



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**2016 In Person BOARD MEETING**  
**Courtyard Vallejo Napa Valley Vallejo, CA**  
**October 15, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am PST by President Kim Simons.

Roll call was taken. Voting Members present in the meeting room: President Kim Simons, Interim Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, Region 1 Interim Director Joy Annunziato, Region 2 Director Dan Rode, Region 3 Director Terri Krause, Region 4 Director Lia Raitt, Region 5 Director Tish Hancy, Region 6 Director Alyson Casper, Region 7 Director Jennifer Hollis.

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members present in the meeting room: AKC Delegate Marile Waterstraat.

Guest present in the meeting room: Marcia Lyons

Present via cell phone: Vice President Betsy Fogg.

Absent: Treasurer Brad Sherlag. Brad Sherlag had available a recorded video tape of his Annual Report.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Terri Krause moved to accept the minutes for the August 2016 Online Board Business Session. Lia Raitt seconded the motion.

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

**Oppose [0]:**

**Abstain [0]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion:** To approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Alyson Casper. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

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

**Oppose [8]:** J. Hollis, A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, L. Raitt, T. Hancy, D. Rode, A. Casper, J. Annunziato

**Abstain [0]:**

*Motion not approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Motion:** Ann DiSilvestre motioned to send the Treasurer Report back to the Treasurer for Corrections. Specifically, the AKC Delegate expense figures are incorrect, printing costs incurred are incorrect and the travel expenses are incorrect. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

**Approve [ 3]:** A. DiSilvestre, J. Hollis, B. Fogg

**Oppose [ 5]:** T. Krause, A. Casper, J. Annunziato, T. Hancy, D. Rode

**Abstain [1]:** L. Raitt

*Motion not approved by the Board of Directors*

## **REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS:**

#### **REGION 5**

*Tish Hancy verbal report*

Region 5 held a supported entry in Wichita, KS in September 2016. Plans are underway to repeat this event.

#### **REGION 6**

*Correction by Alyson Casper*

The date for the supported entry in West Palm Beach should be March 11, 2017.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Actions taken:*

**AKC Gazette Breed Columnist:** The BOD thanks Heather Green for her contributions as the columnist. An announcement will be in the next edition of Quackers for a new columnist. This will also appear on the Club website.

**Events Chair:** The BOD will ask Robyn Haskin for a copy of the original manual to compare to her revisions.

**Field Events:** Correction to the Table labeled "Other Clubs", first entry, the date should be 11/6/16 and the location should be the Wood Dale Farms.

**Historian:** An announcement will be in the next edition of Quackers for a new Historian. This will also appear on the Club website.

Also, add a field on all Wufoo forms to copy the Historian on the form.

**Public Education:** The BOD asked Jennifer Hollis to have more business cards printed.

**Rescue Report:** Region 1 Rescue Coordinator may be filled by Mary Howell. Alyson Casper will follow up with her.

**Standards Committee:** The Webmaster will see if the current Wufoo software will accommodate their needs for a survey.

**Trophy Chair:** An announcement will be in the next edition of Quackers for a new Trophy Chair. This will also appear on the Club website.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Reproduce Evelyn Williams Pins  
**Submitted by:** Kim Simons, National Trophy Chair

**Motion:** Ask Kim Simons to order new pins, maintain inventory and costs not to exceed \$500.00. Tish Hancy made the motion. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

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

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Proposal #2:** Usage of NSDTRC logo for MACH/PACH gift bags for the February 2017 Region 2 Agility Trial

**Submitted by:** Carolyn Glenn

**Motion:** Amend Proposal #2 to approve the use of the NSDTRC logo for the Region 2 Agility Trial in perpetuity of the event. Motion made by Tish Hancy and seconded by Alyson Casper.

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

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Motion:** To approve the Amended Proposal #2. Motion made by Tish Hancy. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

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

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Proposal #3:** AKC approval to allow Tollers to enter Upland Hunting Tests

**Submitted by:** Kim Simons

**Motion:** Tish Hancy motions to recruit someone from the Membership to gather historical documentation on Tollers participating in Upland hunting in an effort to get approval by the AKC to participate in the AKC Upland Hunting Tests. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

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

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Proposal #4:** Discuss the use of another format for Club Members to discuss Club business across Regions.

**Submitted by:** Kim Simons

**Motion:** Have the President send out a communication to Members reminding them of the formal process of Club communication. Ann DiSilvestre made the motion. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

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

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Motion:** Tish Hancy motioned to have Ann DiSilvestre look into the changes that could be made to the existing forum software to make it more user friendly in addition to looking into other solutions. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

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

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Proposal #5:** Changes to the Versatility Program.

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Hollis on behalf of the Versatility Committee (Maureen Baumtrog and Danika Bannasch only active participants currently).

**Motion:** Send the Proposal back to the Versatility Committee for clarifications and revisions. Joy Annunziato made the motion. Dan Rode seconded the motion.

**Approved [ 8]:** T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, T. Hancy, J. Annunziato, D. Rode, B. Fogg, L. Raitt.

**Opposed [ 0]:**

**Abstain [ 1]:** J. Hollis

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Proposal #6:** Add the ability to use live shot at Club Field tests to allow involvement of other breeds.

**Submitted by:** Alyson Casper – per board request, discussed with Kathy Gibson, Field Chairperson

**Motion:** To allow Region 6 to hold a pilot BRT/WC/WCI/WCX test to include live shot to accommodate other breeds. This would be contingent upon the cost of the insurance and Test Chair ensures that they follow AKC regulations pertaining to gun safety. Tish Hancy made the motion. Dan Rode seconded the motion.

**Approved [ 6]:** T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, T. Hancy, J. Annunziato, D. Rode, J. Hollis.

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

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**Proposal #7:** Request that both the President and the Treasurer of the NSDTRC (USA) be supplied with a Club credit card and request that either one make approved payments with the credit card when the approved expenditure exceeds \$250.00.

**Submitted by:** Ann DiSilvestre

**Motion:** Jennifer Hollis motioned to approve Proposal #7 as written. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

**Approved [ 8 ]:** T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, T. Hancy, J. Annunziato, D. Rode, J. Hollis, B. Fogg

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2018 Specialty** – The BOD asked Tish Hancy to revisit the idea of Region 5 hosting the 2018 Specialty

**2. Discussed Specialty locations** –

**Motion:** Ann DiSilvestre motioned to form a Committee to investigate the possibility of holding the National Specialty in the same location each year. Terri Krause seconded the motion. Dan Rode volunteered to Chair this Committee.

**Approved [ 8 ]:** A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Hancy, B. Fogg, J. Annunziato, A. Casper.

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

**3. Discussed an Audit of the Accounting records of the Club** –

**Motion:** Kim Simons motioned to have an independent accounting audit of the NSDTRC (USA) once the books are in Carolyn Kurth's possession. Carolyn Kurth shall get 3 quotes and present them to the BOD for approval. Jennifer Hollis seconded the motion.

**Approved [ 8 ]:** A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Hancy, B. Fogg, J. Annunziato, A. Casper.

**Opposed [ 0 ]:**

**Abstain [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** I move to adjourn the BOD General Session.

Motion made by Kim Simons. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

**Approved [ 8 ]:** A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Hancy, B. Fogg, J. Annunziato, A. Casper.

**Opposed [ 0]:**

**Abstain [ 0]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

## **CONFIDENTIAL**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** I move to adjourn the Executive Session.

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

**Approved [ 8]:** A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Hancy, B. Fogg, J. Annunziato, A. Casper.

**Opposed [ 0]:**

**Abstain [ 0]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*

### **REOPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Proposal #2:** Discussion on positive ways to counteract negative comments particularly on social media.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** At 6:05 pm, motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion made by Terri Krause. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

**Approved [ 8]:** A. DiSilvestre, T. Krause, D. Rode, J. Hollis, T. Hancy, B. Fogg, J. Annunziato, A. Casper.

**Opposed [ 0]:**

**Abstain [ 0]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors*