



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**VIDEO CONFERENCE BOARD BUSINESS SESSION**  
Thursday April 29, 2021, 7:00pm EST  
**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 2021 Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes

**(Please see: Attachment A – February 2021 Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes)**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

On March 18, 2021, I requested that each Board member sign and date their acceptance of the following Club Policy:

“At the In Person Board of Directors Meeting of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) on Thursday, October 9, 2003, the Board of Directors approved that current and future appointees to Club positions sign letters of appointment which include the following:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, assign all rights to work products, files, and documents created and received while working in this position to the NSDTRC (USA).”

Thank you to those Board members that have returned their forms.

I am still waiting for several Board members to submit the signed forms. I am requesting receipt of the remaining policy forms no later than May 28, 2021.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

*Minutes Submitted in Attachment A*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** To change the domicile of the NSDTRC (USA) from the State of Alabama to the State of Delaware (reincorporation)

**Submitted by:** Francine Kaplan

*Please see Attachment F from the February 2021 Board Business Session*

**Proposal #2:** Amended Guidelines for the conduct of Board Business  
**Submitted by:** Francine Kaplan

*Please see Attachment D from the February 2021 Board Business Session*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Amending current NSDTRC(USA) Field Rules  
**Submitted by:** Joy Annunziato

*Please see Attachment B – Field Test of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)*

**Proposal Description:** A ad hoc Committee consisting of Kathy Gibson, Ray Corey and Eric Johnson was formed in 2018 to amend/revise the NDSTRC(USA) Field Rules. They have completed their work. There are two principle changes: The English slip lead would be allowed in the BRT/WC/WCI to take the dog to and from the line and a Controlled Break would no longer be allowed in the BRT/WC. There are some verb changes and well as clarification words. All changes have been highlighted. I am submitting the original rules along with the Amended rules in this proposal. The BOD has had input during these revisions and all input has been addressed and taken into consideration in the final document.

**Proposal Justification:** Amending the Field Rules would give clarification to Judges and handlers when setting up and running Field Tests. This will give a consistency in clarity for judges in interpreting our club rules. The safety of the dog is also taken into consideration.

**Administration:** Update the website with the amended/revise Field Rules.

**Financial Implication:** None

**Specific Board Action Required:** I request that the amended/revise Field Rules be approved.

**Proposal #2:** Purchase Laptop Computer Systems for use by the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Submitted by:** Terri Krause, President

**Proposal Description:** Organizations usually outfit key personnel with the appropriate tools to effectively do their position. The demands on the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club warrant using good technologically sound tools. Each of these volunteers should be equipped with a reliable working computer system capable of initiating and participating in video conference calls. The computer systems would be passed on to successors.

**Proposal Justification:** The burden of owning reliable tools should not be placed on these key volunteers. Additionally, the transfer of knowledge to successors will be seamless with the transfer of the complete computer system.

**Administration:** The computer systems would be purchased in the Club's name and maintained as Club property.

**Financial Implication:** Approximately \$2000 per computer system. This would include a laptop, tools necessary for video conferencing, software subscriptions, and a reliable printer.

**Specific Board Action Required:** Approve the purchase of laptop computer systems.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Proposal #1: Appoint Committee Chair**

**Proposal #2: Discuss Legal Issues**

**ADJOURNMENT**