

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
JANUARY through FEBRUARY 2004 Board Business - Voting Results

Board Members Participating:

Sue Dorscheid, President Julie Hanson, Vice President Susan Wright, Secretary Eric Johnson, Treasurer
Jane Young, Region 1 Director Patty Beran, Region 2 Director Cindy Richardson, Region 3 Director
Dominique Jolley, Region 4 Director Janice Johnson, Region 5 Director Dee Nichols, Region 6 Director
Melissa Savage, Region 7 Director

Under the direction of President Sue Dorscheid, discussion began on Monday, January 26, 2004, in the Board's NSDTRC-USA.org on line forum. Voting by US mail began on February 14th and ended on February 28th.
The minutes of the October 9, 2003 In Person Board Meeting were approved as written.

AKC Gazette Ad

That we place a line-type ad in the AKC Gazette for a period of one year. The ad would be written by PEC, Gretchen Botner, and would include text similar to the following:

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) - For breed information and a list of member breeders contact: Sue Van Sloun... and then at the end list the website url www.nsdtrc-usa.org **MOTION APPROVED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Club Subsidy of Education Seminars at Specialties

That the club support educational seminars held during the National Specialty/Annual Meeting event by providing an annual subsidy in the amount of \$300.00. **MOTION APPROVED**

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Event Finances

That the document (*document available from Secretary*) that describes how event finances are to be handled be sent by the field events chairperson to all persons making application to hold a club field event, and that the document be sent by the Secretary or the Event Chairperson (in the future when that position is re-established) for all persons making application to hold AKC licensed club events (agility, hunt test, obedience, conformation) and club sponsored supported entries. **MOTION APPROVED**

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

NOT APPROVE: Susan Wright

That the following seed money be sent to event organizers: National Specialty \$2000, Regional specialty, obedience, hunt test or agility event \$500, club field test \$500, Supported entry \$200. **MOTION APPROVED**

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Field Events Report

That the changes to the field regulations regarding re-casting and the diversion for the WCI be approved as submitted by Katie Dugger, and that the WCI rule #19 regarding talking to your dog be changed to "The handler may not touch the dog once he has signaled the judge he is ready. Failure may result from excessive noise at the line by the retriever or the handler."

AND, that the WCX rule #20 regarding talking to your dog be changed to "The handler may not touch the dog once he has signaled the judge he is ready. Failure may result from excessive noise at the line by the retriever or the handler. The handler of the honoring dog may speak quietly to the honoring dog provided the handler does not interfere with other handlers, the working dog, or the Judges." **MOTION APPROVED**

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The approved revisions are as follows:

Re-casting (BRT/WC/WCI/WCX)

BRT & WC #23:

#23 "A dog may be recast (sent to retrieve more than once) from the line on marks, but **only** in cases of confusion described as follows: when a dog makes a start toward a marked fall, but stops within a short distance of the line (the distance is usually limited to 15 feet, and should be agreed upon between the Judges) and returns or is recalled to the handler. The dog is then sent to retrieve again. This is most often attributed to confusion on the part of the dog as to whether it was sent to retrieve the first time. It is **not** considered a recast when a dog goes to the area of the fall, fails to find the bird and returns (or is recalled) to the handler. This shall be evaluated as a lack of perseverance and grounds for failure.

"In marked retrieves, if a dog, after having been sent to retrieve, (1) returns to its handler before finding the bird, with or without having been called in, (except in those cases of confusion of the dog as to whether it was really ordered to retrieve); (2) stops its hunt; or (3) fails to pick the bird up, actually leaving it after finding it, it shall be sufficient cause, unless there exist in the opinion of the Judges valid mitigating circumstances, to fail the dog.

WCI #23 & WCX #24:

"A dog may be recast (sent to retrieve more than once) from the line on marks, but **only** in cases of confusion described as follows: when a dog makes a start toward a marked fall, but stops within a short distance of the line (the distance is usually limited to 15 feet, and should be agreed upon between the Judges) and returns or is recalled to the handler. The dog is then sent to retrieve again. This is most often attributed to confusion on the part of the dog as to whether it was sent to retrieve the first time. It is **not** considered a recast when a dog goes to the area of the fall, fails to find the bird and returns (or is recalled) to the handler. This shall be evaluated as a lack of perseverance and grounds for failure."

"In marked retrieves, if a dog, after having been sent to retrieve, (1) returns to its handler before finding the bird, with or without having been called in, (except in those cases of confusion of the dog as to whether it was really ordered to retrieve); (2) stops its hunt; or (3) fails to pick the bird up, actually leaving it after finding it, it shall be sufficient cause, unless there exist in the opinion of the Judges valid mitigating circumstances, to fail the dog.

Note* There is no allowance for confusion on blind retrieves. If you attempt to handle your dog on a mark, no re-casting is allowed.

Talking to your dog at the line

WCI #19:

19. "The handler may not touch the dog once he has signaled the judge he is ready. Failure may result from excessive noise at the line by the retriever or the handler."

WCX #20:

20. "The handler may not touch the dog once he has signaled the judge he is ready. Failure may result from excessive noise at the line by the retriever or the handler. The handler of the honoring dog may speak quietly to the honoring dog provided the handler does not interfere with other handlers, the working dog, or the Judges."

Diversion for the WCI

(Judges/Handles Guidelines)

"A diversion will be thrown as the dog is returning with the second bird. The diversion should not be thrown in the dog's path. A switch to the diversion bird is an immediate failure. This is **NOT** a marking test, therefore a dog may be handled to the diversion bird if mis-marked, but the dog must retrieve all birds."

That the following change be made to the field regulations, in the section on catalogs/running order/judge's sheets and that this change and the previous ones proposed take effect on April 1, 2004:

Currently reads:

"A running list or catalog will be available for all participants on the day of the test. The list must include the dog's registered name and number, the owner's name, the handler's name and the order in which the dogs are to be run."

Add the sentence at the end of the paragraph: "Only NSDTRC (USA) and AKC titles may be listed with the dog's name." **MOTION APPROVED**

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Copies of the Rules & Regulations for NSDTRC (USA) Field Tests, revised as of April 1, 2004, may be requested from Katie Dugger, Field Events Chair.

Merchandising

That the following merchandising items be approved:

The Toller x-ing sign with white (yellow) feet added to the Toller, the Toller ornament provided that both flesh and black pigment ornaments be made available, and the Tollermobile decal with the head study from the pint glasses.

MOTION APPROVED

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AKC Plan A Hunt Test

That the Plan A Hunt test be approved for June 12, 2004 in Region 7. ***MOTION APPROVED***

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Supported entry - Region 4

That the Gold Rush Supported Entry in Region 4 be approved. ***MOTION APPROVED***

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

That the Region 4 request to hold a licensed agility trial (on August 28, 2004) be approved. ***MOTION APPROVED***

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Treasurer's Report

That we make a donation to the University of Pennsylvania of \$500 for PRA research by Dr. Aguirre.

MOTION APPROVED

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Adjournment

That we adjourn. ***MOTION APPROVED***

APPROVE: Julie Hanson, Susan Wright, Eric Johnson, Jane Young, Patty Beran, Cindy Richardson, Dominique Jolley, Janice Johnson, Dee Nichols, Melissa Savage

Business adjourned on February 28, 2004.