



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
2017 In Person BOARD MEETING
Park Inn by Radisson, Kissimmee, FL
October 24, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:17am EST by President Kim Simons.

Roll call was taken. Voting Members present in the meeting room: President Kim Simons, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Region 1 Director Joy Annunziato, Region 3 Director Marcia Lyons, Region 6 Director Alyson Casper, Region 7 Director Jennifer Hollis. Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members present in the meeting room: AKC Delegate Marile Waterstraat.

Present via conference call: Vice President Terri Krause, Region 2 Director Dan Rode, Region 5 Director Tish Hancy.

Guest present via conference call: Francine Kaplan

Absent: Region 4 Director Lia Raitt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2017 Online Board Business Session Minutes

Motion: I move to approve the minutes of the June 2017 Online Board Business Session.

Motion made by Alyson Casper. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Officer's Reports, Regional Director's Reports, and Committee Reports

Actions taken:

Secretary's Report:

Ann DiSilvestre reported on the Region 1 Director election. 104 ballots were mailed out. The Inspectors of Election counted the returned ballots and the count was 48 votes for Joy Annunziato and 26 votes for Michael Acker. Joy Annunziato will begin her first term as the Region 1 Director on November 1, 2017.

Treasurer's Report:

Carolyn Kurth indicated that the Club financial information should be made available upon request.

Carolyn Kurth will consult with tax experts regarding our 501 (c) 7 status and then we will investigate setting up a “Donate Now” button on our Club website.

AKC Gazette Breed Columnist:

It was noted that Heather Green’s last column will be published in the January publication. Jennifer Hollis volunteered to take the position of the AKC Gazette Breed Columnist.

Membership:

It was noted that Region 2 has a larger Member count than the other Regions. This may need to be addressed through a change in the By-Laws.

Merchandising:

It was noted that Toller video orders have been waiting to be filled for quite some time.

National Trophy Chair:

Kim Simons, Trophy Chair, reiterated that she needs to step down from this position. A volunteer may be identified – TBD.

Record’s Chair Report:

It was noted to remind Members to provide their Flyball Titles.

Rescue Merchandise Report:

Alyson Casper will consult with Janis Dibert and see where we are with merchandise.

Website:

Constant Contact was suggested as an alternative to our mailing lists.

Motion: Motion to approve all of the Reports as written. Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Proposed changes to the Versatility Program

Motion: Motion to approve the changes to the Versatility Program.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

APPROVE [8]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN [1]: Dan Rode

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

**AGENDA ITEMS:
NEW BUSINESS**

Proposal #1: Hurricane Harvey Donation

Motion: I make a motion to approve the donation.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: Future of HOT Dog Award

Motion: I move to approve this motion as written.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: Approve funds for purchase of more keeper trophies for the Tenderfoot Award.

Motion: To amend Proposal #3 to include retiring the traveling trophy and to approve funds for purchasing more keeper trophies for the Tenderfoot Award.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion: To approve the amended Proposal as written.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #4: NSDTRC Cloud Based Storage

Motion: Appoint Tish Hancy as Chair of a Committee to investigate cloud based storage options and to report back to the BOD during the January/February 2018 BOD meeting.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #5: Region 5 to host the 2019 National Specialty.

Motion: Move to approve Region 5 to host the 2019 National Specialty in Loveland, CO on the following dates: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 through Monday, October 21, 2019.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #6: Grievance Policy (Bereavement Policy)

Motion: To accept the Policy as written.

Motion made by Alyson Casper. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #7: To review and make clarifications to the NSDTRC Field Test Rules and Regulations.

Motion: Motion to approve the creation of a Committee to review and make clarifications to the NSDTRC Field Test Rules and Regulations. The Committee shall consist of Kathy Gibson as Chair, and two additional members, with no more than one member from each Region. Each member will have the appropriate qualifications as outlined in the Proposal.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [8]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, T. Krause.

OPPOSE [1]: D. Rode

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #8: Approve in perpetuity the cost of electricity at the AKC Meet the Breeds in New York City and to approve the Chairs.

Motion: Motion to approve the Proposal as written.

Motion made by Marile Waterstraat. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #9: Establish rules for the National Specialty Facebook page.

Motion: Move to table this Proposal.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Marcia Lyons seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #10: Upload the Breed video onto the Club website.

Motion: Move to have the Webmaster investigate and upload the breed video if reasonable.

Motion made by Marcia Lyons. Jenn Hollis seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I motion to adjourn the October 24, 2017 Business Session.

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

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Proposal #1: Review and approve standing and ad hoc committees.
(Please see Executive Session Attachment A – UPDATED LIST)

Proposal #2: New mentor approval

Motion: Motion to approve Laurie Geyer as a Breed Mentor.

Motion made by: Marcia Lyons. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

OPPOSE []:

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I motion to adjourn the October 24, 2017 Executive Business Session.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Alyson Casper seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: J. Annunziato, J. Hollis, M. Lyons, A. Casper, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, T. Hancy, D. Rode, T. Krause.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTACHMENT A

UPDATED LIST

COMMITTEES & BOARD LIAISONS FOR CLUB YEAR 2017 - 2018

COMMITTEE	APPOINTED OFFICIAL	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	BOARD LIAISON
AKC Delegate	Marile Waterstraat (2015)		President
AKC Gazette Columnist	Heather Green		President
Breeder Directory	Cindy Richardson		Vice President
Field Events Chair	Kathy Gibson		President
Health & Genetics	Karen Bauman	Sherry Seibel DVM, Lee Ann Gleason, Katie Dugger, Judv Hrcir	President
Historian	Marile Waterstraat		President
Judges Education	Deb Gibbs	Marile Waterstraat, Terri Krause	President
Judges Selection Committee	Cynthia Parker		Vice President
Legislative Liaison	Eric Johnson		President
Membership Chair	Peggy Maxe		Secretary
Merchandise Chair	Lia Raitt		Treasurer
National Trophy Chair	Kim Simons		Secretary
Public Education & Communications Coordinator	Jenn Hollis		Vice President
Quackers Editor	Dorothy Marble	Barbara Keane	Secretary
Records/Statistician Chair	Francine Kaplan	Linda Schultz	Secretary
Rescue Coordinator	Alyson Casper	Reg 1: Vacant Reg 2: Jane Billman Reg 3: Linda Gallagher Reg 4: Shelley Bakalis Reg 5: Max Hamilton Reg 6: Ann DiSilvestre Reg 7: Vacant	Treasurer
Rescue Merchandise Chair	Janis Dibert	Ann Priddy	Treasurer
Show/Events Chair	Robyn Haskin		Vice President
Webmaster	Ann DiSilvestre		President
AD HOC COMMITTEES			
Scholarship	Ann Lindsley		Treasurer
Standards	Laura White	Marile Waterstraat, Danika Bannasch Sue Dorscheid	President
JEC/Mentor Review*	Dan Rode		Secretary
Specialty Show Sites*	Dan Rode		President
2017 National Specialty*	Joy Annunziato		Region 6 Director
2018 National Specialty*	Robyn Haskin		Vice President

*Committee to be disbanded at conclusion of responsibilities