



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION**  
Beginning Thursday June 1, 2017  
**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 2017 Online Board Meeting Minutes

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Please see Attachment A*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Assign a committee to review the revised NSDTRC Show Manual that has been submitted by Robyn Haskins and provide editing suggestions, editions, deletions, etc.

**Submitted by:** Kim Simons

**Proposal Justification:** Our Show Manual has needed updating for quite a while, and Robyn Haskins has updated the first section for our review before she continues onward. I'd like to be able to provide feedback by August 31, 2017, so that work can begin on the remainder of the manual.

**Administration:** Given the complexity of the task, I'm recommending that the committee consist only of 3 members, 1 of which is on the BOD. Members of the committee must have extensive experience in chairing shows.

**Financial Implications:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Discuss the proposal and make any necessary changes, and assign a Board Member to Chair the committee and identify the two other committee members.

**Proposal #2:** Listing the Club rescue on the AKC Marketplace  
**Submitted by:** Marile Waterstraat

**Proposal Description:** That the Secretary should write a letter to the AKC on letterhead requesting to list our Rescue on the AKC Marketplace. Person the letter to be addressed to is to be determined.

**Proposal Justification:** The AKC website is where most of the public first checks for information on breeds.

**Administration:** One time letter to the AKC from the Club Secretary.

**Financial Implications:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Direct the secretary to do this.

**Proposal #3:** Appoint Alyson Casper as the Chair for the AKC National Championship Meet the Breeds® booth on December 16 & 17, 2017.  
**Submitted by:** Ann DiSilvestre

**Proposal Description:** The BOD has approved participation and funding for this event. We need to appoint a Club Member to Chair and be the Club liaison to the AKC.

**Proposal Justification:** A Chair and AKC liaison are essential.

**Administration:** The Club Secretary will complete the application and submit to the AKC.

**Financial Implications:** No additional funds are required above what has already been approved. The cost for the electrical hook-up this year is \$110.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Appoint Alyson Casper as the Chair for the AKC National Championship Meet the Breeds® booth on December 16 & 17, 2017.

**Proposal #4:** Changes to the Rising Star Award.  
**Submitted by:** Sydney Jones

**Proposal Description:** This award is dedicated to the memory of Sydney Jones' bitch, CH RedDog's Rising Star. Starry was a true rising star in the Toller world. At the age of 19 months, Starry earned the first AKC NSDTR Best in Breed. Sydney would like her memory to live on through recognition for the NSDTRC (USA)'s top producing brood bitch each year.

Each year Sydney Jones will award the Rising Star Award to the owner of the brood bitch that produced the most NSDTRC Champions in the previous calendar year. The award would be based on AKC Champion statistics and NSDTRC(USA) Field Titles either BRT or WC over the course of a calendar year of January through December, which would be calculated by the NSDTRC (USA) statistician. This would take effect in the year 2018.

In the event of a tie, the tie would be broken by a point system as follows, with points given for all titles earned by all offspring of each specific bitch.

AKC Champions:	3 points
Field Titles:	
AKC MH or WCX	3.5 points
AKC SH or WCI	3 points
AKC JH or WC	2 points
Obedience or Agility Titles:	
AKC UD/VER (or higher)	2 points
AKC CDX/GO or AX/AXJ	1.5 points
AKC BN/CD/GN or NA/OA/NAJ/OAJ	1 point

Each title will have to be earned in the same calendar year as the NSDTRC Championship. The highest number of points for all offspring will determine the winning bitch.

Starry's dam, Beacon Hill Lennoxlove M'ggie was the 2003 Pedigree Brood Bitch of the Year (NSDTRC-USA) and was the recipient of the 2003 Rising Star Award. Maggie produced three NSDTRC-USA Champions 2003, two of which also earned obedience titles and one which earned a field title within 2003.

The award given will be a glass trophy, hand etched with the faces of a Toller bitch and pup. The award would be in the shape of a star rising out of a wood base. The base would have spaces for brass plaques that would be inscribed with the registered name of each year's winning bitch and the year awarded. The winner of the trophy will be responsible with etching the name plates appropriately. In the event that any year's winner does not get the trophy engraved with their dog's name, The National Trophy Chair will be responsible for having it engraved at the expense of Sydney Jones.

The award for the previous year will be given out at each year's National Specialty Annual Awards Banquet by Sydney Jones if she is in attendance, or the NSDTRC-USA National Trophy Chair. It will be the responsibility of each year's winner to ensure that the trophy is safely transported to either the next year's Specialty, or to the NSDTRC Trophy Chairman, one month prior to the next Specialty.

A Keeper trophy, also made available from Ms. Jones, will be given to each year's winner as well.

Individuals eligible for this award must be NSDTRC-USA members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. The eligible recipient must be owner or co-owner of the dog. The period of eligibility for titles earned by offspring of each bitch will be the calendar year of January through December.

The rules and regulations of the Rising Star Award are the sole responsibility of Sydney Jones Kennel. In the event of death or written disinterest of Ms. Jones, the rules and regulations, and the giving of the keeper plaque will become the responsibility of the NSDTRC-USA.

**Proposal Justification:** In recent years the Rising Star Award has become about competition in the area of conformation. The proposed change to the Award will require those who seek to earn the Award to honor the versatility of the breed by achieving a club championship on each of the get for them to be eligible.

**Administration:** The web site description of the Award would require an update.

**Financial Implications:** None

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve the changes to the Rising Star Award.

**ADJOURNMENT**