

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING
Thursday, June 23, 2022
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 2022 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting

(Please see: Attachment A – April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None submitted

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None submitted

TREASURER'S REPORT

None submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rescue Task Force Committee Report

Submitted by: Janis Dibert, National Rescue Coordinator

I am enclosing my answers to the three questions that were posed to Rescue at the April 21, 2022 BOD meeting.

1) Who evaluates the dog? If the dog is in a shelter, the shelter workers will give us their view of the dog. If they see no aggression or biting issues the rescue coordinator in the region (or me) will ask a club member to go and meet the dog and give us their impression. If they feel the dog is a good fit for rescue either that person or a volunteer foster home will take the dog in. The dog is given time to acclimate to their new surroundings-only then can we get a good "read" of his/her temperament.

2) AKC registration papers-Rescue dog, when surrendered by their owners, will come in with their AKC registrations signed-not signed over to the club-These papers do NOT accompany the dog to their new home. If they wish to do AKC events the new owners can apply for a PAL registration. With that PAL registration they will be able to do all venues except conformation. Rescue is not in the business of re-selling conformation dogs at the rate of \$325.00. If a person wants a conformation dog they would have to go to a reputable breeder. Most "rescue homes" just want a nice pet so this issue of papers is not important to them.

3) On the subject of spaying/neutering -All dogs leaving rescue are either spayed or neutered-if a vet feels that the procedure would be a risk, then that dog would become a "long term" foster and stay in the club program. Rescue would work with the foster to provide whatever the dog

needs. If a dog/bitch cannot undergo a spay or neuter procedure-alternative sterilizations are available and will be utilized. The vet will determine whether he/she can be spayed or neutered or not or if alternative sterilizations are an option.

Any further questions? This rescue will not be a dumping ground for breeders! -if you put it on this earth it is your responsibility. Please read the Code of Ethics you signed -a copy is in every issue of Quackers.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None submitted

AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: The Board consider the amendment of Article IV, Section 3 of the NSDTRC By-laws: Regional Directors.

Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat, 224 Wilkinson Road Macedon, NY 14502, 315-986-4077
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Description: Form a committee to study the present regions. The committee will report to the membership. The By-laws, Article IV, Section 3, Regional Directors. is as follows:

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 3. Regional Directors.

- (a) One (1) Director from each region shall be elected to the Board by those members in good standing who reside in the Region.
- (b) Each Director shall oversee all Club sponsored activities within their region, which have been approved by the Board.
- (c) The geographic regions to be represented are as follows:

Region 1 Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire New York Rhode Island Vermont	Region 2 Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota Wisconsin	Region 3 Alaska Idaho Montana Oregon Washington Wyoming	Region 4 Arizona California Hawaii Nevada New Mexico Utah
Region 5 Colorado Iowa Kansas Missouri Nebraska Oklahoma Texas	Region 6 Alabama Arkansas Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee Puerto Rico	Region 7 Delaware District Of Columbia Kentucky Maryland New Jersey Ohio Pennsylvania Virginia West Virginia	

- (d) The regions must be comprised by about the same number of members. The Board will review the regions no more than every five years to make adjustments if necessary.

Justification: The By-laws were last amended September 1, 2008. The population and activity of Toller Club members has shifted over the last 14 years. It is possible there is a need for more regions, or to shift some states to other regions. The By-laws state that the regions of the Club should be reviewed no more than every 5 years, and it has been 14. The committee will report to the membership.

Administration: Each present director will survey their members by the regional lists, to determine who would be interested in and volunteer to serve on this committee. There would be 7 members. The committee will meet by zoom, set up by the Club Secretary. The chair will be chosen by the committee members. The committee must prepare a report for the membership by December 30, 2022. The Board will then undertake changing the By-laws per the report of the committee.

Financial Implication: None.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the formation of the Committee to review and make recommendations on the By-laws, Article IV, Section 3. Regional Directors.

Proposal #2: To determine a Board policy re: charges against Board members

Submitted by: Marile Waterstraat, 224 Wilkinson Road Macedon, NY 14502, 315-986-4077
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Description: To form a Board policy in the event of discipline charges being brought against a Board member.

Justification: There is concern among many members that the Board of Directors should not be policing themselves. The optics are that the present system is prejudiced. The formation of a policy will ensure that the BOD is not sitting in judgement on “one of its own”.

Administration: The By-laws allow for a committee to hold a hearing about the charges brought against a club member. (Article VII, Section 2) In the case of charges being brought against a Board member, a committee composed of past NSDTRC(USA) presidents, plus other club members if too few past presidents are available, plus no more than three BOD members, will hear and decide on the validity of the charges. Any members of this committee who are close friends, co-breed, co-own, or have dogs bred by the defendant must recuse themselves. The committee shall consist of no more than 6 members. The committee shall meet by zoom. The members shall decide on the chair who will report to the Board their findings in writing and report the same to the Secretary. The Secretary shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty.

All other items not covered by this policy shall be the same as in the By-laws.

Administration: The Secretary shall oversee this policy, except in the case of the Secretary being the one charged, when the President shall oversee it. This Policy shall be added to the Board Policy handbook..

Financial Implications: None.

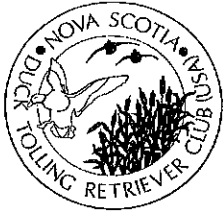
Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the Policy.

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Proposal #1: Review Club Mentor Application

ADJOURNMENT



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING**

April 21, 2022

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

In attendance by video: Terri Krause, Ann DiSilvestre, Carolyn Kurth, Dan Kauzlarich, Danielle Winship, Donna Murdoch, Wendy Shumway, Jean Gilroy, Francine Kaplan, Joy Annunziato and Alyson Casper.

Meeting was called to order by President Terri Krause at 7:07pm EST.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2022 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as written.

Motion made by Dan Kauzlarich. Wendy Shumway seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, D. Murdoch, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, D. Winship, J. Annunziato, J. Gilroy, F. Kaplan and A. Casper.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rescue Task Force Committee Report

Request clarification on these items:

1. Who evaluates the dogs
2. Legal property of the Club
3. Health exceptions to spay/neuter

The BOD further requests that the Committee submit new wording for any documents that require modification for BOD approval.

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Application for the National Specialty, 2025, Purina Farms Event Center

Motion: To approve the application for the 2025 National Specialty.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, D. Murdoch, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, D. Winship, J. Annunziato, J. Gilroy, F. Kaplan and A. Casper.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: NSDTRC (USA) National Specialty Work Requirement Mandates for Board of Directors (“BOD”) Travel Reimbursements

Motion: To table the proposal indefinitely.

Motion made by Dan Kauzlarich. Francine Kaplan seconded the motion.

APPROVE [7]: D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, D. Murdoch, J. Annunziato, J. Gilroy, F. Kaplan and A. Casper.

OPPOSE [3]: D. Winship, A. DiSilvestre and C. Kurth.

ABSTAIN []:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting of the NSDTRC (USA) at 8:31pm EST.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, D. Murdoch, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, D. Winship, J. Annunziato, J. Gilroy, F. Kaplan and A. Casper.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To enter into Executive Session at 8:32pm EST.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Wendy Shumway seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, D. Murdoch, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, D. Winship, J. Annunziato, J. Gilroy, F. Kaplan and A. Casper.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: Joy Annunziato recused from the Executive Session.

Proposal #1: Review Club Mentor Application

Motion: To approve the application for Joy Annunziato to become a Club Mentor.

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: Review Committee Chair

Motion not approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the Executive Session at 10:12pm EST.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Joy Annunziato seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: D. Kauzlarich, W. Shumway, D. Murdoch, A. DiSilvestre, C. Kurth, D. Winship, J. Annunziato, J. Gilroy, F. Kaplan and A. Casper.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

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