



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING**  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm EST by President Terri Krause.

Roll call was taken. Board Members present on the video/teleconference call:

Region 1 Director Annie Garwood, Region 2 Director Barb Rohr, Region 3 Director Jenny Malavasi, Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser, Region 6 Director Hillare Lafond, Region 7 Director Travis Massie, Vice President Melissa Savage, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, and President Terri Krause. Region 4 Director Debbie Gaddie was absent.

Members present on the video/teleconference call: Jeanine Oostveen, Sheri Cassens, Marile Waterstraat, Cindy Hanson, Mary Palkowski, Janis Dibert, Cindy Lindemer, Taylor Vanderloo, Jennifer Goldberg, Margaret Aldridge, Randy Eisensmith, Joy Annunziato, Eric Johnson, Paul Kartes, Mary de Lamerens, Dan Rode, Chris Patterson, Carolyn Ehle, Cindy Richardson Bet Fogg, Nikki LaPolt and Lauren LaPoint.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 1, 2022 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as written.

Motion made by Barb Rohr. Motion seconded by Carolyn Kurth.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Update of the NSDTRC-USA Policy on Discipline

**Motion:** To thank the Committee, former Members and current Member for their final edits and to table the specific Board action requested which is to review the policy for acceptance by the BOD until such time that the BOD can discuss in Executive Session.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Amanda Kaiser.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Form a new committee specifically to review Club Field Rules.

**Motion:** Approve the ad hoc Club Field Rules Committee with Kraig Katz as Chair and Committee Members Christine Robertson and Jennifer Goldberg.

Motion made by Barb Rohr. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

**Amend Motion:** To amend the motion to also include Emily Pegues as a Committee Member.

Motion made by Jenny Malavasi. Carolyn Kurth seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #2:** Amend the Field Rules to provide guidance to test committees in cases where a test does not complete.

**Motion:** Move to postpone indefinitely the specific Board action requested to amend the Field Rules as described in the Proposal Description.

Motion made by Amanda Kaiser. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #3:** Change to the test rules for expected large entries.

**Motion:** Move to postpone indefinitely the specific Board action requested to include rules at Section 2.i.v.

Motion made by Amanda Kaiser. Seconded by Jenny Malavasi.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #4:** Webinar Series for Club Members

**Motion:** To approve webinars to be organized/promoted for Club Members.

Motion made by Melissa Savage. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #5:** Add AKC Upland Hunt Titles to the Register of Merit (ROM) program.

**Motion:** To approve adding the AKC Upland Hunt Titles to the ROM program.

Motion made by Jenny Malavasi. Seconded by Hillare Lafond.

**Amend Motion:** To approve adding the AKC Upland Hunt Titles to the ROM program but change the point schedule to the following: JHU – 5 points, SHU – 10 points, and MHU – 15 points.

**Motion** made by Jenny Malavasi. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #6:** To allow NSDTR local specialty clubs to hold the BRT.

**Motion:** Move to approve NSDTR local specialty clubs to hold the Toller BRT.

Motion made by Annie Garwood. Amanda Kaiser seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 8 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 1 ]:** C. Kurth

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** I move to adjourn the February 16, 2023 regular Board meeting at 8:08pm EST.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Melissa Savage seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Motion:** To hold an Executive Session of the BOD.  
Motion made by Terri Krause. Amanda Kaiser seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #1:** 2023 Nominating Committee  
Motion to approve the following 2023 Nominating Committee:

Mary Palkowski, Chair	Patty Helmig	Nikki LaPolt, Alternate
Margaret Aldridge	Lauren Gilman	Judy Webb, Alternate
Cindy Richardson		

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn the Executive Session of the BOD at 10:22pm EST.  
Motion made by Terri Krause. Seconded by

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, A. Kaiser, H.Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and A. DiSilvestre.

**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