



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION
Beginning Monday July 8, 2019
AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2019 Online Board Meeting Minutes

(Please see: Attachment A – February 2019 Online Board Meeting Minutes)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None submitted

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please see Attachment A – Minutes

Please see Attachment B – Insurance Claim Findings

TREASURER'S REPORT

None submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judges Education Chair Report

Please see Attachment C

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None submitted

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

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

Submitted by: Matthew Palmer

No action.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Request to the American Kennel Club that the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever be a “Ramp Optional Judging” breed

Submitted by: Debra Gibbs, representing the Judges Education Committee

Proposal Description: Proposed that the NSDTRC secretary write a formal letter to the American Kennel Club Judging Operations requesting that the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling

Retriever become a “Ramp Optional Breed.” The JEC and Membership request that Board vote in approval of this.

Proposal Justification: Many members and judges have requested that the Toller be a ramp optional breed. A straw poll was held at an annual meeting indicating possible favor for this proposal. The membership was formally queried by the JEC in an online survey in January and February 2019. Of 129 surveys returned, 82 members were in favor of the Toller being a ramp optional breed, 10 ramp only breed, and 34 ground only. The membership was overwhelmingly in favor of the Toller being judged on a ramp by 92 to 32.

Administration: This proposal requires no on-going administration by the Club, nor does it require any expenditures.

Financial Implications: None.

Specific Board Action Requested: The Board vote in favor of this proposal and direct the secretary to submit a letter to the AKC in a timely fashion, with copies to the JEC for their files, requesting the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever become a “ramp optional breed” for judging.

Proposal #2: Update the Field Test Application

Submitted by: Ann DiSilvestre

Proposal Description: The “test run” Field Test in April 2019 which included other breeds that require live shot was successful and without any incidents. Based on this, live shot can be used at our Club sponsored Field Tests and breeds that require this may be invited to participate. Therefore, the Field Test Application needs to be updated with the following:

1. Other breeds invited (check all that apply)

Golden Retrievers _____	Live shot required _____
Flat-Coated Retrievers _____	Live shot required _____
Labrador Retrievers _____	Live shot required _____
Chesapeake Bay Retrievers _____	Live shot required _____
Poodles _____	Live shot required _____

2. If live shot is being used, please provide the name of the gun captain.

Administration: The Webmaster needs to update the form.

Financial Implications: None

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the updates to the Field Test Application.

Proposal #3: Morris and Essex as a Regional Specialty
Submitted by: Rochelle Kurth & Bill Burland

Proposal Description: Morris & Essex is a 1920s style prestigious show that happens once every 5 years, drawing entries to Region 7. In a joint effort between Region 1 and Region 7, we would like to make this coming Morris & Essex a regional specialty - joining the lineup of 28 other specialties confirmed for 2020. We have already been invited to be a supported entry, and they would be thrilled to have us as a specialty.

- Offered terms for a regional:
 - \$2 per dog
 - Rosettes for 1st place in all regular and non-reg classes, as well as BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, & WB
 - We would have to cover AOM, and any non-reg awards such as gundog, veteran, ect. The classes would be decided on by Bill and myself if granted approval by the BOD
 - The exception here is M&E will have veterans eligible for BOB next year and may provide that rosette
 - All breed winners will be provided with a medallion by M&E, and I believe a silver trophy provided by M&E (it is already sponsored per M&E website), however that won't be confirmed until closer to the premium release
 - If available, we are allowed a separate grooming tent - I will be pushing for this
 - Allowed to have sweeps and select our own judge
 - M&E provides rosettes for Best in Sweeps and BOS in sweeps
 - We would need to check if this covers our gundog sweeps
 - 1 free advertising page in the catalog, the BOD can decide what to use that on
 - Royal Canin week supported entry?
 - Allowed to provide our own trophies and list in the catalog
- Things to note:
 - February 2020 deadline for all sweeps applications, trophies to be sponsored, and information to be provided for the premium (proposal can't be tabled if we are going to have enough time)
 - We do not pick our breed judge, and chairmen are not allowed to know until October, so I have no judge information for the BOD. I have been assured it is a sporting specialist and we should be happy, so hopefully someone who knows the breed!
 - Morris and Essex won the Show of the year award in 2015, 2020 will be a major contender for it again

- Past entries:
 - Tollers have been accepted long enough to have 3 M&E years.
 - 005: 0-4 (1-0)
 - 2010: 3-0(1-5)
 - 2015: Supported entry:
 - Breed: 8-8(11-6) - 33 total
 - Puppy Sweeps: 3-5
 - Vet Sweeps: 1-0
 - These entries show that if we offer reasons for people to come (supported, regionals, sweeps, ect) that people will come. Looking at the entries for 2015, people came from Canada, the Midwest, and the South in addition to the Region 1 and Region 7 breeders/owners.
 - The biggest benefit of a specialty here is not driving up the region's points, which many AKC Division 2 breeders were worried about
 - Division 2 & Regions 7/1 already have large entry supported entries, another would hurt people's ability to make majors - especially once all of the entries go back to their own regions
 - Further, the following two weeks of shows after the specialty within 100 miles of the site **do not** affect the region's point counts
 - All of the entries for Devon and Hatboro, which follow M&E on Friday/Sat/Sun will NOT drive up the points for the region.
 - A bit about the overall entries - M&E is a single day show held on a Thursday in October. Despite that, it drew 4100 entries in 2015 and 3400 entries in 2010...more entries in a single day than some 3-4 day weekends (including the one I was just at). Tollers should be a part of this history, bringing forth their own history as well.

Proposal Justification: Other than the prestige and history the Morris and Essex Kennel Club offers, there are also the regional point counts to consider. Supported entries count towards AKC's calculations for points and how many it takes to make a major, Regional Specialties do not - this is what hurt Region 2 for many years and drove up the majors counts.

Administration: Co-chaired by Rochelle Kurth & Bill Burland. Further administration is not required, the two of us should be able to handle trophies, choosing sweeps judges, ect. It is not an extensive specialty with sports and seminars. If we are able to secure our own tent for grooming, we could add raffles, lunch, and merchandise.

Financial: No money needed at this time. My events always make money, even small local supported entries, so we should do just fine.

Specific Board Action: To allow Bill and myself to submit the application to make M&E a regional specialty following BOD approval.

ADJOURNMENT



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ONLINE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION
Voting March 30, 2019 – April 17, 2019
MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 2018 Online Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: I move to accept the minutes as written.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

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

OPPOSE [1]: M. Lyons.

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion: Table the discussion and send it back to Matthew Palmer for clarification on the actual process/procedure/event for this proposal.

Motion made by Dan Kauzlarich. Motion seconded by Terri Krause.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: To update the Supported Entry Application

Motion: Move to approve the Proposal as written.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Motion seconded by Joy Annunziato.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

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

Motion: Move to approve the Proposal as written.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Motion seconded by Joy Annunziato.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

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.

Motion: To form a committee to review and provide a recommendation for ribbons at the National Specialty. The Committee members include; Anne Lindsley, Carolyn Kurth and Joy Annunziato.

Motion made by Dan Kauzlarich. Motion seconded by Francine Kaplan.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

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.

Motion: To approve the updates to the Awards outlined in Attachment D except the Admiral Halsey HOT Dog Teamwork Award. No changes will be made to that Award.

Motion made by: Francine Kaplan. Motion Seconded by: Alyson Casper.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #6: Review the Application to Hold a Specialty in 2021

Motion: Move to approve the National Specialty Application.

Motion made by Dan Kauzlarich. Motion seconded by Ann DiSilvestre.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I move to adjourn the February 2019 Board Business Session.
Motion made by Pam Durkee. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion: The Board of Directors appoints Sharon Kauzlarich as the Events Treasurer.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I move to adjourn the February 2019 Board Executive Session.
Motion made by Terri Krause. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: P. Durkee, J. Annunziato, T. Krause, A. DiSilvestre, A. Casper, C. Kurth, F. Kaplan, D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway and M. Lyons.

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

Insurance Claim Findings

While participating in the AKC Meet the Breeds event in conjunction with the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, we had an incident in our designated booth that injured a dog of one of our Members. The injury resulted in Veterinary expenses. A claim was submitted to the AKC as well as the Westminster Kennel Club. Both claims were denied. A claim was then filed with our Insurance Company for reimbursement of Veterinary expenses. After many discussions with our Insurance carrier, Equisure, it was determined that our Policy is strictly a Liability Policy to mitigate any claims against our Club. Since the dog in question belonged to a Club Member (the insured), our claim was denied. In simple terms, the policy holder cannot file a claim against itself.

With this ruling and interpretation of our Policy, it's clear that if any Club Member or dog is injured while participating in a Club sponsored event, our insurance will not cover the incident. It would be up to the affected party to file a claim with another party, not our Club.

A discussion needs to take place as to our future involvement in Club sponsored Meet the Breeds events.

Report of AKC Ramp Judging Survey of NSDTRC (USA) 2019

After requests by members and judges, asking for Ramp Optional judging, were received by the JEC, a proposal was made to query the membership in regard to their position on AKC Ramp Judging. In a joint effort by the NSDTRC (USA) Board and the JEC, an online survey was taken of the NSDTRC (USA) membership in January and February 2019.

There were a total of 129 survey responses. They break down the following way.

Ramp Only Judging	10
Ramp Optional Judging	82
Ground Only Judging	34
Duplicate Submissions*	2
Change of Vote**	1

Total	129
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*Two members submitted the same vote twice.

** One member submitted a second vote and requested their first one be nullified.

During this time frame, numerous Judges have made requests to members regarding their desire for the toller to be on a ramp for judging. Both judges at Maryland Sporting expressed their desire as have many others.

According to the AKC, the list of Ramp Optional Breeds continues to grow and any “stigma” using a ramp has been greatly diminished.