



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)  
ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION  
Beginning Monday February 18, 2019  
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 2018 Online Board Meeting Minutes

**(Please see: Attachment A – November 2018 Online Board Meeting Minutes)**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Please see Attachment A*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Please see Attachment B*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Event Chair Report – *Please see Attachment C***

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Creation of a “Top-Ten” Invitational Event to be held at the Annual National Specialty.

**Submitted by:** Matthew Palmer, 1433 Nathaniel Drive, Lebanon, MO 65536. 636-266-1564, mplamergr@gmail.com

**Proposal Description:** Similar to the many breed clubs that feature an event at national specialty to celebrate the top conformation competitors, this proposal sets forth a recommendation that the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) create an event at the annual National Specialty. A ‘Top- Ten’ event would be a non-judged conformation event, held annually at the National Specialty, that would invite and showcase the NSDTRs that have earned the ten-highest (conformation) scores in the breed, determined by AKC-published Best of Breed points, earned from July 1st of the calendar year prior, through June 30th of the calendar year in which the National Specialty is being held. Best of Opposite points could be considered upon membership feedback. The event would be conformation like in procedure, with the membership

at-large encouraged to attend. Any and all rules concerning the event would be developed and interpreted towards a celebration of conformation achievements by exhibitors and breeders, rather than a competition to determine a winner (however, limited feedback from other members suggests some element of competition should be included, such as a 'People's Choice' award). Any National Specialty judges would be prohibited from attending, to include Sweepstakes judges judging at that year's specialty. This would not exclude breeders, owners, or handlers that are AKC judges.

**Proposal Justification:** Increased conformation participation is essential for any breed and for the longevity of the AKC. By creating an event to celebrate the owners and breeders that have achieved a 'top-ten' status, the NSDTRC would simultaneously acknowledge the sincerely difficult work required to maintain a top-performing conformation dog, would acknowledge the difficulty associated with breeding NSDTRs that can consistently succeed in conformation events, and, most importantly, incentivize increased conformation participation. The latter is equally as important as the former – as the more often NSDTRs are seen competing at shows, the greater exposure judges, exhibitors, and the public will have to such a wonderful breed – something essential to the longevity of any breed. Perhaps most importantly, a 'Top-Ten' event would serve as an intrinsic reward to breeders that have produced marvelous breeding stock, and owners/handlers that have undertaken and succeeded in a year-long journey with their dog - both of which are remarkable indicators of dedication to the breed that deserve recognition.

**Administration:** This event could be overseen by the National Specialty chair and delegated accordingly. Alternatively, a committee within the club, or a sub-committee to an already existing committee, could be created with the sole purpose of tallying points and working with the National Specialty chair to implement the event. Because the event would be 'tacked on' to the National Specialty, independent administration would be minimal.

**Financial Implications:** The primary cost of this proposal would be the requirement of additional volunteer hours, rosettes to award participants, and the cost of hosting/renting the event which would be dependent upon the National Specialty venue. Whether or not the event could be combined with, or held just prior to or after, other social or competition events, could be explored as a cost-saving measure. There would be no need to hire an AKC-licensed judge as it is a non-judged event. There would simply need to be a volunteer to act as a steward or marshal to direct and run the event. This could be invitational, or done through a nomination through the membership, or determined by that year's specialty chair.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** I respectfully request the board bring forth this proposal for discussion and feedback from the membership at large. If the membership shows support for the idea, I request the Board recommend the event be implemented at the 2020 National Specialty after consulting with those specialty chairs regarding feasibility. The event would subsequently be held annually.

**Proposal #2:** To update the Supported Entry Application

**Submitted by:** William Burland, Event/Show Chair

**Proposal Description:** I'd like to update the SE Application to include the following line items:

- Is the All Breed Club giving a rebate per entry? If so how much?
- Will the All Breed Club allow input on the Judging Program for ring time?
- Will the All Breed Club allow group parking?
- Will the All Breed Club allow for reserved breed crating/grooming?
- What are options for the Judge selection:
  - No input
  - Select from panel
  - Will take input and consider desired Judge or work with Club
  - Will allow us to select the Judge if we pay the expenses

**Proposal Justification:** The questions above are designed to educate the Chairs in areas where they may not even know they potentially have options. Rebates per entry obviously support the Club's finances. Being involved in selecting the ring time can help tremendously with travel schedules and expenses for exhibitors; thus potentially increasing the number of entries. Allowing group parking and/or group crating/grooming promotes the social atmosphere desired. And having input into the Judge selection is always desirable.

**Administration:** The Webmaster would need to update the online SE application.

**Financial Implications:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve the updates to the SE application.

**Proposal #3:** To update the Event/Show Chair Job Description

**Submitted by:** Francine Kaplan

**Proposal Description:** Update the Event/Show Chair Job Description to include the following under Responsibilities:

- Be a participating member of each National Specialty Committee for the purpose of providing advice and support to the Chairmen of the National Specialty Committee.

**Proposal Justification:** The Event Show chair is the most familiar with negotiations concerning show sites, costs, and AKC procedures. National Specialties should be supported by the entire Club and this is one area that will benefit from such support. Chair(s) of each National Specialty need assistance in navigating through the process of applying for the Events with the AKC, negotiating facility contracts, hotel contracts etc. With the Event/Show Chair being involved with each Specialty, this person would have the historical, financial and practical knowledge to help guide them through the processes. The Club and the Chair(s) of the National will benefit

from having the Events Chair be on the committee to lend the committee Chairmen support and oversight in the same manner as the club Treasurer does. It will also provide continuity of experience from year to year.

**Administration:** The Secretary would make the change to the Job Description and inform the Event/Chair of the added duty. In addition, the online National Specialty application would need to be updated with a line item for notifying the Event/Show Chair.

**Financial Implications:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve the additional responsibility of the Event/Show Chair and make the change in the Job Description and National Specialty application.

**Proposal #4:** I propose that all 1st-4th placement and qualifying ribbons for the National Specialty be rosettes of the same size for the required classes/venues: conformation, sweeps, junior showmanship, obedience, rally, and agility.

**Submitted by:** Anne Lindsley Region 2

**Proposal Description:** The National Specialty is a showcase for our breed and dogs competing in all venues should be equally recognized. Many of our members attend our National Specialty. As a Club we should support each venue equally and recognize the multi-talented dogs in our breed. The National Specialty should showcase our dogs and their owners by giving them all a Rosette of equal size for all 1st-4th placements and qualifying scores. This will allow all venues to be treated equally.

**Proposal Justification:** There should be consistency amongst all the award winning dogs in the various venues. Our members work hard and train all year for the National Specialty and deserve to receive Rosettes of equivalent size no matter which venue their dog receives a placement and/or qualifying score. People travel many miles to participate at the Specialty so each venue should be treated equally.

**Administration:** If approved, the board will add this to the Specialty guidance information.

**Financial Implications:** The costs of this will vary depending on the rosette selected. There could be a quantity discount if using the same rosette for all venues.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** To approve equivalent rosettes for placements and qualifying scores at all required events at the National Specialty. Notify National Specialty committees of this proposal.

**Proposal #5:** Update the description for the following Awards to include Upland Hunting achievements: Evelyn A. Williams, Roy'LL Flush, Admiral Halsey, Versatility and Eddy Advanced Versatility.

**Submitted by:** Dan Kauzlarich

**Proposal Description:** Since the AKC has approved Toller's to participate in the Spaniel Upland Hunt Tests, some of the Club Awards need to be updated to include the additional titling.  
*Please see Attachment D*

**Proposal Justification:** We need to include the Upland Hunt titles as part of our Award criteria.

**Administration:** Each Award will need to be updated and posted to the Club website by the Webmaster.

**Financial Implications:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** To approve the updates to the specific Awards listed.

**Proposal #6:** Review the Application to Hold a Specialty in 2021  
Submitted by: William Burland  
*(Please see Attachment G)*

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve the Application.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Proposal #1:** Review candidates for the Event's Treasurer position and appoint a volunteer.

**ADJOURNMENT**



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION**  
Voting December 28, 2018 – January 11, 2019  
**MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 2018 In Person Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** I move to accept the minutes as written.

Motion made by Francine Kaplan. Dan Rode seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 7 ]:** J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, and D. Kauzlarich.

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 2 ]:** W. Shumway, P. Durkee

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Conduct of Business

**Motion:** I make a motion to accept the Proposal as written.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Pam Durkee seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, and W. Shumway.

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #2:** Review the Application to Hold a Specialty in 2020.

**Motion:** To approve the application as submitted by Terri Krause.

Motion made by Dan Kauzlarich. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** D. Kauzlarich, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, P. Durkee, F. Kaplan and W. Shumway.

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 1 ]:** C. Kurth

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #3:** Review the Application to Hold a Specialty in 2022.

**Motion:** I move to approve the application to hold a National at Purina Farms as written in the Proposal.

Motion made by Francine Kaplan. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** F. Kaplan, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, P. Durkee, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and C. Kurth.

**OPPOSE [ ]**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** I move to adjourn the November 2018 Board Business Session.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Dan Rode seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9]:** W. Shumway, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, P. Durkee, F. Kaplan and D. Kauzlarich.

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

#### **CONFIDENTIAL**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Proposal #1:** Appointment of 2019 Nominating Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** I move to adjourn the November 2018 Board Executive Session.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Dan Rode seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9]:** J. Annunziato, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan and P. Durkee.

**OPPOSE [ ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

NOTE: President's vote was cast for all motions, but only counted in the case of a tie.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary

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Accrual Basis

**NSDTRC(USA)**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
**As of December 31, 2018**

	Dec 31, 18	Dec 31, 17	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
<b>Specialty Accounts</b>				
2014 Specialty	0.00	13,862.61	-13,862.61	-100.0%
2015 Specialty	0.00	1,630.97	-1,630.97	-100.0%
2016 Specialty	0.00	11,163.61	-11,163.61	-100.0%
Region 2	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Specialty Accounts</b>	0.00	27,657.19	-27,657.19	-100.0%
US Bank Certificate of Deposit	0.00	41,898.39	-41,898.39	-100.0%
US Bank Checking	0.00	60,176.82	-60,176.82	-100.0%
Wells Fargo CD	69,000.00	0.00	69,000.00	100.0%
Wells Fargo Checking	117,803.06	64,831.47	52,971.59	81.7%
Wells Fargo Savings	10,355.36	445.25	9,910.11	2,225.7%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	197,158.42	195,009.12	2,149.30	1.1%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	197,158.42	195,009.12	2,149.30	1.1%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>197,158.42</b>	<b>195,009.12</b>	<b>2,149.30</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Opening Bal Equity	54,261.47	54,261.47	0.00	0.0%
Retained Earnings	135,374.50	127,262.71	8,111.79	6.4%
Net Income	7,522.45	13,484.94	-5,962.49	-44.2%
<b>Total Equity</b>	197,158.42	195,009.12	2,149.30	1.1%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>197,158.42</b>	<b>195,009.12</b>	<b>2,149.30</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

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## NSDTRC(USA) Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July through December 2018

	Jul - Dec 18	Jul - Dec 17	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Income</b>				
BrdrDirIncome	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.0%
Contributions Rec'd	108.96	0.00	108.96	100.0%
Dues	17,142.00	17,446.00	-304.00	-1.7%
<b>Event Income</b>				
Catalog Advertising   Sales	530.00	1,958.00	-1,428.00	-72.9%
Clinics   Seminars	390.00	3,511.50	-3,121.50	-88.9%
Entries	24,903.41	29,043.11	-4,139.70	-14.3%
Fun Stuff & Misc.	1,586.00	2,855.20	-1,269.20	-44.5%
Fundraising	5,260.00	7,305.00	-2,045.00	-28.0%
Meals   Banquets	6,821.00	7,543.00	-722.00	-9.6%
Merchandise Sales	6,485.14	6,844.92	-359.78	-5.3%
Trophy Donations	2,866.00	6,243.00	-3,377.00	-54.1%
Vendor Space	0.00	525.00	-525.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Event Income</b>	48,841.55	65,828.73	-16,987.18	-25.8%
<b>Health &amp; Genetics</b>				
Donations	270.00	0.00	270.00	100.0%
<b>Total Health &amp; Genetics</b>	270.00	0.00	270.00	100.0%
Interest Income	875.27	13.82	861.45	6,233.4%
<b>Merchandise</b>				
Goods	311.45	0.00	311.45	100.0%
Postage	46.00	0.00	46.00	100.0%
<b>Total Merchandise</b>	357.45	0.00	357.45	100.0%
<b>Quackers Income</b>				
Advertising	260.00	275.00	-15.00	-5.5%
OtherIncome	8.00	50.00	-42.00	-84.0%
<b>Total Quackers Income</b>	268.00	325.00	-57.00	-17.5%
Refunds	-160.00	-230.00	70.00	30.4%
<b>Rescue Income</b>				
Donations	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Placements	400.00	325.00	75.00	23.1%
<b>Total Rescue Income</b>	5,400.00	325.00	5,075.00	1,561.5%
Uncategorized Income	0.80	2.00	-1.20	-60.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	73,504.03	83,710.55	-10,206.52	-12.2%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	73,504.03	83,710.55	-10,206.52	-12.2%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Administrative Costs</b>				
AKC Dues	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.0%
Bank Chg	5.00	121.00	-116.00	-95.9%
Disciplinary Hearing	1,080.27	0.00	1,080.27	100.0%
Office   Misc Expense	140.00	1,020.62	-880.62	-86.3%
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	1,250.27	1,166.62	83.65	7.2%
<b>AKC Delegate</b>				
Travel	0.00	808.09	-808.09	-100.0%
<b>Total AKC Delegate</b>	0.00	808.09	-808.09	-100.0%
<b>Annual BOD   Membership Meeting</b>				
Travel	1,937.86	5,563.68	-3,625.82	-65.2%
<b>Total Annual BOD   Membership Meeting</b>	1,937.86	5,563.68	-3,625.82	-65.2%

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**NSDTRC(USA)**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
**July through December 2018**

	Jul - Dec 18	Jul - Dec 17	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Awards</b>				
Postage	564.70	405.94	158.76	39.1%
Supplies	949.56	1,019.18	-69.62	-6.8%
<b>Total Awards</b>	1,514.26	1,425.12	89.14	6.3%
<b>Donations Made</b>				
Disaster Relief	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Donations Made</b>	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	-100.0%
<b>Events</b>				
AKC Application   Recording Fee	2,699.00	4,694.50	-1,995.50	-42.5%
Banquets   Food	853.46	375.23	478.23	127.5%
Birds	6,663.00	2,649.17	4,013.83	151.5%
Event Merchandise	4,860.41	4,681.75	178.66	3.8%
Facility & Equipment Rental	16,583.21	18,728.48	-2,145.27	-11.5%
Fundraising	478.64	158.00	320.64	202.9%
Hospitality	1,455.89	698.76	757.13	108.4%
Judges Fees   Travel   Gifts	7,993.38	5,704.32	2,289.06	40.1%
Misc Expense	1,171.35	0.00	1,171.35	100.0%
PayPal Fees	437.43	580.62	-143.19	-24.7%
Postage	10.69	76.06	-65.37	-86.0%
Printing	0.00	22.93	-22.93	-100.0%
Secretary Fees   Travel	1,660.59	2,824.24	-1,163.65	-41.2%
Seminars & Clinics	511.87	3,136.38	-2,624.51	-83.7%
Supplies	1,422.25	687.02	735.23	107.0%
Trophies   Ribbons   Sweeps	6,332.59	4,780.61	1,551.98	32.5%
Workers Fees   Travel   Food	2,311.72	1,162.00	1,149.72	98.9%
<b>Total Events</b>	55,445.48	50,960.07	4,485.41	8.8%
<b>Insurance</b>	847.00	847.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Junior Scholarship meetings</b>	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.0%
<b>Membership</b>	0.00	168.36	-168.36	-100.0%
Postage	350.67	456.93	-106.26	-23.3%
Printing	105.69	0.00	105.69	100.0%
Supplies	127.58	36.32	91.26	251.3%
<b>Total Membership</b>	583.94	493.25	90.69	18.4%
<b>Merch Exp</b>				
Shipping	187.77	0.00	187.77	100.0%
<b>Total Merch Exp</b>	187.77	0.00	187.77	100.0%
<b>Other Expense misc</b>	203.88	244.95	-41.07	-16.8%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	203.88	244.95	-41.07	-16.8%
<b>Postage Public Ed</b>	0.00	109.55	-109.55	-100.0%
MTB Expense	0.00	382.81	-382.81	-100.0%
<b>Total Public Ed</b>	0.00	382.81	-382.81	-100.0%
<b>Quackers</b>				
Postage	1,187.19	980.07	207.12	21.1%
Printing	1,481.93	1,260.14	221.79	17.6%
<b>Total Quackers</b>	2,669.12	2,240.21	428.91	19.2%
<b>Records</b>				
Postage	0.00	156.51	-156.51	-100.0%
Subscriptions	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Records</b>	120.00	276.51	-156.51	-56.6%

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Accrual Basis

**NSDTRC(USA)**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
**July through December 2018**

	Jul - Dec 18	Jul - Dec 17	\$ Change	% Change
<b>RescueOperations</b>				
<b>AdoptionFees</b>	0.00	500.00	-500.00	-100.0%
<b>Shipping</b>	0.00	473.55	-473.55	-100.0%
<b>Veterinary Expense</b>	298.00	860.30	-562.30	-65.4%
<b>Total RescueOperations</b>	298.00	1,833.85	-1,535.85	-83.8%
<b>Secretary</b>				
<b>Postage</b>	0.00	705.54	-705.54	-100.0%
<b>Total Secretary</b>	0.00	705.54	-705.54	-100.0%
<b>Void</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>WebSite</b>				
<b>Monthly Fees</b>	375.00	500.00	-125.00	-25.0%
<b>Supllies</b>	299.00	0.00	299.00	100.0%
<b>Total WebSite</b>	674.00	500.00	174.00	34.8%
<b>Total Expense</b>	65,981.58	70,225.61	-4,244.03	-6.0%
<b>Net Income</b>	7,522.45	13,484.94	-5,962.49	-44.2%

**Specialty & Supported Entry Requests**

**Approved**

Reg 3 – Supported Entry

Saturday, July 6, 2019

Puyallup, Washington

Host: Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers

Location: 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA

Chair: Danielle Winship

Reviewed and discussed with Marcia Lyons who was in support...see additional discussion points below.

Reg 1 – Supported Entry

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Scarborough, Maine

Host: Vacationland Dog Club

Location: 56 Saco Street, Scarborough, ME

Chair: Rochelle Kurth

\*\*\*This Supported Entry may be withdrawn at Rochelle's request, on 1/21/19 Rochelle notified myself and Joy Annunziato that Vacationland Dog Club had lost its site and had made the Supported Entry Clubs aware. Rochelle had reached out looking for advice on how to proceed...either stay with the club or take a step back. Everyone concluded that it was not practical to consider looking at other clubs at this point. Joy and I both suggested re-doubling efforts on the other Region 1 Supported entry. As of this report no conclusion has been finalized, but I would anticipate this coming to closure in the near term.\*\*\*

**Under Discussion**

Region 1

Wine County Cluster

Saturday, September 28, 2019 (we have not had a formal submission but this is the Saturday of the Cluster)

Sampson State Park-

6096 Rte 96A, Romulus, NY 14541

Chair, Elizabeth Meacham

Comments: Last year this show was with the Genesee Valley KC in Henrietta NY, this year the date would fall on the same date as the BYC, with that in mind Liz has determined there is good support for the Wine Country Cluster and is working with the Wine Country Clubs to determine who will be most accommodating to the Tollers. Given a September date we have some time to work out the details.

**Supported Entry Discussion Points**

I have worked with each chair to acquaint them with the range of requests that are made of Show Chairs and have volunteered to assist in direct negotiations with the clubs if desired. To the extent we can

make this a more enjoyable experience for the exhibitors we will grow entries, attract new participants and improve our leverage with the show giving clubs. Tollers, have on occasion demonstrated, that we can have a very significant impact on a club's bottom line. Some of the discussions have included the following asks:

**Designated Parking** – Groups who park together can tailgate and socialize with greater ease. Parking can be difficult at some shows but if a Show Chair realizes it's an advantage it can be levered to acquire and keep Supported Entries and Specialties.

**Designated/Reserved Grooming** – again with tight spaces this becomes a something that appeals to any exhibitor.

**Ring Time** – given that most people come for a Saturday & Sunday weekend have a later Saturday ring time and an early Sunday ring time lets more people drive the day of rather than the night before and avoid the cost of a hotel room for one night.

**Ring Position** – in many layouts an end ring is a preferred position from a spectator point of view.

**Judge Selection/Input** – there seem to be a wide range of options around the country, the standard offer is to offer us to pick from someone on the panel, however the clubs who anchor the show get a different model and they have lots of input on the judge, folks in our position often get an offer to allow the club to bring in a judge and pay for it but get a generous re-imbusement. Many clubs will get the judge requested if they have a club who brings an entry in the range of 100. Most judge budgets are developed on a cost/entry and that is typically between \$5.00 and \$6.00 per entry. In cases where we want a specific judge and are willing to pay for it we should get that much back to offset the cost. Many Show Chairs are happy to have the naïve supported or specialty chair agree to pay for the judge and then accept a \$2.00 or \$3.00 per entry payment.

Ann DiSilvestre has turned my request into a proposal to add some questions and amend the existing Supported Entry application, these are designed to prompt thinking and support the idea that we can ask for consideration if we are bringing a large entry to a show. They will also help us identify the accommodating Shows and the ones who really are not exhibitor/Breed Club friendly.

**Ideas under development**

On another aspect I have reached out to Cindy Richardson to discuss the feasibility of an idea...I'm getting a significant percentage of calls on upcoming litters where potential puppy buyers want to meet us and discuss our breed and see dogs. There is no better place to do this than a Supported Entry or Specialty, if we plan for it. Cindy Richardson (Breeder Referral) gets lots of inquiries, it would be simple to sort the list by zip code in the areas surrounding a Supported or Specialty, send an email to those in reasonable proximity to a Specialty or Supported Entry advising them of the event and asking them to "save the date" with a follow up when preliminary counts are known and a final when the Judging Program is done. If the Show Chair prepared the copy Cindy could do the email so confidentiality remains for the person who has the existing relationship with Cindy. It would give the public a chance to meet NSDTRC members and socialize at one of our events. We'd likely attract new members and new participants in the conformation world. Again this is the germ of an idea we are developing that would re-enforce the whole idea of a Supported Entry or a Specialty. I have shared the concept with the Ridgeback Club of America and they are evaluating doing something along these lines at their Specialty at the Bucks County KC show in May.

**Work in Progress**

Revamp of the on Line Application – draft submitted to the committee for comment, a conference call is being organized as to deal with the next steps.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Burland

**Name of Award: Evelyn A. Williams Award of Excellence**

**Purpose:** The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) establishes this award in dedication to the memory of Evelyn A. Williams. The award is intended to inspire present and future owner/handlers of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers to pursue the highest levels of achievement in various venues available to the Toller. Those eligible members of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) that achieve the levels defined are recognized and celebrated each year for outstanding work with their Tollers.

**Description:** Each year recognition is given to Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever owners who handle their own Tollers to any of the levels defined. The award consists of the presentation of a Certificate of Excellence for each dog owner/handled to any of the levels defined and a lapel pin representing said achievement. An Honor Roll of Excellence is maintained, and each year, the recipients of the Evelyn A. Williams Award of Excellence are recognized in Quackers.

**Eligibility:** Individuals eligible for this award must be NSDTRC (USA) members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. The eligible recipient must be the owner or co-owner of the dog, and said owner or co-owner must handle the dog in meeting all of the requirements of the title or achievement for which recognition is given. Junior Handlers are also eligible if they have met the length of membership requirements as defined above, and meet the owner/co-owner and handling requirements.

**Dates of Eligibility:** For any given year the dates of eligibility for receiving an award is the period from July 1 through June 30 immediately preceding the Annual Meeting weekend. No retroactive awards will be presented for prior year periods.

**Titles/Achievements Defined:** Recognizing that the Toller is a versatile breed and is seen participating in many venues, this award may be presented to those owner/handlers participating in and achieving the highest levels of recognition in any of these venues: Conformation, Obedience, Field Tests/Field Trials, Tracking, and Agility. Also recognizing that the membership of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) has members in several foreign countries, and members freely crossing the Canadian border to participate in these various venues, titles/achievements comparable to those listed below by recognized foreign and domestic registries and organizations as listed are eligible for this award. This is an award in recognition of and in celebration of the outstanding achievements of the owner/handlers of Tollers.

With the exception of the NSDTRC (USA) WCX or other recognized registries with WCX programs, the venues listed are the various kinds of events in which the Toller could participate and receive titles in the AKC. If the owner/handler chooses to not participate in AKC events, that does not preclude the use of other approved registries/organizations for obtaining titles/achievements in the types of venues listed.

**Invitationals/National Championships (not to include the Annual NSDTRC Specialty):** With the exception of Tracking, all venues offer special events, which require a dog to meet predefined criteria prior to being allowed to enter the event. Examples of such Invitationals or National Championships: ARBA

Invitational; Westminster; Master National; NAHRA Invitational Field Test; FC/AFC Nationals; AKC Obedience Nationals; USDAA Agility Nationals, AKC Agility Championships; AKC Agility Invitational. Tollers and their owner/handlers participating in these various events at the highest levels may be eligible for an Award of Excellence when the requirements are met.

**Examples of Titles/Achievements & Contingent Requirements:** The following examples of titles/achievements or equivalents as defined above are eligible for the Evelyn A. Williams Award of Excellence

#### Field Tests

- ◆ Working Certificate Excellent – NSDTRC (USA) or recognized registry WCX title, i.e. CKC
- ◆ UKC Hunting Retriever Champion or above
- ◆ NAHRA Master Hunter Retriever or above
- ◆ AKC Master Hunter or AKC Master Hunter Upland
- ◆ Invitationals – Being named as a qualifier in any field Invitational or National Championship -

#### **ROY'LL FLUSH AWARD DONORS: Sue Dorscheid and Mike Elmergreen**

**PURPOSE:** This is an award given to any Toller that earns both an AKC MH title and an AKC CH title. The titles do not have to be earned in the same year. Multiple dogs may earn this award in a single year. Both titles must be completed by June 30 of each specific year, in order to receive their award at that year's National Specialty.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Roy'll Flush Award will be a wooden plaque with a space for a photo of the dog. A brass colored plate will also be on the plaque, with lettering that indicates 'Roy'll Flush Award', the registered name of the dog, and the years the dog earned both the CH and the MH titles (For purpose of award the Master title will be for Retriever Master title only). One plaque will be awarded to the owner of each dog that earns the award. It is the owner's responsibility to provide the photo.

**FIRST AWARD:** 2007 National Specialty. The donors prefer that all presentations take place at the awards banquet at the National Specialty each year.

**REASON:** This award is presented to honor HRCH U-UD GRCH Can/Am/NSDTRC Ch Springvale's Roy'll Flush NSDTRC CDX Can CD Can/NSDTRC WCX MH. Roy was the first Toller to earn the AKC MH title. At the time of his death in August of 2005, nearly two years after earning both titles, he was still the only AKC CH/MH Toller. We present this trophy to memorialize Roy, to encourage Toller owners to maintain

the versatility and working ability of the breed, and to strive for excellence in conformation and in the field.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Individuals eligible for this award must be NSDTRC (USA) members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. The NSDTRC (USA) Records chairperson will determine which dogs will receive the award by tracking AKC titles earned. Records will inform the donors of the eligible dogs by August 15 of each year. The donors will purchase a supply of plaques and arrange for engraving and for the plaques to arrive at the National Specialty each year.

In the event of written disinterest by the donors of continuing the award, the NSDTRC (USA) may choose to continue offering the award at the club's discretion.

### **Admiral Halsey HOT Dog Teamwork Award**

Each year the Admiral Halsey HOT Dog Teamwork Award will be given to each team of Toller and Owners(s) who have completed all their training and hunt tests or field trials together and achieved any level of an AKC field title: Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter, Master Hunter, Junior Hunter Upland, Senior Hunter Upland, Master Hunter Upland, Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion. Owner(s) refers to all co-owners of the dog. The co-owners can share the training and handling of the dog. Owner-trained and handled is defined as any Toller owner(s) who participates in all facets of the field training with the dog. The owner(s) may work, take lessons, and practice with amateur or professional trainers; however the work must be done by the owner(s). As such whenever a dog is left with an amateur or professional trainer for the purpose of field training while the owner(s) is not present, the team will not qualify for this special team award. A toller trained by a person other than the owner(s) for any period of time will never qualify for this award. Additionally, the owner(s) must handle the dog for all legs/stakes required for the title.

The Club's title year is July 1 through June 30, and dogs and owners that complete the requirements during this time frame will receive the Award at the next Annual Awards Banquet. All legs/points for each title do not have to be earned during the Club year; the Award will be given following the year the title is completed. Regardless of the number of owners who participate in the training and titling of the dog, only one award will be awarded.

### **NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA) VERSATILITY PROGRAM**

The NSDTRC-USA versatility program is open to all members of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA). This program provides two levels of achievement, the Versatility Certificate (VC) and the Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX). Please note this is not a title program, rather it is a certificate program that recognizes the versatility of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (Toller) while preserving their purpose as hunting dogs.

The Versatility Certificates can be earned by achieving titles and certificates in the following areas: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Barn Hunt, Coursing Ability, Dock Diving, Field, Flyball,

Nosework, Therapy, Tracking, and Trick Titles. Upon application, some special recognitions or achievements not included in any of these categories may be counted also.

Applicants are awarded points toward their VC and VCX award based on the titles earned. Only the highest title earned in any one category of competition will be counted toward the award.

For example, in the agility category of competition, if a dog earns a UKC Ag-2 and a NADAC EAC, we will only count the EAC, since it is the highest level achieved. Another example is, if a dog earns a CD and a UD, only the points for the UD are counted toward the Versatility award, since it is the highest level achieved in the Obedience category of competition.

The Versatility Certificate requires 9 points with titles in at least three different areas of achievement with at least one area in category 1 and no more than one area in each of category 2 and 3, however all three titles can come from areas in category 1.

The Versatility Certificate Excellent requires 12 points titles in at least 4 different areas of achievement. At least two of the titles must in areas in category 1 and no more than 2 of the titles can be in areas in category 2 or 3. Three or all four areas can be from category 1.

Category 1 Conformation Field Agility Obedience Tracking

Category 2 Rally Nosework

Category 3 Canine Good Citizen Coursing Ability Barn Hunt Therapy Dog Scent Hurdles Trick Titles Dock Diving Flyball

Points Distribution

\*Note not every title is listed below. Titles are listed as a general reference and titles not listed should be able to fall into one of the levels or between levels.

Category 1

Pre-Novice (BRT, ACT, BN) = 1 point

Novice (CH, JH, JHU, WC, NA, CD) = 2 points

Open/Advanced (CDX, GCH, WCI, SHU, OA) = 3 points

Excellent ((Grand Championship Levels GGCHB, GCHS, etc.), UD, WCX, MHU, SH) = 4 points

Beyond Excellent (MACH, MH, OTCH, OM) = 5 points

## The EDDY ADVANCED VERSATILITY AWARD

**PURPOSE:** This is an award to recognize the versatile abilities of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers competing and successfully earning the highest advanced level AKC Titles. To qualify, a dog must earn an NSDTRC Championship (USA), and any two of the following working titles from AKC: An Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH), Master Agility Championship (MACH), Champion Tracker (CT), Master Hunter (MH), or Master Hunter Upland (MHU) "Only one of the Master titles may be used for other titles". It is possible the award will not be presented every year.

**DESCRIPTION:** The "EDDY ADVANCED VERSATILITY AWARD" A bronzed medallion set in a wooden ring with a Toller head study that fits into a wooden base with an area to affix a metal plate with the dog's registered name and titles, as well as call name. Each recipient will receive this award to keep.

**FIRST AWARD:** At the NSDTRC-USA National Specialty that is held in a year where a dog and owner meet the qualifications. The donors prefer that all presentations take place at the Banquet held in conjunction with the National Specialty.

**REASON:** This award is presented to the recipient to honor their dog's versatile accomplishments at the highest level and inspire others to train their dog to the highest level in multiple venues. Eddy, our first Toller, was an exceptional working Toller whose successes in the Show ring, Obedience and Field prompted this award. Eddy was the first AKC registered Toller to earn the combination of AKC Champion, AKC Obedience Trial Champion, AKC Utility Dog Excellent 3, AKC Master Hunter, and NSDTRC of USA Working Certificate Excellent. Eddy was known as CAN/AKC/NSDTRC(US) CH AKC OTCH CAN MOTCH Westerlea's Sir Edmund UDX4 OM1 MH US/CAN WCX VCX ROMX (5/2001 - 8/2013).

**ELIGIBILITY:** A) To be eligible for this award the recipient must be a NSDTRC (USA) member in good standing the year they apply for this award. Titles may be earned while not a member of the club. Titles earned do not need to be owner handled and dogs do not need to be owner trained. B) Owners with an eligible dog (since AKC recognition) who meet criteria in (A) (above) should submit the appropriate documentation (copies of Title certificates) before June 30th in the year applying, so that an award can be made and presented at the National Specialty. C) There is no time limit on applying for the award (1 award per dog, no additional award will be given for a dog earning a 3rd advanced Title/Championship after receiving an award for meeting the original criteria). (D) Only AKC Performance Titles/Championships count towards earning the "Eddy Advanced Versatility Award" AKC Titles that qualify the dog for the "Eddy Advanced Versatility Award" are listed below. 1. AKC/NSDTRC Champion – mandatory 2. Any 2 of the following AKC Title/Championships a. Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) b. Master Agility Champion (MACH) c. Champion Tracker (CT) d. Master Hunter (MH) or Master Hunter Upland (MHU) "Only one of the Master titles may be used for other titles"

Attachment G-1

## Application to Host the National Specialty

#9

Name of Primary Contact \* William Burland

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Proposed Start Date \* Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Proposed End Date \* Sunday, September 26, 2021

Alternate Start Date

Alternate End Date

City Bethlehem

State PA

Select a Choice \* Stand Alone, Independent Specialty

Host Club of All-Breed Show \*

All-Breed Show Chair

Phone Number

Email

Name of Host Hotel \* : Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel

Host Hotel \*

- Allows dogs (required)
- Allows room blocks of 50+ (required)
- Has restaurants near by (required)
- Has restaurants on-site
- Provides catering

Closest major airport: \* Newark Airport (EWR)

Distance from airport to Host Hotel \* 1:16:00 AM

## Attachment G-2

<b>Additional major airport:</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>
<b>Distance from airport to Host Hotel</b>	<b>1:30:00 AM</b>
<b>Annual Meeting Venue (holds 100+ auditorium style) *</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Seminar Venue (holds 50+ auditorium style) *</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Banquet Venue (seats 175+) *</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Superintendent *</b>	<b>RAu (but exploring less expensive options)</b>
<b>Events Offered: *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Conformation ☆</b></li> <li>● <b>Jr. Show</b></li> <li>● <b>Sweepstakes ☆</b></li> <li>● <b>Agility</b></li> <li>● <b>Obedience ☆</b></li> <li>● <b>Rally</b></li> <li>● <b>Field ☆</b></li> <li>● <b>Awards Banquet ☆</b></li> <li>● <b>Annual Meeting ☆</b></li> <li>● <b>CGC/CGCA</b></li> <li>● <b>Judges' Education</b></li> <li>● <b>Educational Seminars</b></li> </ul>
<b>Field Stakes Offered</b>	
<b>Hunt Tests Offered</b>	
<b>Additional Events and/or Attractions</b>	<b>Work in progress... at the time of submission I'm unsure of what Field Stakes we would offer however we will amend the application as we fill out the team. We also would plan two seminars as yet undetermined, a meet and greet event with a regional theme again TBD.</b>
<b>Conformation Venue *</b>	<b>Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel</b>

*Attachment G-3*

Has Conformation been held here before? Yes

Agility Venue \* TBD

Who will be providing the Agility Equipment? \* TBD

Has Agility been held here before? \* Yes

Obedience/Rally Venue \* Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel

Has Obedience/Rally been held here before? \* Yes

Field Site \* Under review– Fran scheduling visits

Who will be providing the Field Equipment (ducks, wingers, etc)? \* TBD

Have Field events been held here before? \* Yes

Distance from Host Hotel to Field Site \* 1:30:00 AM

#### Additional Event and Venue Information

The Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel has held the Pointer National several times in the last 5 years, they are similar in size to our Confirmation entries. Like Pointers we have been offered the Field 2–3 acres and we can tent the area, we would be outside. We are looking at two field options within 50 miles of the host hotel one is a State Game Land/Water Authority site that is a dog training ground an additional back up option is a private facility...in both cases we need to do a visit to determine if there is suitable parking. Our target is to have the Field events in reasonable (1.5 hours or less) proximity to the hotel. We have not determined an Agility site however there are several Agility clubs with facilities in the immediate area and once we secure our Agility Chair the site should be selected.

Event Chair William Burland

Email whburland@yahoo.com

Attachment G-4

**Event Treasurer**

Email

**Event Secretary**

Email

**Chief Steward**

Email

**Hospitality/Banquet**

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**Conformation**

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**Field**

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**Obedience/Rally**

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**Agility**

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**Educational Seminar**

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**Judges' Education**

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**Trophies**

**Jean Gilroy**

*Attachment A-5*

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Names of Additional Volunteers	Lee Ann Gleason – Trophies Julie Brook Rudisill – Public & Marketing
	We have invitations out to many others to join the fun but do not have confirmation yet.
Check All That Apply *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Regional Director knows of the submitted plans.</li> <li>• There has been discussion among Region Club members and there is general support to hold the National Specialty in the City and State listed above.</li> <li>• I believe that there are adequate number of club member volunteers to host a successful National.</li> <li>• I believe that there are adequate facilities to host the Events that we plan on offering.</li> </ul>
The National Specialty Event Chair agrees that within 90 days of the conclusion of the Event, the Chair will ensure that the Event Treasurer completes a reconciliation of all monies and submits a report to the Board of Directors and submits any funds to the Club Treasurer.	Yes
Any additional information you would like to share?	We are in the process of filling out the roster o
The undersigned is in good standing with NSDTRC (USA) and has submitted all of the above information truthfully and to the	William Burland