APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 2020 Online Board Business Session Minutes
(Please see Attachment A – March 2020 Online Business Session Minutes)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
No report submitted

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Terri Krause, Vice President

No report submitted.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary

This is to inform the Board of Directors that no additional nominations were received on or before July 12, 2020 for the following positions:

PRESIDENT – Terri Krause (Washington) - [First 2 year term]
VICE PRESIDENT – Joy Annunziato (New York) [First 2 year term]
SECRETARY - Ann DiSilvestre (South Carolina) - [Third 2 year term, no limit]
TREASURER - Carolyn Kurth (Connecticut) - [Third 2 year term, no limit]
Region 1 Director: Jean Gilroy (New York) - [First 3 year term]
Region 4 Director: Donna Murdoch (California) – [First 3 year term]
Region 7 Director: Francine Kaplan (Pennsylvania) – [Second 3 year term]

It is with pleasure that I, as Secretary of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA), cast one vote on July 16, 2020 for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region 1 Director, Region 4 Director and Region 7 Director.

Officer terms begin on November 1, 2020 and run through October 31, 2022.
Regional Director terms begin on November 1, 2020 and run through October 31, 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Kurth, Treasurer
(Please see Attachment B)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

REGION 1
Respectfully submitted by Joy Annunziato

Region 1 was invited to the Penobscot HRC test October 13, 2019. It was held at Firefly Kennels in Dixmont, Maine and was chaired by Michael Acker. Tollers ran the WC/WCI/WCX. It was a great time for all.

An Agility trial was held on March 7 - 8, 2020 in Hamden CT. at Paws N' Effect. Sue Barnett was our leader in planning, organizing and chairing the event. It was a big success!

Region 1 held its Annual Field Test on August 15 -16, 2020 in Mexico, NY at Echoewood Training Center. It was a great turnout with a pass rate of 54% this year...congratulations to all the Qualifiers! It was chaired by Joy Annunziato with Jean Gilroy as Secretary. Results can be viewed on Entry Express.

Region 1 is once again invited to the Penobscot HRC test on September 13, 2020 held at Ben-Loch Stables in Dixmont, Maine. Tollers are running the WC/WCI/WCX. The event is chaired by Michael Acker.

REGION 2
Respectfully submitted by Dan Kauzlarich

This year the activities of region 2 have suffered from the results of COVID 19 restrictions. In the early portion of the year the region was able to hold the annual agility trial in Spring Grove, IL. The event chaired by Carolyn Glenn and was again held with high attendance and achieved successful results by good planning and hard work of club members. The planned specialty and Club hunt test planned for June in Grayslake was cancelled due to Illinois COVID 19 restrictions. This event is expected to be approved for the 2021 year.

The following Club/AKC hunt test are scheduled for the latter portion of this club year. The first one will be a Club test chaired by Dan Rode and held on 29-30 Sep in Clearwater, MN.. The next test will be a Club sponsored AKC upland test chaired by Dan Kauzlarich and Starr Ward. This test is being held on 12-13 Sep in Baldwin,WI. The final Club hunt test is being chaired by Jane Billman on 10-11 Oct in Vevay, IN. All of the hunt tests have received high entry numbers and should produce successful results.

REGION 3
Respectfully submitted by Danielle Winship
Region 3 started off the 2020 year with a fun Toller Supported Entry on Saturday January 11th in Puyallup for the Western Washington Cluster Shows. We had a nice entry in conformation with majors in both dogs and bitches. In addition, we had some fantastic working Tollers representing in obedience and rally. A shoutout and big thank you to club member Kathy Daspit for her work on helping to coordinate our fantastic prizes for the event. Results for the Region 3 Supported Entry are listed below.

Best of Breed: GCH REDFOXWATERFOX SPRING2 THE MAX

Best of Winners/Winners Bitch: BLUE SKY’S DIAMONDS IN THE SKY

Best of Opposite Sex: CH TOLLERPRIDE DECOY N DOUBLESHOT

Select Dog: GCH TSILLAN'S HEARTBREAKER AT PARKWOOD

Winners Dog: MANITOU'S KELLER REDUX TKN

Reserve Winners Dog: READYFOR SUNJIRO OF MADRONA KII

Reserve Winners Bitch: NIRVELLI WORLD NEEDS A MELODY

Highest Scoring Toller in Rally Excellent: CH AQUEUS KEY TO PARADYCE UD MX MXJ PAX XF XFP RA

Highest Scoring Toller in Rally Advanced: DOCHARA SPUN A ROYAL FLOWER RN CGC

Highest Scoring Toller in Rally Novice: QUINNCREEK’S FIRE IN THE SKYY

Highest Scoring Toller in Regular Obedience Classes: CH QUINNCREEK’S 3 SHEETS TO THE WIND BN WC

We were very much looking forward to holding our Region 3 Toller Field test and Upland demonstration in Monroe, WA in June but unfortunately COVID-19 had other plans. We were keeping an eye out for dates to reschedule later in the year but unfortunately nearly all field tests and shows have been cancelled in the region for the summer. Despite the challenges I know quite a few of our members and their Tollers are looking forward to the start of hunting season. Thank you very much to Region 3 members Marcia Lyons and Christine Robertson for their time and efforts with helping to organize this field event. It was a great team with Marcia’s experience organizing Toller field tests/ passion for athletic Tollers and Christine’s many years of dedication in retriever and upland field events.

Finally, Region 3 was set to hold the 2020 NSDTRC(USA) National Specialty. Unfortunately this event was also postponed for the year due to COVID. As disappointing as this decision was for our committee members, we are very much looking forward to being able to host this event next year. See you in 2021 in Red Lodge, Montana!
REGION 4
Respectfully submitted by Pam Durkee

This was certainly a year to remember, although many claim it’s a year they’d like to forget. Since I didn’t file a report last year, let me start with the wonderful 2019 National Specialty in Loveland. I was excited to see several Region 4 members there and I would be remiss if I didn’t point out that coming from region 4 were some conformation winners, agility high in trials, as well as the high in trial obedience winner. Our own resident genetics expert, Danika Bannasch, also made the trip from her sabbatical in Europe to present a seminar. Tons of talent in region 4!

It looked like 2020 was going to be another stellar year for the Region 4 Trollers, and there were even some hopes that we’d be able to pull together another California agility trial in the late summer/early fall. However, as we all know, COVID-19 intervened, and so many plans, including the 2020 National Specialty in Montana, had to be postponed or cancelled. Nevertheless, region 4 members continued to post achievements in conformation, agility, scentwork, and free style to name just a few.

It’s been an honor to serve as a regional director for the past three years. I’m afraid that I didn’t have the qualifications and experience required for this position, but I did my best to represent the Region 4 members and serve the club. I look forward to returning to a more active role in the future, and in the meantime, I know that I will always enjoy sharing my life with a Toller. No other breed can beat them!

REGION 5
Respectfully submitted by Wendy Shumway

No report submitted.

REGION 6
Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper

The Region 6 Supported Entry was held on 12/12/2019 in conjunction with the Royal Canin pre-shows on in Orlando, FL. There were 40 tollers entered with the following results:
Best of Breed/Best of Breed Owner Handler – GCH Foxvale Susquella Sierra of Uplander
Best of Opposite Sex — GCH Jem’s Bet the Max
Select Dog — GCH S Saranac’s Luck of the Draw, CD, BN, RAE, TD, CAA, CGCU, TKA
Select Bitch — GCH Foxvale’s Painted Dux White Water Gal CD RN
Award of Merit — RBPIS Dochara’s Life’s A Beach At Aquaholics RATO
- GCHB Foxvale’s Fire Fly PCD RN RE NJP NFP BCAT DN DJ RATN TKN
- GCHS Manitou’s Queen of Hearts BN RN JH WC
- GCHB Hawks Nest Divine Providence BN CD OAP OJP NFP JH JHU RAE WCI
- CA CGCA
Winner’s Dog — Saranac’s Make Mine A Double
Reserve Winners Dog — Chimay All Hands On Deck at Foxbrooke
Winners Bitch and Best of Winners — Tolkein’s Holly Rae Gingersnap
Reserve Winners Bitch — Hawks Nest First Class Flight to Redaero

Sweeps Results:
Best of Sweeps — RBPIS Dochara’s Life’s a Beach at Aquaholics, RATO
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps – CH Hawks Nest I’ll Have Another

Region 6 also coordinate the Meet the Breeds Booth at Royal Canin chaired by Lauren LaPoint. Volunteers from all over the US attending Royal Canin assisted in the set up and staffing of the booth.

Deb Rhodes was scheduled to hold a Club Field Test in Region 6 April 4-5, 2020 in Camden, SC. This test was to be open to other retriever breeds as well and will have live shot. This test had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. This test has been rescheduled for March 27-28, 2021 in Camden, SC. Deb Rhodes will again be the chairperson.

Region 6 will once again be holding our Supported Entry in conjunction with Royal Canin in Orlando on Thursday, December 10th.

REGION 7
Respectfully submitted by Francine Kaplan

Region 7 had a very busy year. The Region focused on club building activities in advance of the hosting the National in Bethlehem PA that was planned for 2021. The highlights included Tollerfest, Hatboro Match Show, Chester County DTC Match Show (On the road to Maryland Sporting specialty event), AKC Meet the Breeds in NYC & Maryland Sporting. Regional members and others also, sui sponte, continued the booth decorating tradition at the Philadelphia Kennel Club Show and won, yet again, another placement in the contest.

To kick off our club year and begin building toward the Region 7 National, on June 27th Bill Burland hosted "Tollerfest" at Travelda Farm. The event was a cooperative effort between Breeders/Exhibitors in Region 7, including Jen Hollis, Francine Kaplan, Laura Hamilton, Julie Brooks Rudisill, Scott & Carol Bergraft, Karen Benson & Bill & Lisa Burland. The focus of the event was on energizing Toller owners to come out and engage their Tollers in the various dog sports such as hunting, showing, field training or agility trials. 50+ adult Tollers and pups attended with participants from across the Mid-Atlantic region, including Gettysburg, Washington, D.C., and Virginia Beach. Invitations were open to those who had Tollers or may want one in the future.

The day included demonstrations by volunteers at stations across the rolling lawn. An introduction to nose and scent work led by a professional trainer focused on performance and Service Dogs. A retrieving demonstration highlighting how to get a dog into hunt tests, including allowing members to run a trained Toller and their own Tollers. Attendees got to try out a series of fun companion events focusing on obedience, rally, and agility. An overview of AKC Canine Good Citizen testing and testing was conducted by Wendy Whitelam, BS, CPDT-KA, ABC-L2 of The Pet Campus. A professional groomer, provided an overview of grooming basics to keep a dog neat and comfortable.

A brief Region 7 discussion group was held at the conclusion of the event to discuss volunteers to promote and add volunteers for the Region 7 National and Maryland Sporting events. The "Road to Maryland Sporting" which has now become the "Road to the National" crew was born during this meeting.
Hatboro Match Show. The first "road to" event, was the Hatboro Match Show. Members with young
dogs were contacted and offered a mentor to come out and put their pups or dogs in a match show.
The event was put on by the venerable Hatboro Dog Training Club. The Judge was our esteemed Bill
Burland! It was a beautiful day. A few practice sessions outside the ring and in we all went.

AKC Meet the Breeds. Jacob Javitz Center, NYC January 25-26, 2020. Tollers returned to
"meet the breeds" this year enforce. We have been told AKC estimates there were 25,000
visitors each day. We won a Sporting Group placement for the decorations.

Chester DTC Match Show The second "on the Road to" event was a match show at the Training
club of Chester County in Exton, PA. First time/newbie handlers, Deb Dennis, Carrie Pearlmutter,
and Rhonda Sherrod debuted their new puppies.

Maryland Sporting Specialty: Region 7 hosted the first East Coast Designated Specialty in
conjunction with the Maryland Sporting Club show. Events took place February 28, 29th and
March 1, 2020. The Specialty was on leap day, 2/29/2020.
Realizing the benefits from the Tollerfest and other "road to" engagement discussions and events,
Toller had a very impressive showing which included our "Road to" participants the Friday night
before the Specialty in the puppy 4 to 6 month competition.

In terms of entries, we brought to MD Sporting 100 total paid entries in Conformation plus 22 paid
entries in Rally and Obedience for a total of 122 paid entries. Only 4 Tollers were marked absent
from Conformation. We only had 1 Toller entered in obedience on Saturday that did not make it to
the ring to compete. Tollers had the second largest entry at the show with 64 in breed and 35 in
Sweeps and Veteran Sweeps for a total entry of 99 to the Golden's 65 Breed.

There were exhibits from as far north as Ontario, west to Indiana, South to Florida and the
Carolinas, the intended reach was 600 miles but this was clearly exceeded. The size of the entry
provided sufficient leverage for many of the "asks" that would improve the exhibitor experience.
We were able to select our judge, had a Toller grooming area with ample space, optimal ring
time/scheduling and permission for additional events like Fly Ball, Barn Hunt and a group dinner.
In addition, working with Cindy Richardson, our Breeder Referral Chair, we invited many who
had sent Breeder Referral inquiries and had quite a few from the east coast attend, even some from
Long Island, NY.

For the statistics fans among us, there were 68 unique Tollers showed in Breed, an additional 9
unique Tollers in Veteran Sweeps for a total of 77 unique Tollers in the Conformation show (not
counting absentee). An additional 6 unique tollers (not otherwise entered) competed in Obedience
and Rally on Saturday. That makes a total of 83 unique Tollers entered in
Obedience, Rally, Sweeps and Conformation. WOW. There were some number of Tollers not
otherwise entered that came to try the Instinct test (birds), Barn Hunt, and Flyball workshops or
complete CGC testing. There were several Tollers that came just to watch or be available for
review by breeders. The on site crab cake dinner and lecture, sold out. Both people and dogs
participated in the Flyball and there were many successful entrants in the 3 days of Obedience and
Rally.

The MD Sporting Committee consisted of 12 leads and approximately 23 additional member
helpers and planners. The team held periodic operations telephone conferences beginning in late
2018. The team only have 5 months nearly to the day from date of approval to the event and they

September 2020 Virtual Board Meeting Agenda – NSDTRC (USA)
absolutely rocked it. Operations calls were held weekly to get what was a very ambitious project done. This team is now added to the team for the Region 7 National which kicked off its first full operations meeting the week after MD Sporting with a survey to gather feedback on the event. The survey was designed and the tallies reported by John Cudhay. The survey was sent to every one who signed up through our club website for the event and we had a 50% response rate which is excellent on any survey.

How lucky we were to have this as the event just before COVID shut it all down. Beginning right in March, during the shut down, Region 7 members continued to meet periodically via video and telephone chats to help design protocols for shows and hunt tests to make them able to be held safely in times of COVID. It is commendable that we have members, and I will not name specific names here, that have been on the forefront of this nationwide effort, working with AKC, Show Chairs, Superintendents, and their All Breed Clubs to keep conformation, obedience, and hunt tests alive, fulfilling the concept of think globally and act locally. The concept of small, lean shows that can be safe, sizeable, and economic in case they need to cancel, have caught on at AKC like wildfire.

Goals for 2020-2021. As part of its road to the Region 7 National, Region 7 planned a hunt test in conjunction with an All Breed Show Memorial Day weekend. Both were canceled due to COVID. The hunt test is planned and approved for October 24, 20-20 provided COVID restrictions do not cause us to cancel it again. We will be using the event to introduce more of our members to hunting and running hunt tests with their Toller. Our MD Sporting team has become our Region 7 National Team and has been holding regular operations meetings until COVID paused us in May 2020.

Thank you to every member of Region 7 and all the other Regions that came to support Meet the Breeds, MD Sporting and all of these events. You make it all happen!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC DELEGATE
Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper

The June, 2020 Delegate meetings were held via Zoom due to COVID-19.

The AKC offices in NY closed on March 13 due to COVID. 20% of the Raleigh, NC AKC Staff are in the office, while the remainder are working from home. The AKC has worked had to develop and offer beginner to advanced level tricks and rally via virtual opportunities. The PUP Pals Program started. Staff introduced virtual titling programs in Trick Dog, Rally Novice and Agility (ACT 1 and 2). The first virtual dog conformation event was judged. AKC has had 2 events on ESPN. AKC TV is continuing to produce events. The 2020 Meet the Breeds in Philadelphia and Nashville have been postponed until 2021. Free webinars are being offered daily and will continue when events resume. AKC breed courses have been offered at ½ price. The AKC has been working to assist clubs and provide resources for all. A Best Practices for all events has been posted.
The AKC would like for each club to be aware of it’s membership and to possibly establish a “Sunshine” type of committee to check on the elderly members and to focus on the needs of the dogs that may need assistance during COVID-19.

The AKC indicated that it is an election year and recommended that we learn about our local candidates and their positions on dog related issues. Donations to AKC Political Action Committee can include recommendations in support of your local candidate. Info can be found at www.akc.org/pac.

The Healthy Dog Imports Act (HR 6921) was instructed in Congress after years by the AKC Government Relations along with the National Animal Interest Alliance to bring attention to the public health threat associated with the importation of sick dogs into the US. The Act provides the USDA with tools to monitor and safeguard the health of all dogs being imported into the US.

Discussion was held regarding how to continue to survive and thrive with COVID-19. Discussion was held regarding starting with specialties – small specialties that can be held in small venues such as private property or in a park. The AKC does not have to approve these sites. Small shows will make it easier to comply with local governmental policies.

There was a discussion held regarding allowing clubs to have 2 National Specialties within a one year period due to COVID-19. This would enable clubs to offer reserve majors without violating the AKC rule. The Dog Show Rules committee voted that the AKC Board be requested to consider a waiver to allow any AKC Breed Parent Specialty Club that was forces to cancel their 2020 National specialty Show due to COVID-19 to request a waiver or exception to enable them to hold two National Specialty Shows in 2021. This would be considered an exception to the AKC Rule (Chapter 16, Sec. 1, paragraph 6) and not changing the Rule.

Gina DiNardo confirmed that the December National Championship Show is confirmed.

AKC GAZETTE BREED COLUMNIST

VACANT

No report submitted

BREEDER REFERRAL

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Richardson

Breeder referral started acquiring electronic inquiries for the breeder list in February 2014. Below, by year, are the number of inquiries through 8/22/20.

2014 – 1105
2015 – 1702
2016 – 1782
2017 – 1461
2018 – 1399
2019 – 1147
2020 – 985

The average is 25 per week. The biggest surge I have seen was after the stay home orders from COVID. A couple of weeks during that time the requests surged to 90 a week.

Personally, I can say that it is a joy and an honor to play this small part in the club and support the breed I love.

EVENTS CHAIR
Respectfully submitted by William Burland

Specialty & Supported Entry Requests/Results
2020 has been dramatically impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic. AKC Member Clubs have canceled 2800 all-breed shows through July of 2020. There have been some attempts but follow on shows have failed to materialize largely due to the realization but municipalities that they were inviting people from 30 or so states to their area and typically conclude its unsafe. E.G. Bloomsberg PA which is normally a 1200 entry show was 2900, they took extraordinary means to make the show safe but attracted people form over 30 states. After observing the show both the Fair association who supply the facility and the town decided it was too much exposure and pulled permits for all remaining 2020 events at the fairgrounds. Regional events are still on calendar in Maryland, Washington, Florida but these are few and far between. What seems to be working are the small specialties 30- 60 entries, AKC has approved 900 of these and 200 have happened and has recommended the Parent Clubs leverage their unlimited Specialty shows to offer this as a safer alternative to the all bred shows.

When last I reported we had approved event #40 for the Morris & Essex KC in October 2020 and that event has been postponed to 2021 (this is very unusual as Morris & Essex only happens once every 5 years). Eight additional applications have been processed with seven of the eight being approved.

Between the 8 that were processed and three that were in the pipeline 3 have been canceled, 1 denied, 3 have happened (all before the nationwide shutdown) 3 are approved and have not happened yet.

#48 Greyslake Cluster, Region 2, June 19, 2021 (Approved)
#47 Maryland Sporting, Region 7, March 8, 2021 (Approved)
#46 Plainfield KC, Region 7, May 30, 2021 (Approved)
#45 Plainfield KC, Region 7 M24, 2020 (Denied)
#44 Wine County, Region 1, Sept 26,2020 (Approved) Event Canceled
#43 Hutchinson KC, Region 5, Apr 4, 2020 (Approved) Event Canceled
#42 Central Florida KC, Region 6, Dec 12, 2020 (Approved) 41 Entries (3 Pts Dogs, 5Pts Bitches)
#41 Gig Harbor KC, Region 3, Jan 11, 2020 (Approved) 17 Entries (5 Pt Majors in Bitches and Dogs)

Regions 1,2,3,5,6 &7 have all repeated events from 2019, Region 5 also hosted the National in 2019

Specialty Results
Maryland Sporting, Region 7, Feb 29, 2020 – 64 Entries (excludes Sweepstakes) (12 Dogs 5 Pts, 14 Bitches 5 Points)
BYC June 2020 Canceled
The upgrade of Maryland Sporting resulted in Tollers having the second largest entry (64) to the Golden’s (65). There were exhibits from as far north as Ontario, west to Indiana, South to Florida Carolina, the intended reach was 6000 miles but this was clearly exceed. The size of the entry provided sufficient leverage for many of the “asks” that would improve the exhibitor experience. We were able to select our judge, had a Toller grooming area with ample space, optimal ring time/scheduling and permission for additional events like Fly Ball, & Barn Haunt and a group dinner. In addition, working with Cindy Richardson we invited many who had sent Breeder Referral inquiries to Cindy and had quite a few from the east coast attend (some from Long Island, NY).
The feedback was excellent with many looking forward to additional events, there were some minor areas of improvement and the team conducted a survey to gather feedback with a 50% response rate which is excellent on any survey.

Supported Entry Discussion Points
COVID 19 has limited events and learnings.

Ideas under development
Show in a Box – standalone small specialties to focus on regional events that can be done in a safe manner with no frills. This has been developed in conjunction with those who have run events over the past year or two and a proposal has been submitted to the board.

FIELD EVENTS
Respectfully submitted by Kathy Gibson

The last year’s field events were mostly cancelled due to the pandemic. Seven tests were cancelled that encompassed Regions 1, 2, 3 and 6. The following tests are still scheduled or have been rescheduled.

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In addition, one AKC upland hunt test is scheduled for September 12-13, 2020 in Region 2. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Field Chair for the past four years. It has been a great experience, providing me with the opportunity to work with many other toller owners in different regions of the country.

HEALTH & GENETICS  
Respectfully submitted by Karen Bauman

We continue to address questions from the membership, primarily about health concerns and gene testing, as they arise. Due to COVID-19, all other work has been temporary halted; we hope to resume all projects as soon as possible.

HISTORIAN  
Vacant

No report submitted

JUDGE’S EDUCATION  
Respectfully submitted by Deb Gibbs

During the last year we have participated in 1 Judges Education seminars in addition to the National Specialty in Colorado. We participated in the AKC Judges Education Seminars in Orland, Florida in December.

After membership canvassing and Board approval in 2019, the JEC worked in conjunction with the AKC process for their approval for tollers to be a Ramp Optional Breed. We were approved and in February of this year became officially a Ramp Optional Breed.

We had two additional seminars scheduled in 2020, but due to the current health crisis, they were both cancelled. We are in dialogue with the AKC regarding a judges breed webinar later this year.

JUDGE’S SELECTION  
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Parker

The annual notice was sent in April to be published in the Spring Quackers, asking for Nominations from the floor for the National Specialty Judge for 2022. On June 15th, on the Toller Announce list posted the link to the nominating site on-line and it went live. A list of all Judges who were not eligible were noted on the first page.

No Judge who has Judged the US or Canadian Toller National Specialty within the last 7 years is eligible. A list of this AKC approved or provisional Judges were listed there.
There were 38 Judges nominated. The club members nominated Judges from June 15- July 31st. Multiple notices reminding club members were sent out via the Announce List. 25 people nominated Judges.

The top 8 were then calculated (we had a 4 way tie) and put on the Club’s website. An announcement stating the voting was open was sent on August 1st and the site went live. Several reminders to vote were sent to the membership. The voting closed on August 31st with 41 people voting.

There was a clear winner and that Judge was contacted and agreed to judge.

In comparison, in 2018 we voted for the 2021 National Judge and there were 25 people made nominations and 32 for the final Judge.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
Respectfully submitted by Eric Johnson

No report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Maxe

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MERCHANDISING
Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bakalis

It has been a slow year for merchandise orders. Stocks are still good so no need to replenish. I have posted occasionally on the Club facebook page and on other Toller facebook groups. My plan is to do a bigger posting at the time our specialty would have been going on that may draw some interest.

NATIONAL TROPHY CHAIR
Respectfully submitted by Kim Simons

No report submitted.

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hollis

Facebook Stats as of 8/19/2020

Followers - 4,934
Likes - 4,744

I honestly did not have as much time to devote to posts in the last year as I would have liked. If anyone would be willing to join in as a co-owner on the page and make sure we post at least once a week that would be great. I welcome ideas for things to share on the page from the membership. We always get a number of private messages related to people wanting to know how to find a breeder and I point them to the breeder referral information on the club website.

Meet the Breeds
January 2020
The club participated in the two day Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in NYC in January 2020. Our dogs as always are a huge hit. This year the AKC created trading cards for each breed and kids loved collecting those. Pre-COVID there had been talk about the AKC wanting to offer two other Meet the Breeds events with Philadelphia being a possible location for one. However, I doubt for at least next year there will not be a Meet the Breeds event due to COVID-19.

Philadelphia Kennel Club Dog Show - Bench Show With Decorating Contest November 2019

The Philadelphia Kennel Club Show in November each year is the only remaining bench show on the east coast outside of Westminster and offers a great opportunity for the public visiting the show to meet the breeds. We decorate the benching area for the Tollers and provide the public with opportunities to meet and talk about our breed. While this show might still happen for 2020 I expect it will take a different format and no longer be benched or provide public education opportunities, but only time will tell.

**QUACKERS EDITOR**
*Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Marble*

No report submitted.

**RECORDS CHAIR**
*Respectfully submitted by Francine Kaplan, Records Chair and Linda Schultz, Assistant Records Chair*

The Record Chair for the reporting year:

- Maintained the National Database containing information on all Tollers registered in the United States from the inception of the Club to AKC recognition in 2003.
- Processed monthly reports of titles earned by Tollers from the AKC and examined the information to determine if its addition results in qualification for a club award or title, such as a NSDTRC Championship.
- Record all AKC titles earned by Tollers in the National database kept in Alpha V 2003 to present.
- Processed applications from club members for Versatility, Working and Alternate Pass NSDTRC Champions titles and awards.
- Issued Club certificates Versatility and From NSDTRC Champions, ROM/X.
- Processed annual reports and calculated annual awards for the club, Including
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Thank you for another fantastic year.
RESCUE REPORT
Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper

Overview: The NSDTRC (USA) Rescue Program is dedicated to finding new homes for purebred Trollers. The Regional Coordinators have the most critical role in the work of rescue. Our work would not be possible without the dedicated Regional Coordinators, the volunteers and donations. I would like to thank those who have volunteered to foster the dogs we received into our program.

Region 1 – Margaret Siniski and John Weishahn
Region 2 – Jane Billman
Region 3 – Linda Gallacher
Region 4 – Shelley Bakalis
Region 5 – Max Hamilton
Region 6 - Ann DiSilvestre
Region 7 – Janis Dilbert

The Process: Our procedures continue the same. Potential dogs are identified through various mechanisms. These include screening websites, through the club, AKC websites, club members, and from other rescue organizations. Still, most of the inquiries to Rescue are screened as “Not A Toller”. The new website information “Do you think you have a Toller in your Shelter?” has helped in the identification process. Once a potential Toller is identified the Regional Rescue Coordinator obtains additional information and arranges for a screening visit to determine if the dog is in fact a Toller. At the same time, the coordinators are arranging for a temporary foster home. The dogs are then evaluated in their foster homes and the process of reviewing applications, phone interviews, and arranging for home assessments is started. Once a new home is identified the coordinators make arrangements to deliver the dog to their new home. Efforts are made to place the dog in the region of origin but due to special needs of some dogs several have been placed in distant regions. This requires a significant amount of coordination and teamwork.

An on-line application process has been operational for 10 years and continues to work well. I have not received any paper application. We received 412 applications this year. Applications expire after 6 months. We currently have 197 active applications on file. Since the onset of COVID-19, the number of rescue applications and people reaching out as interested in a rescue has greatly increased (there were 255 last year). The following forms remain available on-line for completion and review to aide in the entire process:

Do you think you have a Toller in your Shelter?
Owner Surrender Form
Owner Surrender Guidelines
Shelter Visit Guidelines
Checklist for Home Visit
Dog Received into Rescue Form

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Dogs surrendered by owners – 4

A total of 5 tollers never formally came into our rescue organization, but assistance and training suggestions were provided to the current owner. One of the families was provided with assistance and counseling and decided to keep their toller. One rescue was placed with a family friend, one was placed with a neighbor, one toller was placed by TRI, and one went back to the breeder with assistance being provided to locate a new home. A total of 7 dogs were formally brought into rescue.

We continued efforts to work with TRI (Toller Rescue, Inc.) an organization made up of several of our members that works to help rescue toller crosses or dogs that cannot be confirmed as being pure bred. These efforts with TRI has been with manpower, communication and coordination. No finances have been shared between either organization. TRI assisted with a placement of a rescue from Region 6.

I continue to be very much in favor of obtaining a 401c3 status for the rescue arm of our club. I continue to have people contacting me that want to donate money to a non-profit dog organization. We have also come upon situations where we were not directly allowed to rescue a toller and had to find an alternative non-profit group to help us with this. This process takes a great amount of effort and time. I continue to hope this will be pursued by the Board of Directors.

This year the nature of the surrenders has changed. Tollers are being surrendered due to reported aggressive behavior, resource guarding and bites. Upon further research with the owners, the owners have placed their tollers in unfair situations that lead to these incidents. These owners did not express having a full understanding of the toller personality and expected them to be like “little Goldens”. I would ask all breeders to make an effort to ensure that they clearly outline to prospective owners what tollers are all
about and discuss their temperament. I am hoping with these efforts, toller pups will be placed in more appropriate homes.

As I am acting now as the club’s AKC delegate as well as the Region 6 director, I have continued to attempt to locate someone to take over the role of the National Rescue Coordinator but have been successful. I am willing to continue in this position until a new coordinator can be found.

**RESCUE MERCHANDISE**
*Respectfully submitted by Janis Dibert*

No report submitted.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
*Respectfully submitted by Laura White, Chair.*

**WEBSITE**
*Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre*

No report submitted.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Specialty Criteria & Guidelines for the NSDTRC-USA

**Submitted by:** Specialty Guideline's Committee, Chair, Francine W Kaplan, Members Sharon Kauzlarich, Diane Burlingame, Carolyn Kurth, William Burland, and Joy Annunziato.

**Proposal Description:** Adopt guidelines for proposals to hold a specialty which include the criteria to hold a NSDTRC (USA) specialty. *(Please see ATTACHMENT C)*

**Proposal Justification:** Following the Board's review of the Committee's report on criteria to hold a specialty, the Board at its May 30, 2020 meeting asked for the committee to review the concerns of Board Members that arose during the Board's discussion of the Committee's report and to prepare a Guidelines' document similar to the Supported Entry Guidelines in a format that can be directly approved and posted to the Membership

**Administration:** Will require the Board to review all proposals submitted by members, review comments, if any, from the Events Chairmen, and determine if the proposal meets the guidelines. The Board will then need to approve or deny the proposal.
Financial Implications: While Specialties have an inherent risk to the club, the proposal around criteria and process does not have any financial implication.

Specific Board Action Requested: Discuss and adopt the attached Guidelines for preparing a proposal for Specialty, publish it to the NSDTRC USA Website and indicate whether the Board wants the Committee to develop a form for the website based on these Guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: 2020 Backyard Classic Specialty
Submitted by: Elizabeth Boryczka

Proposal Description: The approved Specialty for 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. We would like to change the dates to the Grayslake Cluster, Grayslake, MN on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The Committee worked hard on the 2020 show and were disappointed in the cancellation but totally understood the circumstance.

Proposal Justification: This event was already justified and approved.

Administration: Prepare and submit the applications to the AKC.

Financial Implications: This event should be financially self-sustaining.

Board Action Requested: Approve the change in dates for the BYC Specialty.

Proposal #2: Adding Temperament Testing (TT) to List the of NSDTRC (USA) Approved AKC Titles.
Submitted By: Julie and Michael Rudisill, 621 Grandview Blvd, Lancaster, PA 17601, 610.310.8100 jbrudisill@aol.com

Proposal Description: This proposal is being submitted to the board for the purpose of adding Temperament Testing (TT) to the list of approved AKC titles for our breed. A couple months ago, another member (Jennifer Hollis), announced on social media that her boy was the first Toller to have earned the AKC Temperament Test title at a dog show. Having passed the TT a few years ago with my boy, I eagerly completed the AKC TT Title application, wrote a check, and mailed it to AKC. Not long after, I received an email from AKC stating that Tollers are not approved for this title. She said all that was needed was for the NSDTRC to approve the title; so I asked her to hold my application and check until I can ask the Club.

Why is this issue important to the Club? I submit that Temperament should be as important as genetic testing, athleticism and meeting the physical standard of the Toller, particularly for breeding purposes. As it is now, breeders rely solely upon word-of-mouth if they are unable to meet the dog/bitch in-person. Having an AKC Temperament Test title will confirm that a dog/bitch ... does not fear loud noises (especially the sound of a gun); does not fear unusual actions (opening umbrella); trusts his/her handler and walks confidently across strange terrain without hesitation, etc.
The motto of the American Temperament Test Society, Inc. is "A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY". Temperament Testing was created to provide a meaningful evaluation to assess the breed-specific temperament of our canine companions. When my dog was tested, 3 judges observed how dogs reacted to a variety of stimuli, and desirable traits, including that the dog was emotionally stable, inquisitive, cooperative, appropriately social for its breed, biddable and demonstrated the ability to recover from startling situations in a reasonable period of time.

Temperament, as described in the AKC breed standard, is used for each dog. During the TT, dogs must approach stations at which the dog is tested in the following six (6) categories; social, auditory, visual, tactile (touch), proprioceptive (motion), and an unexpected stimulus.

Undesirable traits are fear, shyness, lack of cooperation and an inability to recover from unfamiliar or unexpected situations. Examples of undesirable behaviors include being afraid of friendly strangers or unfamiliar stimuli, obsessive barking, and aggression.

**Administration:** This proposal does not require any on-going administration by the Club. All that is needed is a vote, and if that vote is "yes", then notification of approval to AKC would be required so that all of us who've passed the TT may then submit our applications and fees to AKC. A written request for eligibility needs to be sent from a club officer to the Director of Performance Events – Caroline Murphy, ckm@akc.org. According to AKC, an officer can be the club President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

**Financial Implication:** Finally, there are no financial implications for the Club, only the members who will submit applications and fees for the TT title.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Add Temperament Testing (TT) to the list of approved AKC titles for our breed. And, as described in the “Administration” section above, notify AKC of the club’s approval.

**Proposal #3:** Proposed Addition to NSDTRC (USA) Ringside Breed Mentor Program  
**Submitted By:** Deb Gibbs, JEC Chairperson

**Proposal Description:** The JEC is requesting that Under the category of Required Qualifications that the following requirement be added: The ABCs of Canine Anatomy Course offered by the AKC Canine College, and the successful completion of the Canine Anatomy Breeders Exam.

https://www.caninecollege.akc.org/collections/courses-for-breeders/products/abcs-of-canine-anatomy-course

**Proposal Justification:** We feel this is important for Mentors to fully understand anatomy and the AKC descriptions when in discussion with future AKC Breed Judges.
Administration: The Administration will consist of the BOD adding to the existing Mentor Requirements and the AKC Certificate will be submitted by applicants and kept as part of their Mentor Application package.

Financial Implications: There is no cost to either the Club or the Mentor Applicants.

Specific Board Action Requested: The JEC requests that the NSDTRC(USA) BOD approve the request to add “The ABCs of Canine Anatomy Course” offered by the AKC Canine College, and the successful completion of the “Canine Anatomy Breeders Exam” to the requirement to the existing Ringside Breed Mentor Program requirements.

Proposal #4: Permanent record maintenance of disciplinary action by board or board appointed committees.
Submitted by: Dan Kauzlarich

Proposal Description: To maintain a record of proceeding that involve disciplinary action by this club in a location that will be available for review when future actions are required by board or committees. The records would contain the person/s involved, the specifics of the case, the findings of board/committee, the verdict, and punishment if deemed necessary. The information would be maintained by the Secretary and remain confidential unless requested for reference in future cases.

Proposal Justification: The purpose of this proposal is to enable future disciplinary action to have a reference point to ensure similar cases are handled in a fair and equal manner with past cases. Presently there is limited knowledge available to new or old members tasked with these actions.

Administration: To be determined by board

Financial Implications: None

Specific Board actions: To mandate a confidential record maintenance of all board directed disciplinary actions.

Proposal #5: NSDTRC (USA) Heart of the Club Award Proposal
Submitted by: Danielle Winship, Region 3 Director. Email: hansend777@gmail.com

Proposal Description: This award serves to recognize members who go above and beyond to serve not only the breed but the club as a whole. These are the people who spend years dedicating their time, energy, and talents to help this club function. They are the members who are in leadership positions, helping to organize club events, mentoring new members, and dedicating their time to club related activity.

Name of Award: Heart of the Club
Purpose: Recognize and honor club members who go above and beyond to serve the club
Trophy Description: Winners will receive honorary lifetime membership to the NSDTRC(USA). In addition, they will be gifted with $250 toward a custom artwork commission of a Toller image of their preference. The nomination essay will be read at the banquet and posted in Quackers.
**Eligibility:** Nominees must have been a member in good standing with the club for at least 5 years. A member cannot nominate themselves. Nominations will be submitted to the yet to be determined Committee who will select the winner. The award may go to an individual or couple. Nominations are due by June 30th. A person can only win once. See the nomination form below. This award will be nomination based and given out at the yearly awards banquet.

**Proposal Justification:** Volunteers are the heart of any club. The club works hard to recognize talented dogs through its awards program but there are currently no awards to honor its hard working members. Creating a culture of appreciation and recognition are important for well-functioning clubs.

**Administration:** The Nominating Committee we already have in place will review nominations and decide on a winner each year. Our Club Awards Chair will oversee coordinating the trophy with the recipient. Awards Chair will also ensure the winning nominating essay is announced at the awards banquet and listed in Quackers.

**Financial Implications:** Given the nature of this award, I believe it is reasonable for the club to sponsor this annual award for $250.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Review the proposal for this award, providing suggestions and feedback. If the award is approved, the board will make a decision for a winner for this year only. The winner will be announced on October 1st, 2020. Winners for future years will be determined as outlined in the proposal.

**Heart of the Club Award Nomination**

Person Submitting Nomination:
Email:

Nominee name:
Has the nominee been a club member for at least 5 years? Yes No

Please write an essay about the nominee and why you feel they represent the “Heart of the Club” for the NSDTRC(USA). Please include aspects of the following in your essay:
- Club roles the nominee has been a part of such as committees, officers, or volunteers
- Events they have chaired and helped support
- Specific examples of the character of the nominee and the positive influence they create in the club
- Their dedication and support to the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever breed
Proposal #6: Review and Update Club Rescue Program Documents, Policies and Procedures
Submitted by: Wendy Shumway

Proposal Description: The Club needs to review and revise the Club Rescue documents, contracts, guidelines and policies related to the Club Rescue Program.

Proposal Justification: Recently the Club Rescue Program has accepted several dogs into the program that have had a previous bite history. It has been the policy of the Club to not take dogs with a documented bite history. Some of the contracts and documentation currently being used do not clearly convey this policy. Also, there are a couple versions of the documentation and the most current is not being used.

Administration: Create the ad hoc committee for this review.

Financial Implications: None at this time.

Specific Board Action Requested: For the Board to form an ad hoc committee to review and revise the Club Rescue Documents, guidelines and policies related to the Club Rescue Program.

Proposal #7: Financial Oversight
Submitted By: Carolyn Kurth

Proposal Description: In the best interests of the Club, any contractual obligation or agreement between the Club and another party that exceeds $5000.00 shall first be reviewed by an Office of the Club and subsequently executed by said Officer.

Proposal Justification: This is to ensure that financial obligations and terms and conditions are consistently in line with like obligations.

Administration: Committee Chair’s and Regional Directors will be responsible for making sure that all Event Chairs are aware of the procedure. The website applications for the various events will need to be updated along with the corresponding Guidelines/Manuals.

Financial Impact: None.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the proposal.

Proposal #8: Membership Dues Adjustment
Submitted By: Ann DiSilvestre

Proposal Description: The club Bylaws, under Article II, Section 4. Dues., allow for adjustments to the membership dues:

Section 4. Dues.
Membership dues shall be set by the Board within a limit approved by the membership. The Board may increase the dues, no more than once a year, for the financial operation of the Club, but at no time may the Board exceed the limit specified by the membership.

The current limits are:

Single membership may not exceed fifty dollars ($50).
Household membership may not exceed sixty dollars ($60).
Associate membership (Single) may not exceed fifty dollars ($50).
Associate membership (Household) may not exceed sixty dollars ($60).
Foreign membership may not exceed sixty dollars ($60).
Junior membership may not exceed twenty-five dollars ($25).

Below are the current membership dues, the proposed rate and the Max allowed rate.

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**Justification:** Membership dues have not increased and the cost for doing business continues to adjust upwards. The increased revenue would help offset the publishing of Quackers as well as the day to day operations of the Club.

**Administration:** The Membership Chair would need to update the invoices and the information would need to be updated on the website and the Membership application.

**Financial:** None.

**Specific Board Action Requested:** Approve an adjustment in the Membership dues.
Proposal #9: Show in a Box
Submitted By: William Burland, Events Chair and Francine Kaplan

Proposal Description: Create a “Show in the Box” to be deployed across the country for members to implement. Show is a Box is a turnkey, sizable, no-frills, pre-planned single breed show (no sweeps).

Background: Ever since the declaration of the covid-19 pandemic, there has been an unending parade of dog shows being canceled with each passing month. Limitations on the number of people that can gather at any one event is limited across the country. These limitations are set by the locale and can vary unpredictably. It is anticipated that covid-19 restrictions and concerns will continue for the foreseeable future. One theory indicates it will take 60 months for herd immunity to develop. A vaccine is anticipated to take 30 to 36 months to develop and deploy. Therefore, the projection is there will be limitations either imposed by authorities or self-imposed across the country for the next 3 to 5 years.

During those 3 to 5 years or until a vaccine is deployed, dog shows as we know them simply will not be able to be conducted. The All Breed shows that are attempting to open now must limit their entries in addition to complying with CDC and AKC COVID guidelines. That results in the shows begin akin to a lottery draw which means even if your entry is accepted, there is no guarantee that there will be a Toller entry large enough to result in points.

At this point, each show that remains on the AKC calendar provides hope that things will change. Most parent clubs have realized this is simply false hope. Many breeds have approached AKC, and AKC is working with them, to go back to their roots and hold small informal single breed shows that are lean and mean, low cost, not frills, single breed competition only shows. Think porta potty, rope, and stakes. The concept is spreading like wildfire. AKC has approved 7 such shows in June, 47 in July, 134 in August and 248 in September.

A sampling of members, including the Board Members, members who have chaired NSDTRC shows and members who are our major conformation exhibitors across the country were invited to a telephonic conference call on Thursday, June 18, 2020 to discuss the concept and see if there was any interest in bringing the concept to the NSDTRC Board.

After lively discussion, members from across the Country agreed they would like to prepare a proposal for a “Show in a Box” that could be deployed by members as soon as possible and in as many regions as possible. The concept would be a single format show that would serve as a bridge between now and when dog shows are permitted to restart in their former full glory. Because all decisions, including show format, ribbons, superintendent, and equipment is predetermined, members who might otherwise not know how or might be too intimidated to attempt to put on a Supported Entry or Designated Specialty, would hopefully put on the Show in a Box.

This back to basics idea is also most importantly a club growing mechanism. The hope would be that every region try at least one. A member who puts on a Show in a Box would only need to find the location. One thought was coupling the Show in a Box with field events, holding them in Wildlife
management areas, or other such outdoor, open air events.

**Proposal:** The board approve the Show in a Box concept as soon as possible and task the Events Chair to prepare a complete template for the Show in a Box.

The Show in the Box will all have the same template including a boiler plate Premium List that needs little alteration from one event to another (Date, Location, Show Committee & Judge as well as entry fee and any local restriction).

Everyone would use same superintendent: Caper Dog Shows (currently providing online superintending at $3.00/entry & $1.00 per catalog)

Caper Services:

- preparing and distributing premium lists
- receiving and processing entries (online)
- preparing and sending judging programs/entry confirmations
- generating all the paperwork for the event - catalogs, scribe sheets/judge's books, running orders, gate sheets, armbands, etc.

Each submission should provide a budget that reflects an entry fee that demonstrates breakeven results (so fundraising and raffles can be avoided...the goal is simplicity) other items that are cost drivers:

Site Fee (many are on private property so often fee is waived)
Port – A- John $55.00/Unit (but minimums or deliver fee may be required)
Any local permitting (most are small enough to avoid this particularly in rural areas)
Judge Cost (keep local and often expenses or free, at least initially) recommended budget $5.00/entry
AKC Fees $3.50
Ribbons (Keep simple as flat with no date so can be bulk ordered by club). Hodges Ribbons $.17/Flat and $3.10/rosette Application

Elements

Date:
Location:
Show Chair:
Treasurer:
Who will fill out AKC application?
Understand and address local health safety requirements:
  - Social Gathering Limit:
  - Special requirements (gloves, masks, food e.g. does it need to be prepackaged) who will order items?
Parking (how many cars can be accommodated): AKC
Site approval:
Blow Dryers permitted or not
Generators permitted or not Electric available or not
RV permitted or not (is there a fee?) are (Hook ups available?)
Vehicle limits (3 Ton or less would be a Chevy Suburban)
Ring (KISS rope & stakes)
Steward (may be a cost)
Hand washing station (describe and cost) Hand Sanitizer (Budget)
Masks (for those that do not have them)
Disinfectant for washroom
If required pre-packaged lunch (a VA requirement)
Entry Fee
Entry Limit

All these items put into a calculator (google spread sheet as an example) As

well as entry limit usually a combination of:

1. Gathering Limits (PA will be 250 when in the as an example) factor 1.3 people per entry.
2. Parking if I were to host at my farm we would have 40 parking spaces
3. Restroom requirements typically (1/20 people)

Using this set of requirements 40 is likely the limit if my property would be used, others would vary.

Assuming most fixed costs are spread over two shows (cheaper if 4) the following cost model results...

| Port a john | $55 | 1/20 people | $2.06 |
| Site | $0 | 0 |
| Permitting | $0 | 0 |
| Superintendent | $3 | Per entry | $3 |
| Judge | $5.00 | Per entry | $200.00 |
| AKC | $3.50 | Per entry | $140.00 |
| Cataloges | $1.00 | Per Catalog | $10.00 |
| Ribbons | $0.17 | Per Ribbon | $8.16 |
| Rosettes | $3.10 | | $15.50 |
| Hand washing station | $5.00 | | $2.50 |
| Hand Sanitizer | $5.00 | | $2.50 |
| Masks | $10.00 | | $5.00 |
| Disinfectant | $6.00 | | $3.00 |
| Lunch | $6.50 | | $6.50 |
| Total | | | $398.22 |
There is a very compelling cost basis for private property where no charges apply (and one could absorb site costs of $500 for $6.25/entry)...using a targeted entry fee of $25.00 ($15.00 profit) there is very ample room for error and the ability of the club to drive some revenue and/or subsidize events who are learning how to do this.

Keeping to a model with no sweeps (fewer judges), no trophies and very streamlined eliminates items that drive low margin as well as longer day to ensure success.

**Update to Proposal for approval of a Show in a Box 8/16/2020**

Since the original proposal, a Show in the Box packet has been developed that includes an Excel workbook with instructions, check list, and cost calculator to be utilized by members putting on a Show in a Box. This make the Show in a Box turnkey and uniform throughout the country.

The proposal is for an initial series of shows to be conducted, the experiences with them documented, and then the club to decide if a second beta wave should be conducted.

The only decision points for the person volunteering to chair the event are: who will be secretary; where will the event be held; who will be the judge; will they have two in one day; and will they hold puppy 4 to 6 month and/or Juniors. There will be no non-regular classes, no sweepstakes, no trophies, only flat ribbons, and everyone will use the same superintendent as indicated in the workbook and instructions. The superintendent will mail the proceeds directly to the club treasurer.

The following members have agreed to conduct a Show in the Box in accordance with the instructions and checklist provided by Mr. Burland.

10/31/2020 - In Region 1 Liz Meacham, chair, Jean Gilroy, Secretary, Frost Hills Farm, Clyde, NY.

1/30/2021 or 1/31/2021 - In Region 4 Kendyl Schultz, Chair, Shelby Westmoreland, Secretary, California or Nevada if California does not permit shows.

11/14/2020 or 11/14/2020 - In Region 5, Nancy DeVore, Chair, Laura Griffin, Secretary, Colorado.

11/28/2020 -In Region 6, Joy Annunziato, Chair, Alyson Casper, Secretary, Southern Florida.

10/25/2020 - In Region 7, Bill Burland, Chair, Francine Kaplan, Secretary, Travelda Farm,
Quakertown, PA.

Each Chair has confirmed they understand the intent is to create opportunities for our members to compete and is in keeping with AKC’s suggestion that Parent Clubs who can hold unlimited specialties utilize that ability to create opportunities for their members.

The Chair have confirmed they will all follow the Show in a Box principals of a simple event without Trophies, Special classes, and understand the emphasis is on class dogs so we do not loose a generation of dogs during Covid restrictions. Chair can offer 4-6 puppy and Juniors. All events will be compliant with local CoVID guidelines for gatherings. Generic Ribbons will be purchased by the national club and sent with the Excel workbook to the Show Chair. Every chair has confirmed they will work with the Events Chair who will help them to prepare AKC Applications, premium lists and other necessary coaching to have a successful event.

Administration: The club will have to build the Show in the Box template, build the spreadsheet, identify any one who needs coinsurance for the event insurance and approve each Show in a Box because this format is considered an independent specialty by AKC. It is suggested that because this is a single format show in a box, the Events Chair be permitted to administratively approve the Show in the Box applications in the same way the Field Chair approves Field events. Amended Administration: The club will have to continue to refine and build the Show in the Box template, identify any one who needs coinsurance for the event insurance and approve each Show in a Box because this format is considered an independent specialty by AKC.

Financial Implications: The club will have a $15.00 fee to AKC and otherwise, the Show in the Box should carry less risk than other shows the club has conducted to date. Amended Financial Implications: There should be no financial impact on the club. The $15.00 AKC application fee, the site, AKC, Judge, Ribbons, and the Superintendent fee should all be offset by a $25.00 entry fee. The $25.00 entry fee assumes up to $250.00 rental fee and 25 entries. Members are, however, encouraged to use outdoor sites that are free of charge, see original proposal.

We are asking the club to purchase standard ribbons up front that will be organized and pre- packaged to be sent to each event chair with the show in the box packet. Unused ribbons will be mailed back to the Events chair. The club may need to pay for port-a-johns for outdoor shows.

Specific Board Action: Hold a special meeting to approve the deployment of a Show is a Box which is a turnkey, sizable, no-frills pre-planned single breed show show only (no sweeps). Task the Events Chair to create the form for Show in a Box in consultation with the Board and grant the Events Chair the authority, in the same manner as the Field Chair for working tests, and the Events Chair for Supported Entries, to grant applications by Members to execute a Show in a Box.

ADJOURNMENT