indicate your Sweepstakes Class with the age division in the space provided for “Additional Class”.

Entlebucher
No dog which has completed the requirements of an AKC Championship prior to the date of judging may compete in this Sweepstakes, and any Sweepstakes entry fee submitted for such dog shall be refunded upon request of the dog’s owner or agent, if such request is received by the Show Secretary no later than the closing date of the Show. For the purpose of those rules, the date of record for the Championship shall be the date of the show at which the dog won its final points. All Sweepstakes entries MUST also be entered in a regular class.

French Bulldog
Handler of a sweepstakes exhibit must be either the breeder, owner, co-owner, or member of their immediate family as they are listed on file with the American Kennel Club as of the closing date for the show for which the sweepstakes entry is being made. To avoid confusion or question, unless the person is its breeder, a dog may not be shown in sweeps by a person who was not the owner or co-owner on the closing date for the show (or by a member of their immediate family) unless that person presents on the day of the show the registration certificate or a photocopy of it showing ownership. Immediate family is defined as husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter or domestic partner. Stepchildren and legal wards are also included in this definition. In-laws and grandchildren are not considered to be immediate family members. No other individual may take the entry into the ring during judging or check-in.

German Shorthair Pointer
A DNA Profile Number is required for a Sweepstakes entry at this Show. The Sweepstakes is open to all German Shorthaired Pointers who, on the day of the show, will be 6 months and under 24 months of age. Entry fee for Sweepstakes is $15.00. Entries must be made at the same time, on the same entry form as for the regular class at this show. All entries MUST ALSO be entered in a Regular Class. Indicate “Sweepstakes” and age division under Additional Class. The Veteran Sweepstakes will be open to all German Shorthaired Pointers who are 8 years old and over the day of the show. Entrants ARE NOT required to enter a regular class at the Show.

Glen of Imaal
No handler restrictions

Golden Ret Club America
ALL SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES INCLUDING VETERANS AND BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
HANDLER: The handler of a Sweepstakes exhibit must be the owner, co-owner, breeder or member of their immediate family as they are listed on file with the American Kennel Club as of the closing date for the show for which the Sweepstakes entry is being made. Immediate family is defined as husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter or legal domestic partner. Step children and legal wards are also included in this definition. In-laws and grandchildren are not considered to be immediate family members. No other individual may take the entry into the ring during judging or check-in. The following individuals are excluded from showing an exhibit in sweepstakes unless they are the sole owner registered with the AKC or co-own the entry with a member of their immediate family (as defined above) or a legal domestic partner:
• Any individual listed as an agent on any dog in any regular or non-regular class at this or any other show in the previous two years.
• Any individual with an Agent number including, but not limited to an AKC Registered Handler Number or Professional Handlers Association (PHA) number.
To avoid confusion or question, it is recommended that a photocopy of the registration certificate be included with the entry for a co-owned exhibit.

Disabled or physically challenged handlers are encouraged to show their own dogs and every effort will be made to accommodate them. Some things which might be done to assist them are: making sure the ring gate opening is wide enough for a wheelchair; making sure the surface is as level and smooth as possible; placing slower handlers at the end of the line or having them gait their dogs together; allowing someone else to push an exhibitor’s wheelchair, providing they do not handle the dog; making sure stewards and judges face a handler who is hearing impaired when speaking to them; permitting the use of crutches or canes.

Best in Sweepstakes Classes. It is required that the same person who showed the dog to a first place in a Sweepstakes class will also show the dog in the Best in Sweeps class. However, if that person should have more than one dog in the Best in Sweepstakes class, someone else is permitted to show the additional winner. That person should meet the handler definitions above. Only in cases where there is not another owner, co-owner, breeder, co-breeder or immediate family member available, should another person take the dog into the Best in Sweeps class. It is understood that there would be no financial benefit to that individual. Individuals who have an
AKC Handler number, a PHA number or are listed as agent on any dog in the regular or non-
regular classes may not show a sweepstakes entrant unless they are the sole owner registered
with the AKC or co-own the entry with a member of their immediate family (as defined above)
or a legal domestic partner.

Gordon Setter Club America
No handler restrictions

Great Pyrenees
Sweepstakes entries may be shown by anyone in good standing with the AKC.

Ibizan Hound
** Please Note: Professional Handlers may only show dogs in any sweepstakes class that are
owned or co-owned by them.
May be a Champion of Record as of the date of closing. Dogs shown in Sweepstakes must be en-
tered in a Regular Specialty Class at the regular entry fee.

Irish Red and White – no handler restrictions

Irish Water Spaniels - no handler restrictions found.

Labrador Retriever
1. Labrador Retrievers 6 months and under 18 months are eligible.
2. Champions of Record in any country are ineligible.

Malamute
no handler restrictions found.
MUST ALSO be entered in one or more of the regular classes at the regular entry fee.
All Alaskan Malamute dogs and bitches 6 months and under 18 months. Champions of Record
are eligible for the Sweepstakes.

Malinois – No handler restrictions

Maltese
Sweepstakes is open to all breeders and owners of Maltese who on the day of the show will be 6
months of age and under 18 months of age. AKC champions of record are NOT eligible. Classes
will be divided by age and sex. All entries in Sweepstakes MUST also be entered in a Regular
Class.

Newfoundland
No handler restrictions mentioned.

OES
Each dog or bitch MUST BE entered in a Regular Class at this Specialty. Professional Handlers
may handle their own dogs only.
Pembroke Corgi
Professional Handlers may show dogs in their name. Dogs with their AKC championship at the time that entries close may not be shown in the Sweepstakes. Dogs shown in the Sweepstakes must also be entered in one of the regular classes.

Pug
No handler restrictions.

Rottweiler Club
The dates of the ARC National Specialty fluctuate from year to year. Puppies are eligible to compete in the first ARC National Puppy Sweepstakes held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this Sweepstakes. The 2012 Puppy Sweepstakes was held on May 23rd, so dogs born between 10/17/11 and 11/23/11 are ineligible to compete even though they are under 18 months of age. All dogs MUST be entered in a Regular Class. Sweepstakes entry MUST BE INDICATED AS AN ADDITIONAL CLASS on the entry form (entry fee is $28.00). Additional class entry must include age division (e.g., Sweeps 6-9 months). Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months (7/18/12 – 10/17/12) Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months (4/18/12 – 7/17/12) Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months (1/18/12 – 4/17/12) Dogs, 15 months+ (11/24/11 – 1/17/12)*

Saint Bernard
No handler restrictions

Schnauzers Miniature
Champions of Record may compete. No handler restrictions

Puli
No handler restrictions

Pharaoh Hound
No handler restrictions

Saluki
No handler restrictions mentioned.

Tervuran
No handler restrictions

Welsh Springer
No handler restrictions

Wirehair Pointer
No handler restrictions.

Wire Pointing Griffon
Champions of Record may enter Sweepstakes Competition. Professional handlers may only show dogs they own, co-own, or have bred in the Sweepstakes classes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Allow Breeder Referral members to optionally list their website on the NSDTRC(USA) website  
**Submitted by:** Sue Dorscheid

**Description:** Currently, the breeder referral person receives all requests for the Breeder Directory listing through the club’s website electronically. The Breeder Referral person replies to these messages, attaching a PDF version of the list of people that have paid to be on the Breeder Directory.

I am proposing that each kennel that is listed on the Breeder Directory have the option (so it would not be a requirement) to have their information listed directly on the club’s website so people could see it immediately instead of having to request it. Those opting out would still have their information listed on the PDF document and would receive it if they request it from the Breeder Referral person.

The information listed on the website would be identical to the information in the Breeder Referral document, so would include the voluntary statement of all of the health clearances and number of years breeding and as a member of the club, etc. However, the address and phone number would not be listed. Just the link to the Breeder’s website.

**Administration:** The existing breeders on the list would have to be contacted for this year to see if they wish to ‘opt in’. The webmaster has agreed to publish the listing. The Breeder Directory application would have to be modified for 2015 to include a check box or other indication that the Breeder wanted to list their information on the club website.

**Financial impact:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Review original proposal and decide if the NSDTRC USA should allow website information to be listed on the Breeder Referral document.

**Proposal #2:** Establish an Electronic NSDTRC (USA) Policy and Procedure Manual  
**Respectfully Submitted by:** Julie Hanson; kilcreek0521@msn.com

**Description:** The Club has established many policies and procedures over the years, but has never put them into any type of manual that can be easily referenced. Many clubs have developed this type of manual so this is not a new concept. With the approval of the Board, I would like to begin developing such a manual in an electronic format that would be provided to all Board members on a flash drive plus available to any member that requests it at a nominal charge and available for download from the website. To accomplish this project, I would like a small committee of myself as Chair, Cathy DeBruyne to lend expertise in setting up a data sheet that maintains each document as a separate file in the table of contents, plus any others that might be interested.
A sample of the index for such a manual:

**NSDTRC (USA) Policy Manual Index**

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**Justification**: It appears at times that the institutional memory of the Club is stressed and time is spent trying to figure out if there is a policy or procedure to address a particular situation. The lists of Board actions covering 1996 through 2009 do not provide the actual documents approved and these should be easily accessible. Changes to the website make finding policy documents more cumbersome, at least that appears to be occurring. Additionally, there are many policy documents that have never been available through the website. The Board needs to be aware of what has been done previously to make informed decisions on what further actions might be necessary.

**Administration**: Ongoing administration will be required to

- Keep the manual current when new policy documents are approved/finalized or revised;
- Periodic review of documents at least every 5 years to determine if the policy is relevant and should continue or in need of revision;
- The Secretary would be responsible for keeping the manual current and distributing it.
- Reviews/revisions would be the responsibility of the committee chairs when the Secretary sends the individual a notice of the need for a review.

**Financials**: Developing the electronic policy and procedure manual will cost nothing. Initial cost of flash drives for all Board members (12) at ~$7.00 each, plus postage at $2.00 each, would be $111.00. When new Board members arrive, a new flash drive is provided with the most current manual by the Secretary. This would incur an annual expense of $20 to $100.

**Specific Board Action Requested**: Approve the development of an electronic NSDTRC (USA) Policy and Procedure Manual and establish a committee to put the manual together.

Suggested: Julie Hanson, Chair, Cathy DeBruyne, and others that volunteer.
Proposal #3: Judges Selection Committee / Judges Selection Process
Submitted by: Cynthia Parker, Judges Selection Chairman and Betty King BOD liaison to JSC

Proposal Description:
Take the Committee down to one person, a chairman.
Continue online nominations and voting.
Change Nominations form to contain the names of currently eligible judges, plus a space for "write in". Put only the candidates who received the most nominations forward for a vote.
Increase time before past judges are again eligible, to 7 years.

Proposal Justification:
The use of online survey sent club wide, eliminates the need for a person in each region to solicit nominations and votes.

Using the list of eligible judges obtained annually from AKC as a nomination form will minimize the need to standardize the names. Write in space will still allow other judges i.e. from within the breed, to be nominated.

Increasing the time between repeated judges from five years to seven years will increase the variety of judges.

Putting forth a limited number of nominated candidates for voting, will consolidate the voting and result in a top vote getter receiving a majority of votes.

Administration:
Chairman - who would put out notices (Quackers and email), obtain from AKC (BOD already approved for $25) an annual list of eligible judges, follow up with judges, and show chair; take questions from the club members, basically be responsible for the process.

Designate a board member to receive all correspondence from the committee chair & webmaster and bring any issues to and from the board.

Webmaster will put up site (survey) for voting, tabulate votes, communicate with Chairman, and keep historical record of voting and judges. (Save all surveys and results)

Club secretary to send out notices via email to club.

Each June, put up all judge’s names eligible by the AKC to be nominated via voting online. Plus add a place for write in votes. The survey will be designed to allow 3 responses (including write in). Nominations close end of July. Vet the top nominated judges to make sure they are eligible. Take top 6-8 candidates from Nominations and put them in a new survey for the vote.

Change the time to 7 years in between Judge’s eligibility (currently five years)
Open Voting in early August. Each member is allowed to vote for 3 judges. Close the voting in early September. JSC Chairman writes to the top judge to invite. If they accept, notify the show chair, Board of Directors and membership. If the judge declines, the next judge will be invited.

**Financial Implications:** None anticipated unless the survey software requires an expenditure. To be determined.

**Specific Board Action Requested:**
Review the below "TBD's"
Discuss and edit or amend the process.
Approve a Judges Selection Method.

**To Be Determined**

In case of a tie. Email a second survey with just the two-three names?

Write an exact method to determine "top 6 or 8 Nominated Judges"?
Or, leave to discretion of the "committee chair", to cut off nominations at the first large "gap" after at least six names.

When / How to notify membership -- via the next cycle's nomination survey.
   or suggestion: Quackers with first ad for the national.

What method of "online voting"? Previous two years were free Lime Survey Software. Email the survey as in previous couple of years, or email a link posted on the club web site?

Current webmaster prefers Survey Monkey, but the free version only allows 100 responses. To date, we have not had over 100 responses, (it has been 70 to 80) but, we should be able to allow ALL club members to vote. I (Betty) am familiar with Survey Monkey. A survey can be tied to a email address and the responses identify the email address. Members with two votes would need to contact the committee or webmaster and receive a link at the same address. I think the lowest "paid" survey monkey is $200/year. I am not familiar with how Lime Survey software works. The past webmaster administered the voting.

**Proposal #4:** Restructuring Of The NSDTRC(USA) Judges’ Education Committee
Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Fogg- Region 1 Director cedarfog@tds.net

**Description:** This proposal is to increase diversity of breeders and kennels represented on our Judges’ Education Committee. Further it provides Breed Mentor Program participant to qualify to serve on the Judges’ Education Committee, if they so choose.

**Justification:** The Judges’ Education Committee has consisted of very few club members, most of whom have shared links between their kennels and the other committee members. While not intended, it resulted in the committee having the appearance of a very narrow cross section of Toller kennels being allowed to participate as active Judges’ Education Committee members. While there have been a few recent additions to the committee, the number and variety of
kennels represented is still limited. Further, the geographic location of available committee members is not widely distributed throughout the country.

**Administration:** This will require ongoing review of applicants wishing to be a member of the Judges’ Education Committee. The review should be done on an annual basis by the Board of Directors. I am recommending that the existing Judges’ Mentor Program be continued and used as the criteria for serving on this Judges’ Education Committee. It is my recommendation that review of applicants occur annually in the online meeting, prior to the in-person meeting. This will allow for an applicant who has not heard from the committee to ask the board to review their application during the in-person meeting and prior to the annual review of standing committees. Annually, the Board of Directors will forward the updated list of approved Mentors to the AKC and NSDTRC (USA) Web Person for publication on our web site. Additionally, the updated list of Judges’ Education Committee members will be forwarded to the Judges’ Education Committee Chair.

**Financial Implications:** As this proposal is seeking to add members to the committee and increase geographic distribution of these members, travel cost for this committee should decrease. Further, our committee will be available to more local clubs with greater frequency, allowing more judges to be able to participate in our judges’ education program.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approval of this proposal to use qualifying for the Judges’ Mentoring Program as the qualification to serve on the Judges’ Education Committee. A qualified Judges’ Mentor need only submit a written request to the Chair of the Judges’ Education Committee to join the committee.

**Proposal #5:** Purchase of Evelyn Williams Award Pins  
**Submitted by:** Kim Simmons

I am officially out of pins for the Evelyn Williams awards, and stock will need to be replenished before next year's Specialty. I would like to ask the Board to confirm that we will continue to support this award and to approve a purchase of a quantity of 200 pins. We award at least 25 pins each year, so this quantity will take us through the next several years.

**Financial Implications:** Purchase price of 200 pins

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approval to purchase 200 pins

**Proposal # 6:** Adding AKC Coursing Ability to Versatility Program  
**Submitted by:** Kim Simmons

**Versatility Program:**

A proposal has been submitted to me to add AKC Coursing Ability titles to our Versatility program, now that this sport is open to all breeds. Given that the level of training is not high for
this sport, but the commitment to earn the advanced titles is high, following is my recommendation to submit to the Board for the point system for Coursing.

CA (Coursing Ability): .5 points
Requires 3 passes

CAA (Coursing Ability Advanced): 1 point
Requires 10 passes

CAX (Coursing Ability Excellent): 1.5 points
Requires 25 passes

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Discuss and decide if the Coursing Ability should be added to the NSDTRC USA Versatility Program

**Proposal #7:** Update the AKC Parent Club Approved Mentor Program
**Submitted by:** Deb Gibbs and the Judges Education Committee

Attached please find proposal to update the Mentor program to being in line with AKC and sister parent club programs.

The JEC will maintain the list of Parent Club Approved Mentors and be responsible for updating the list to the AKC when changes occur.

There are no financial implications.

The JEC is asking the Board to approve the new Mentor Guidelines and Process.

(Please see: Attachment C - Mentor Guidelines NSDTRC(USA))

**Proposal #8:** Approve Updated Membership Chair Position Description

(Please see: Attachment D - Membership_Chairman_PD)

**Proposal #9:** AKC CHF Addison’s Donation
**Submitted by:** Sue Dorscheid

**Description:** To use $7500 of our donor advised money in AKC CHF to fund research at UC Davis on adult onset Addison's disease. We currently have $7851 in our donor advised fund. We can only make the donation if Emily's grant proposal to CHF is approved, thus the donation would be contingent on whether or not the grant is approved. (IOW, we can approve the donation now but will not actually donate the money until the grant is approved)

**Justification:** Addison's disease occurs at a higher rate in Tollers than in other breeds. We are fortunate that a genetic test has been developed for the almost always fatal juvenile Addison's that occurs in Tollers. However, a significant number of Tollers are also affected with adult onset
Addison's. Dogs with Addison's require lifelong expensive medication and monitoring and the disease can flare up at any time. It is a time consuming and expensive condition for owners to deal with. This research could be the key to determining if a genetic test for Addison's could be developed. I know every breeder that has produced an affected dog would find such a test incredibly useful in their breeding programs.

(Please see: Attachment E - Addison's Research Summary)

**Financial Implication:** $7,500, if grant is approved

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve a $7,500 donation to the Adult onset Addison’s Research Fund

**Proposal #10:** Approval of the Content of the NSDTRC (USA) Web Site

**Respectfully submitted by:** Betsy Fogg- Region 1 Director cedarfog@tds.net

**Description:** To continue the existing policy of reviewing the content of NSDTRC (USA)’s web site.

**Justification:** Our club’s web site is our face to the world. A disproportionate number of people will learn about the breed from our website over any other means available. Historically, the Board of Directors approved web site content. Therefor it is club policy to approve web content before it is published.

**Administration:** The Board of Directors will need to continue the policy of approving content published to our web site. This will include (but not be limited to) a review of content changes made since the old web site was replaced in February 2014.

**Financial Implications:** None expected

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Continue with our duty as officers of the club in approving the content of our web site prior to publication. This board business shall be conducted in similar manner as all other board business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Proposal #1: Appointment to the NSDTRC USA Mentor Program
Proposal #2: Appointment of Legislative Liaison
Proposal #3: Accepting Membership Chair Resignation
Proposal #4: Accepting Rescue Coordinator Resignation

**ADJOURNMENT**