APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 2017 Online Board Business Session Minutes
(Please see Attachment A – June 2017 Online Business Session Minutes)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Kim Simons, President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the last three years. This year will be my last year.

If I’m honest, I’ll tell you that it has been a trying three years. The Club and the Board have gone through quite a bit – including having to replace some Board Members midway through terms and try to manage through some member issues as well.

I’m hopeful that my last year will be one of unity and member support, plus getting a bit of work done as well. One key item that we are working on is putting together a show manual to help our regions when putting on events, including National Specialties.

The Board continues to work towards a better Club and a bright future for our little red friends.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Terri Krause, Vice President

No report submitted.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary

This is to inform the Club Members that no additional nominations were received on or before August 27, 2017 for the following positions:

Region 4 Director: Pam Durkee (California) – [First 3 year Term]

Region 7 Director: Francine Kaplan (Pennsylvania) – [First 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 28, 2017 for the positions of Region 4 Director and Region 7 Director.

A nomination was received from the floor for the position of Region 1 Director. The slate of nominees for Region 1 Director is as follows:

Michael Acker (Maine)

Joy Annunziato (New York)

Per Club Bylaws, voting Members in good standing residing in Region 1 will receive paper ballots to vote for the position of Region 1 Director. Ballots will be mailed via USPS on September 11, 2017. The ballots must be returned to Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary by October 2, 2017, at which time the ballots will be tabulated by a panel of independent election inspectors. The candidates will be notified by the Secretary of the election results prior to the Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the NSDTRC (USA) 2017 National Specialty in Kissimmee, Florida, on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

Regional Director terms begin on November 1, 2017 and run through October 31, 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Kurth, Treasurer
(Please see Attachment B)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

REGION 1
Respectfully submitted by Joy Annunziato

Region 1 reports that Marile Waterstratt, Region 1 Member, Chaired and organized a Supported Entry at the Dome Center in Henrietta, NY on Saturday, June 24, 2017 in conjunction with the Genesee Valley Kennel Club Show. It was very successful with volunteers from the region helping out. Also offered was Hunting/Working Retriever and Veteran classes, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes including Obedience and Rally.

Results for Confirmation/Obedience:
http://www.infodog.com/results/results.htm?evno=2017102902&bno=13400&sdt=06/16/17&edt=07/15/17

Results for Rally:
No Tollers were entered in Rally.

Region 1 held its first “Spring into Summer” BRT/WC/WCI/WCX test June 11, 2017 in Torrington, CT at Torrington Fish and Game grounds. It was Chaired by Shelly Kurth. Congratulations to all the participants! There were 19 entries and the list of qualifiers can be found on Entry Express.
Joy Annunziato Chaired the Region 1 BRT/WC/WCI/WCX tests held on August 19-20, 2017 in Mexico, NY. Mother Nature couldn’t have been nicer to us with stellar weather conditions both days. The club pitched in and helped this test run smoothly with 83 entries for the weekend. A list of results can be found on Entry Express.

Region 1 was again able to participate in another WC/WCI/WCX test held in Dismount, NH on September 30, 2017. Thanks go to Test Chair, Michael Acker, for getting this off the ground and to the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club for inviting our Tollers. Test results can be found on Entry Express.

**REGION 2**
*Respectfully submitted by Dan Rode*

No report submitted.

**REGION 3**
*Respectfully submitted by Marcia Lyons*

It was a relatively quiet year for Region 3. There has been a several year gap without a Supported Entry. A goal for 2018 is to select an appropriate show for a Region 3 Supported Entry. Finding and/or building a major in the Region is not a given, it has required some networking with other owners. With quite a few litters in the Region this year, we hope that entry numbers will be strong in the coming year.

2017 brought an uptick of interest in field events, an encouraging sign. For the fifth consecutive year, the Puget Sound Retriever Club has hosted the “Toller Classic”, offering the Toller field tests, chaired by Diane Burlingame. Held in early June, this year’s Classic featured a double-header, with two days of full stakes. Over half of the participants were new to field work! There is a special delight in watching owners and their Tollers participate in and get hooked on being out in the field, doing what Tollers were bred to do.

We continue to have many members active in agility, obedience, rally, dock diving, nosework, among other things.

As a special note, we were very proud to see member Janine Prindle and her wonderful Toller Corey highlighted in the January 2017 issue of the AKC Gazette. Though legally blind, Janine had put a UD on Corey. Thus it was with very deep sadness that we lost Janine this Summer. So many persons have received kind words of encouragement from Janine through the years. Janine was a model of optimism, kindness, patience and persistence. She is dearly missed by the Toller community, and the dog community in general.

**REGION 4**
*Respectfully submitted by Lia Raiti*

No report submitted.
REGION 5
Respectfully submitted by Tish Hancy

No report submitted.

REGION 6
Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper

Region 6 reports that a group of Region 6 members got together in Bushnell, FL on August 13-14, 2016 for a field-training seminar taught by Nancy Clinchy. We also had several lab and golden folks attend. This was an excellent seminar was helpful for improving both our and our dogs’ skills.

Alyson Casper, Region 6 Member, chaired and organized the 2016 AKC National Championship Meet the Breeds hosted by Royal Canin. This was held December 16-17, 2016. Literature about the Toller was handed out to the public and they were given the opportunity to meet tollers in person. We did have assistance from people outside of Region 6, but the Region 6 members did the majority of the work and volunteering. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated, especially at the end of the event with tear down and packing up. Our booth won the Sporting Group.

To read the article and see all the winners, go to http://www.bestinshowdaily.com/best-booth-in-show-at-the-2016-ake-national-championship-meet-the-breeds/

Folks from our region also hosted a Toller Get Together/Happy Hour at our condo on Thursday, 12/15. This event was well attended and it was great to see everyone on an informal basis.

Alyson has agreed to volunteer to chair this event again. Please contact Alyson at alysondc@hotmail.com if you can assist.

The Region 6 Supported Entry was held March 10 - 11, 2017 at the Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers Association Show. On 3/10/2017, was the obedience and rally competition. On 3/11/2017, conformation was held. There were 21 tollers entered with a 4-point major in bitches.
Junior Puppies also showed and the toller puppy won the Sporting Group. Joy Annunziato chaired this event and did a great job again. This was a successful event. Show results were listed in the Spring 2017 Quackers or can be found at MBF. We are not going to host this event in March 2018 with West Palm Beach and are looking at moving our regions supported entry to be held at the AKC National by Royal Canin in Orlando along with the other pre-shows.

REGION 7
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hollis

Region 7 coordinated participation in the Meet the Breeds in association with Westminster in NYC in February 2017. We expect to participate in this event again in early 2018. Region 7 had a supported entry at Maryland Sporting Dog show in March 2017 and had a really good turnout as usual. We have already been approved for 2018. Region 7 also had a supported entry at the Philadelphia Kennel Club Show in November 2016. We had a really good turnout for our first supported entry at this show last year. We won second price in the booth decorating contest last year. We already have everything in place to do this again this November. We are going for first prize this year. This is the only benched show on the east coast outside of Westminster and is a great public education opportunity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC DELEGATE
Respectfully submitted by Marile Waterstraat

Delegate’s Meeting September 2017 AKC Delegates’ Meeting
Marile Waterstraat Delegate, NSDTR Club (USA)
Monday September 11: Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: A) Alexandra Aleshovski the Chief Growth Officer of the AKC spoke on the website re-launch. 1. They intend to fix the search function so you won’t have to use google to find things. 2. They intend a 1 or 2 click solution for improved navigation 3. They intend to improve content and visuals. 4. They intend it to be multi-platform, mobile responsive. 5. They intend to fix the Events search. 6. They intend to continue building the canine college with 33 breeds by 2018. They have started with those without good judges education programs. B) The video on what a delegate does is ready to distribute. Hard copies will be distributed to delegates, probably at the next meeting to share with their clubs. Canine Health Committee: A) Entries were down in June and July due to canine influenza. This seems to be improving due to people vaccinating against it. B) Research on new tick diseases in Texas and Iowa. Babzia and Ehrlichia often mimic immune mediated diseases. C) All money donated to CHF goes in to research. C) There are new research proposals before CHF looking at disease resistance to tick preventatives. D) AKC Marketplace has listed over 8000 breeders and 7200 litters. All Parent Clubs can remove any “breeder” misrepresenting themselves on Marketplace. sbp@akc.org. Marketplace is looking into how to verify health test reporting. E) dogwellnet.com Working on harmonization of genetic testing. Labs will voluntarily comply with standards and quality. Hopefully this will cut down on cheap and poor quality testing. F) 117,000 CHIC reports through August. 25,000 DNA samples in the bank. F) There was an explanation of how the Otterhound semen bank will work. By-laws Committee:
Discussed rules vs policy vs regulations. **All-breed Committee:** A) Finished the best practices on finances (which I shared with the BOD). It will be available on the delegate portal, all breed club resources. **Parent Club Committee:** A) The AKC Legislative Conference was held September 24 in Atlanta. B) The AKC Reunite General Fund continues to accept donations for disaster relief. **Companion Events Committee:** A) There was a decrease in entries probably due to the virus. B) The new obedience rules on sit, down and stay from the Task Force were approved by the committee. C) The new rally signs have a YouTube video showing proper procedures. **Dog Show Rules Committee:** Discussed appropriate collars and leads, whether or not to add an 18-24 month puppy class, and limited registration which will remain. The AKC has entered into a 20 year lease at 101 Park Avenue for the headquarters and the Museum of the Dog (which will leave St. Louis) The North Carolina lease is also being renegotiated.

**Tuesday September 12: Legislative Caucus:** A) It is important to have a relationship with the key staff of senators and congress people, which requires a lot of walking, talking, and detective work. After a piece of legislation is written, a department is responsible for writing regulations. This is where WE can have influence. We need to have contacts within these departments. You have to present an option. Get the Farm Bureau and Sportsman’s organizations behind you. B) On the local level WE can make a real impact. Give reasons for our viewpoint. It’s the easiest way to stop errors in procedure. C)APHIS is asking for comments on how to enforce USDA. D) Professional breeders should join the Farm Bureau and Sportsman’s groups for influence. E) NAIA has on its website sample state legislation to prohibit importing dogs from other states. Its aim is to keep the AR’s busy fighting that. **Forum:** Scent Work presentation. There are 21 classes in scent work. Videos demonstrating the various classes, and requirements for offering a trial can be found at scentwork@akc.org. The scents are birch, anise, clove, cypress, and the handler. It appears fairly easy to be licensed and to put on a trial. Deaf and blind dogs may compete. **Website re-launch:** Late fall. Over 51 million visitors just this year. 62% use mobile devices, a good reason to change. See the Toller puppy on the welcome page.

**Meeting:** Alan Kalter thanks for all the donations to AKC Reunite for the disaster relief efforts. **CFO:** Year to date revenue is up 10% over last year. Litter and dog registrations are up 7%. Pedigrees up 4%. Expenses up 9% due to payroll, benefits, consulting costs. Investments are up 7% and net assets up 14%. **Votes:** Passed – the Dog awarded Select Dog/Select Bitch would be included in the calculation of Grand Championship points. Withdrawn – a new proposal on rules affecting dogs disqualified at a show. It will be re-worked and re-presented. Passed – A National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters limited to walking handlers.

**AKC GAZETTE BREED COLUMNIST**
Respectfully submitted by Heather Green

I have enjoyed authoring our breed column for the AKC Gazette these past five years, but last year attempted to step down as I thought it was time to let someone else take on the task. At that time, I also let the Board know I would continue to meet the Sporting group column deadlines until the Board advised me they had found a replacement. As it has now been a year, please be advised the next column (deadline mid Oct. for January publication) will be my last. Thank you again for this opportunity.
BREEDER REFERRAL
Respectfully submitted by Cindy Richardson

No report submitted.

EVENTS CHAIR
Respectfully submitted by Robyn Haskins

No report submitted.

FIELD EVENTS
Respectfully submitted by Kathy Gibson

In the last year, the National club has sponsored seven 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.

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In addition, two field tests, the 2018 National Specialty club test and an AKC hunt test have been approved for 2018.
HEALTH & GENETICS
Respectfully submitted by Karen Bauman

Fortunately, the year has been a quiet one for the Committee. We continue to address questions from the membership, primarily about health concerns and gene testing, as they arise. Karen Bauman, Committee Chair, represented the Club at the Canine Health Foundation (CGF) National Parent Club Canine Health Conference held in Saint Louis 11-13 August; a separate report to the Board was submitted on this conference. This conference is held every two years on a variety of topics. This year the three were: tick-borne diseases, canine epilepsy and reproduction.

Late in 2015, we tabled the roll out of the proposed Club health survey to the membership due to some logistical concerns. However, after conversations with staff at the Morris Animal Foundation earlier this year and input received at this year’s CHF conference, we are hopeful that project will be able to again more forward.

Lastly, this year the committee was asked to review one CGF grant proposal. The Committee recommended the Board of Directors endorse the proposal, which if the project is funded by CGF, would allow for elective opportunities for any member who is interested to participate in this study. No funding from the Health and Genetics account or our CGF donor advised fund will be utilized for this project.

HISTORIAN
Respectfully submitted by Marile Waterstraat

Thank you to all event chairs who send me the premiums, running orders, results, and other paperwork from their events. Please remember if you are chairing a Club event, you should send all relevant paperwork related to the event to the Club historian.

I am presently putting collected items in order in preparation to sending our most recent historical items, about five years’ worth since we first deposited our history with the AKC, to the AKC Library and Archives. I also have some VHS tapes of early events which I neglected to send before. After discussion with Brynn White the librarian and archivist, I learned that our deed of gift is perpetual, and we may send more items at any time.

As of next year, the AKC, the AKC Library and Archives, and the Museum of the Dog will all be located at 101 Park Avenue, in New York City. The Museum will be open to the public, and the Library and Archives may be visited by arrangement.

JUDGE’S EDUCATION
Respectfully submitted by Deb Gibbs

This year we attended the Triangle Area Judges Education in Raleigh, NC on March 23, 2017. We also attended the Michigan Sporting Dog Seminar on June 24, 2017. In Raleigh we had 28 attendees and tollers from 3 different kennels. At the Michigan seminar we had 20 attendees and tollers from 4 different kennels. Thank you to the volunteers who drove distances and spent the day helping Judges Education.

The Committee has received one application for Club Approved Mentor. This application is currently under review.
JUDGE’S SELECTION
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Parker

The annual notice was published in the Spring Quackers asking for Nominations from the floor for the National Specialty Judge for 2019. On June 15th, on the Toller Announce list posted the link to the nominating site on-line and it went live. A list of all Judges who were not eligible were noted on the first page.

No Judge who has Judged the US or Canadian Toller National Specialty within the last 7 years is eligible. A list of this AKC approved or provisional Judges were listed there.

There were 85 votes for nominations. The club members nominated Judges from June 15- July 31st. Multiple notices reminding club members were sent out via the Announce List.

The top 7 (the guidelines require only 6, but there was a tie) were then calculated and put on the Club’s website. An Announcement stating the voting was open was sent on August 1st and the site went live. Several reminders to vote again were sent to the membership. The voting closed on August 31st. There were 39 votes for the final Judge.

There was a clear winner and that Judge was contacted and agreed to judge.

In comparison, in 2016 we voted for the 2018 National Judge and there were 72 votes for nominations and 39 for the final Judge.

Thank you to all who participated.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
Respectfully submitted by Eric Johnson

No report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Mace
(Please see Attachment C)

MERCHANDISING
Respectfully submitted by Delia Raitt

No report submitted.

NATIONAL TROPHY CHAIR
Respectfully submitted by Kim Simons

- A new trophy was approved this year and will begin to be awarded at next year’s Specialty – the Windy Award, given to the HIT Master Toller in agility at the National...
Specialty. This trophy is sponsored by offered by Nancy Tucker, designed by Bill Gleason and offered in honor of Cinnstar's Windy Taramac.

- Club member interest in the Evelyn Williams Award and HOT Dog Award have waned somewhat, but there is still a base of interested members.

- Versatility rules and regulations are still being worked on by a committee. Currently, the program needs updating/overhauling to add titles and have levels that are attainable by our membership.

- I have been in this position for over 10 years, and I would like to find someone to take it over from me. I will continue to do the job until we find a replacement, but I am submitting my official resignation, effective when we find a new volunteer.

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hollis

Facebook - Facebook.com/nsdtrc
Total Page Like as of 9/14/17 = 2,240 (up from 1,384 as of 10/5/16 and 593 as of 9/3/15)
16 inbox conversations in the last year

In the past 28 days (August 16-September 12):
Page Views – 156
Reach – 2,765
Post Engagement – 851
Videos – 59
If you have any content to share particularly photos and videos send them to me.

Flyers/Handouts – Business Cards were reprinted from Vista Print. Anyone who needs the files for the flyers/handouts to reproduce them for an event can contact me.

AKC Canine Ambassador Program – I continue to be the AKC Canine Ambassador for the club. I am working with the girl scout troops in New Jersey to create a program where I would visit a troop and they can earn on their pet badges.

AKC Canine Ambassador Program – I am now the Canine Ambassador for the club. Canine Ambassadors are listed in a directory and teachers and leaders of community youth organizations can contact the nearest ambassador to arrange a presentation. The AKC provides lesson plans for elementary and middle school with hand outs and certificates.

QUACKERS EDITOR
Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Marble

No report submitted.

RECORDS CHAIR
Respectfully submitted by Francine Kaplan, Records Chair and Linda Schultz, Assistant Records Chair
(Please see Attachment D)
NSDTRC (USA) Rescue Report

08/01/16 - 07/31/17

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. I would like to thank those who have volunteered to foster the dogs we received into our program.

Region 1 - Vacant
Region 2 - Jane Billman
Region 3 - Linda Gallacher
Region 4 - Shelley Bakalis
Region 5 - Max Hamilton
Region 6 - Ann DiSilvestre
Region 7 - Vacant

Regions 1 and 7 remain vacant and has been vacant for 4 years. We are in need of a volunteer in this region to move into this Regional Coordinator position. It is once again requested that the regional director in that region send an e-mail to her members to see if we can find a current member interested in working with Toller Rescue.

The Process: Our procedures continue the same. 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 7 years and is working well. I have not received any paper application. We received 172 applications this year. Applications expire after
6 months. We currently have 120 active applications on file. The following forms remain 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

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I have received contacts this year from outside rescue groups asking for our assistance. Many have indicated that the supposed toller had been documented to have bitten and they were looking for assistance with placement. I indicated our club rescue could not assist with a dog documented to have bitten. I was not able to document that the dog did bite or even that these dogs were tollers.

We continued efforts to work with TRI (Toller Rescue, Inc.) an organization made up of several of our members that works to help rescue toller crosses or dogs that cannot be confirmed as being pure bred. These efforts with TRI has been with manpower, communication and coordination. No finances have been shared between either organizations.

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

RESCUE MERCHANDISE
Respectfully submitted Janis Dibert

No report submitted.
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Respectfully submitted by the Standards Committee

No report submitted.

VERSATILITY COMMITTEE
Respectfully submitted by the Versatility Committee

No report submitted. Please see Proposal #5.

WEBSITE
Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre

We switched hosting companies in April 2017. The old hosting company’s (Deluxe Hosting) technical support was awful and we had several outages. The new hosting company, A2 Hosting, has proved to be much more reliable and secure. And their response time to technical questions is immediate! We also saved money on hosting fees going from $99.75 every 6 months to $152.76 for a two year commitment. The next step will be to switch our Domain registration from Network Solutions where we pay $37.99/year to A2 Hosting which will cost $14.95/year.

The investigation into the Region 1 mailing list issue is on going. I hope to have a resolution shortly.

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Proposed changes to the Versatility Program
Submitted by: Jennifer Hollis on behalf of the versatility committee (Marcia Lyons, Francine Kaplan, Heather Green and Barbara Rohr)

Description: This proposal is to request that the board of directors review and approve, or provide direction for further edits, the proposed changes to the versatility program. Please see Attachment E.

Justification: There have been a number of new areas that Tollers can compete in that have been added since the versatility program was created. Additionally AKC, as well as other organizations, continuously add new titles. To allow for maximum flexibility and longevity of the program, rather than assign individual titles points we have created a point formula.

Administration: The Records Chair would continue to administer the versatility program as previously. The submission forms would be updated to reflect the changes to the program.
Financial Implications: No new cost, would continue to maintain the cost of printing and mailing the versatility certificates.

Specific Board Action Requested: Review and approve the proposed changes to the versatility committee or provide direction to the versatility committee for continued revisions. If continue revisions are desired I will need to step down from chair of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Hurricane Harvey Donation
Submitted by: Kim Simons

Description: That the NSDTRC make a donation to the AKC to support the dogs affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Justification: The damage to several parts of Texas from Hurricane Harvey is vast and will take years of recovery. Many people were forced to leave their dogs behind and there are not many homeless animals in need of care.

Administration: None - the donation has already been made.

Financial Implications: $2500

Specific board action requested: Vote to formalize the approval of this donation.

Proposal #2: Future of HOT Dog Award
Submitted by: Kim Simons, President and National Trophy Chair

Description: Over the past 10+ years, the Admiral Halsey HOT Dog Award has been offered and awarded to all dogs and handlers earning AKC Hunt Test titles without professional training. The award is only given when the dog and handler work on their own, or with a group or trainer to learn the skills necessary to pass an AKC Hunt Test, without having a professional train their dog. The award has been sponsored by Kim and Terry Simons and Mike and Dominique Jolley at their sole cost and expense. Costs are approximately $500 every three or four years.

At this time, the Simons’ and Jolley’s would like to ask the NSDTRC to take on the responsibility for this award going forward.

Justification: The sponsors no longer wish to fund the award.

Administration: None – the award would continue to be managed by the National Trophy Chair.

Financial Implications: Approximately $500 every three or four years
Specific Board Action Requested: Vote to approve the Club taking over this award.

Proposal #3: Approve funds for purchase of more keeper trophies for the Tenderfoot Award.
Submitted by: Dan Rode

Description: It has been brought to my attention we will be handing out the last of the keeper trophies for the Tenderfoot award. I don’t know how funds were originally raised but propose we approve the Club pay for 10 more years of keeper trophies so the Trophy chair can start finding someone soon to make more of them.

Justification: This has become a regular club award and I believe a very important one as it awards/recognizes the accomplishment of what I will refer to as a newcomer to competitive obedience being from the Novice A class. While this has been seen as a Region 2 sponsored award it would seem appropriate to make it a general NSDTRC USA Club award at the National Specialty.

Administration: Very little other than perhaps rewording of the title should it no longer be sponsored by Region 2.

Financial Implications: From the Trophy Chair an estimate of $500 for 10 years’ worth of trophies.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve this!

Proposal #4: NSDTRC Cloud Based Storage
Submitted by: Kim Simons, President

Description: Given a recent data crash on a USB drive, the BOD feels it may be wise to explore cloud based storage for all officer and committee files in the future as back up.

The top 5 rated cloud based storage options are:

- Dropbox – Pricing (based on Club needs) approximately $25/month
- Google Drive – Pricing (based on Club needs) approximately $15 month
- Mega – Pricing TBD
- One Drive – Pricing TBD
- iCloud – Pricing TBD

Proposal Justification: Cloud based storage will guarantee that all files will always be accessible regardless of any physical data storage corruption.

Administration: A Club member will be required to administer the usage of the storage site.

Financial Implications: TBD based on storage choice
Specific Board Action Requested: Assign a committee to investigate our options and pricing, and report back to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

Proposal #5: Region 5 to host the 2019 National Specialty.
Submitted by: Tish Hancy, Region 5 Director

Description: Please see Attachment F.

Specific Board Action Requested: To approve Region 5 to host the 2019 National Specialty.

Proposal #6: Grievance Policy
Submitted by: Ann DiSilvestre

Description: From time to time one of our Members experience a loss in their family and the Club would like to show their sympathy with an appropriate gift. At the discretion of the BOD, up to $250 may be spent.

Justification: To show the Club’s sympathy for the loss of a loved one.

Administration: The Treasurer would purchase the gift or reimburse the purchaser.

Financial Implications: Up to $250 per occurrence.

Specific Board Action Requested: To approve the Grievance Policy.

Proposal #7: To review and make clarifications to the NSDTRC Field Test Rules and Regulations.
Submitted by: Jean Gilroy (JeanGilroy@rochester.rr.com) and Ray Corey (turkeyridge@frontiernet.net)

Description: Authorize a panel of 3-4 (including Kathy Gibson) veteran field trainers (NSDTRC) to review the Rules and Regs and to rewrite those statements which are unclear or confusing ("shall or may" instead of "must" or "never"), those which may be misunderstood as to intent or purpose, and to clarify those areas which can be left to the judges discretion.

We will poll the interested membership for input. Some things are unclear to a novice trainer, while the seasoned trainer may find problems in the upper level written rules. We will compile and present an amended version in the spring. I do not anticipate very many changes—just an adjustment of wording here and there. This is NOT a total rewrite of the program.

Justification: At two recent hunt tests, we have had embarrassing incidents that have reflected poorly on our club. Ray Corey and I have often discussed revisiting the Rules and Regs, and now we see that it is necessary.
Administration: The approved changes would be updated on the Club website.

Financial Implications: None.

Specific Board Action Requested: To approve the creation of the Committee to review and make clarifications to the NSDTRC Field Test Rules and Regulations.

Jean Gilroy  
Shamrock Kennels  
15 WC's  
3 WCT's  
3 JH's  
Past multiple hunt test chairperson  
Past multiple hunt test committee member  
Approved to Judge BRT and WC

Ray Corey  
4 WC's  
3 WCT's  
1 WCX  
3 JH's  
Past multiple hunt test chairperson  
Past multiple hunt test committee member  
Judged BRT through WCX at National Specialties  
Judged at multiple Region 1 Hunt Tests

Proposal #8: Approve in perpetuity the cost of electricity at the AKC Meet the Breeds in New York City and the approve the Chairs.

Submitted by: Jennifer Hollis

Description: This proposal is to request that the board of directors approve in perpetuity the coverage of the cost of electricity at the AKC event Meet the Breeds held for the several past years in February at the Piers in New York City. The proposal is also to designate myself and Francine Kaplan as co-chairs of the event until we notify the board otherwise.

Justification: The board has already approved in perpetuity the club’s participation in this event and $200 for supplies such as photo copying handouts, etc. The cost of electricity has been an advanced rate of $110 in past years. Because of the set up at the Piers in New York City electricity is only provided to those booths that pay for it since electrical lines need to be individually dropped for each booth. It is helpful for us to have electricity for the booth as in past years we have set up a computer and monitor and run PowerPoint presentations with photos and information about Tollers, including the top 10 reasons to and not to get a Toller and information about the versatility and all of the events Tollers participate in, on a loop. This just makes our educational materials a little more interactive as well as easy to update and freshen each year. With electricity we can also enhance our booth design with duck lights or any other materials that would require electricity. Approving this in perpetuity will make it easier for the club to either make payment directly to the AKC or for the event chair to get quick reimbursement on the cost of the electricity. In the previous board motion we also did not designate anyone in particular as chair of the event. Francine Kaplan and myself will co-chair the event until we notify the board otherwise.
Administration: The chair of the event would just need to be in touch directly with the club Treasure regarding either payment directly to the AKC or reimbursement for payment the chair makes out of pocket.

Financial Implications: Approximately $110 once each year. The cost of electricity may increase, but has been the same for the past several years this event has been held at the Piers.

Specific Board Action Requested: Review and approve in perpetuity the coverage of the cost of electricity for this event and approve the chairs of the event until they notify the board otherwise.

Proposal #9: Establish rules for the National Specialty Facebook page.
Submitted by: Ann DiSilvestre

Description: For the past couple of years, the National Specialty Committees have created Facebook pages. They have not been given any formal approval to use the Club logo nor have they been given any guidance in the use of the page. We need to discuss and establish proper guidelines/rules for a Club sponsored National Specialty Facebook page.

Justification: We have established rules for the Club sponsored Information Facebook page so we need to do the same for the Club sponsored National Specialty page.

Financial Implications: None.

Specific Board Action Requested: Discuss and establish the rules for the National Specialty Facebook page.

Proposal #10: Upload the Breed video onto the Club website.
Submitted by: Deb Gibbs, Chair Judges Education Committee

Description: The JEC is proposing that the BOD approve the investigation of loading the Breed Video onto the website for access by judges and judge applicants, and subsequent execution of such if financially reasonable.

Administration: The Webmaster would need to investigate the feasibility and report back to the BOD.

Justification: This would allow easy access to the Breed Video for Judges information.

Financial Implications: Unknown.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the investigation of uploading the Breed video to the Club website.
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Executive Session:

Proposal #1: Review and approve standing and ad hoc committees.
(Please see Executive Session Attachment A)

Proposal #2: New mentor approval.
(Please see Executive Session Attachment B)

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