



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION
Beginning Friday, November 17, 2017
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2017 In Person Board Meeting Minutes

(Please see: Attachment A – October 2017 In Person Board Meeting Minutes)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None submitted

SECRETARY’S REPORT

None submitted

TREASURER’S REPORT

None submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Master National Delegate Report

(Please see Attachment B)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None submitted

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Conduct of Business

Submitted by: Kim Simons, President

Each year the Board must agree on the method to conduct Board Business as provided in the Bylaws which is in compliance with Alabama law related to conducting business without a meeting. In legalese there is a distinction between “meetings” and conducting business. “Meetings” require that all in attendance **MUST** be able to see or hear everyone else so can only be accomplished in-person or by video or telephone conferencing.

Article III, Section 4. Board Business.

The Board of Directors may also conduct business by telephone conference call, mail, and fax provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these Bylaws. All Board

members must agree upon the means of communication. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, mail, and fax must be confirmed in writing within seven days.

Since approximately 2002, the Board has “conducted business” by using a Forum or Bulletin Board for discussions with all voting being done by mail or fax. However, the Board has to approve this method of conducting business each year.

Specific Board Action Requested: that the NSDTRC (USA) Officers and Board unanimously agree to continue to use the current on-line Forum for the conduct of business with all voting done by mail or fax during the next year (Nov 1st, 2017 – October 31st, 2018).

Proposal #2: Club Specialties

Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat waterstraat@rochester.rr.com 224 Wilkinson Road, Macedon, NY 14502 315-986-4077

Proposal Description: A show may be designated as a Club Specialty under the following conditions:

The Guidelines and timeline for Supported Entries are followed with the following additions:

1. The Specialty is held in conjunction with an all-breed show (is not independent)
2. The event has had at least 40 entries in the two previous consecutive years. In the case for an event that travels, like the BYC, the previous two consecutive years must have met this criteria.
3. The event has had a five point major for both sexes in the two previous consecutive years.
4. The event must include Sweepstakes, including puppy, veteran, hunting retriever and working retriever (if allowed). Regular classes must include veteran, hunting and working retriever (if allowed). Additional classes and companion events may be included.
5. The Specialty must be financially self-sustaining

Proposal Justification: Members have requested the ability to hold a Club Specialty and there are presently no guidelines for one.

Administration: Club Events Chair

Financial Implications: None. This event must be financially self-sustaining.

Proposal #3: 2018 Backyard Classic Specialty

Submitted by:

Dan Rode, Region 2 Director dan@watersedgeretrievers.com, 4173 15 St NW. Buffalo, MN 55313-4510, 763-639-6290

Jane Billman, 2018 BYC Chair jane@janebillman.com, 1405 S. Anderson St, Urbana IL 61801, 217-621-5343

Sharon Kauzlarich, 2018 BYC Conformation Chair beekauz@mchsi.com, 201 E O'Brien, Farmington IL 61531. 309-338-2256.

Proposal Description: The 2018 Backyard Classic would like board approval to hold 1 sweepstakes show on Friday June 15, and 2 specialty shows on Saturday June 16 at Grayslake IL as part of an event cluster hosted by the Little Fort Kennel Club of Waukegan. These events are chaired by Edward Fojtik, efojtik@aol.com, 27356 W. Nippersink, Ingleside IL, 60041, 847-254-6166. Ed has been very helpful and welcoming of the Toller Club.

Proposal Justification: The BYC has always attracted a large number of entries in conformation. Two years ago in Monroe Mi, there was a conformation entry of 90 dogs. Last year, there was an entry of 65 dogs. Past numbers clearly demonstrate the popularity of this Midwest show. Holding 2 specialties in one day allows for a greater opportunity for our dogs to get majors. If held as specialties, Tollers will be able to have reserved indoor grooming space. Specialties have some input on judges. Specialty shows are held on Saturday at this cluster, allowing for field events to be held on Sunday June 17. There are obedience and rally trials, as well as dock diving events at this cluster. The field events will include the BRT, WC, WCI, and the WCX. It is hoped that with the attraction of 2 (or more) chances of majors at the conformation shows, that more people will be involved in other events, especially field. After all, field is historically an important part of the Backyard Classic.

Much planning has gone into holding this year's BYC as specialties. Among our discussions has been how to choose judges. A committee will choose the judges from the cluster's panel of judges.

Administration: The club's administrative duties are to review the proposal. A modified supported entry application has been submitted to Robyn Haskin, club event show/trial coordinator. The club currently has no application for a club specialty. Robyn has had numerous communications with the committee to address concerns/outcomes of holding the BYC as specialties. Planning will be implemented by Sharon Kauzlarich, 2018 BYC conformation chair. Sharon has come on board the BYC committee because she has much experience in conformation, A separate application with the AKC needs to be filed. A contract with Roy Jones needs to be signed by December 31, 2017. Proof of insurance is required by Roy Jones (and will also be required for field events).

Financial Implications: This event should be financially self-sustaining with an expected profit. Held as a specialty, Roy Jones, Superintendent would take \$9 of the expected \$30 show entry fee. There are minimal specialty judges's expenses if judges are chosen from the cluster's panel of judges. Sharon Kauzlarich has submitted a spread sheet with a cost analysis of the event. Sharon has included figures for entries of 50 dogs and 75 dogs. With each of those numbers, the club would make money from the specialty. The spreadsheet is also broken down looking into having 1 specialty or 2. Two specialties more than double the profit because some fees are required whether we have 1 or 2 shows. We expect an entry of at least 65 dogs. We also expect that those entered in 1 of the specialties will enter both specialties due to double the chances of winning, more cost efficiency, and the dogs are already groomed and ready to show.

ADJOURNMENT

**CONFIDENTIAL
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Proposal #1: Appointment of 2018 Nominating Committee
Submitted by: Kim Simons

ADJOURNMENT