



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
2007 ANNUAL MEETING
October 4, 2007 ~ 7:00 PM
HOLIDAY INN - 441 ELECTRONICS PARKWAY
LIVERPOOL, NY 13088
AGENDA

ROLL CALL

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2006 Annual Meeting (published in Fall 2005 Quackers and included in the agenda packet)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Julie Hanson, President:

Welcome to all of you attending the meeting. We hope you have an enjoyable weekend in New York.

This past year has been very busy with multiple actions taken by the Board. Highlights of actions and activities include:

- Approved receiving a donation of \$2000 to our Rescue fund directly from Pedigree®.
- Gretchen Botner and Dee Nichols were sent to the AKC Parent Club Conference in Georgia.
- Established the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award in conjunction with the AKC program, and the first award will be presented at our 2008 National Specialty.
- Marile Waterstraat was officially seated as our AKC Delegate.
- A Ways & Means Committee was established to look at the finances of the club and to develop short and long term strategies for the financial welfare of the club.
- Approved the Roy'll Flush Award to be presented to those Tollers that have achieved a Championship and a Master Hunter. The first awards will be presented this year.
- Approved a Register of Merit program for outstanding sires and dams in our breed. The details will be forthcoming in the near future.
- For the first time, utilized an online survey to poll the membership on an issue before the Board. Based on the input from the membership policy changes were made related to organizations recognized for the Alternate Field Pass for a club championship.
- Approved a buyer's education document presented by Christie Canfield, Public Education Coordinator, which is now available for download on the website.
- Multiple changes to the format and content of Quackers to help stem the tide of the ever increasing costs of production.

I want to thank all of the Board members, Appointed Officials, Committee Chairs, and Committee members for their hard work and dedication over this past year. These people are the lifeblood of the club and keep the club operating on a daily basis. Each has a unique contribution that is seamlessly carried out without the benefit of compensation and all too often without the recognition that is deserved.

I also wish to thank the membership for their continued interest and support in the club. When we were going through the AKC recognition and licensing process in 2003, there was some anxiety expressed about whether people would continue to be members of the club or if our membership numbers would decline. Amazingly, the number of individuals belonging to the club has almost doubled since 2003 when we listed 467 individual members in our application to AKC for licensure. At the latest count supplied by the Membership Chair, we have 842 individual members. The days of thinking we are a small club have passed, and the challenges of our success are ever increasing in complexity. We hope to meet the challenges and have the continued support of the membership..

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Lindemer, Secretary

Following the procedure in Article V, Section 4 (f.) of the club Bylaws, no valid additional nominations were

received by the Secretary on or before the 60th day before the Annual Meeting, so the nominations were closed. On August 6, 2007 I cast one (1) ballot for the Nominating Committee's Slate and no further balloting was required.

Those elected to serve on the Board commencing, November 1, 2007 are:

Katie Dugger – First Three Year Term, Regional Director, Region 3 (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming)

Christie Kirby – First Three Year Term, Regional Director, Region 6 (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Jody Petry, Treasurer

Please find a Balance Sheet and an Income/Expense Summary for the Club through 6/30/2007 in the Agenda packet.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

(Included in the agenda packet)

- Region 1 - Patricia Kinsley
- Region 2 – Kelly Barry (unavailable)
- Region 3 - Cindy Richardson
- Region 4 - Phyllis McDonald
- Region 5 - Janice Johnson
- Region 6 - Lauren Gilman
- Region 7 - Melissa Savage

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Included in the agenda packet)

- AKC Delegate: Marile Waterstraat
- AKC Gazette Columnist: Peggy Park
- Breeder Referral: Cindy Richardson
- Health & Genetics: Jane Folkman
- Judges Education: Peggy Park
- National Trophy Chair: Kim Simons
- Rescue Merchandise: Janis Dibert
- Show/Trial Events: Gretchen Botner
- Website: Julie Hanson

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Board has voted on all applicants for membership in the past 12 months. Therefore, there is no New Member business to come before the membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2008 National Specialty – Report from Phyllis McDonald

Open Health Registry for prcd-PRA and CH/CEA – Presentation & Discussion with Jane Folkman & Sue Van Sloun

ADJOURNMENT