



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2023
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm EST by President Terri Krause.

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

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

Members present on the video/teleconference call: Marile Waterstratt, Cindy Hanson, Mary Palkowski, Cindy Lindemer, Dan Rode, Chris Patterson, Carolyn Ehle, Nikki LaPolt, Nancy DeVore, Rob Schell, Kathy Daspit, Deborah Rhodes and Alyson Casper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2023 Video/Teleconference BOD Meeting Minutes

Motion: I move to accept the minutes as written.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Barb Rohr seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

March 2023 Video/Teleconference BOD Meeting Minutes

Motion: I move to accept the minutes as written.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Amanda Kaiser seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Proposal to change the deadline for Submitting Supported Entries.

Motion: To approve the change in deadlines for submitting supported entries (SE) from 10 months for a new SE to 8 months for a new SE and from 8 months for a repeating SE to 6

months for a repeating SE.

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

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: To hold a Specialty hosted by Region 2 in 2024.

Motion: Move to approve the application to hold a Concurrent Specialty by Region 2 at the Land O Lakes Kennel Club show in January 2024.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Hillaré Lafond.

APPROVE [9]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [1]: J. Malavasi

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: To hold a Concurrent Specialty on December 13, 2023 in conjunction with the Brevard Kennel Club Show in Orlando, FL.

Motion: Move to approve the application to hold a Concurrent Specialty by Region 6 at the Brevard Kennel Club Show, FL, on December 13, 2023.

Motion made by Hillaré Lafond. Motion seconded by Ann DiSilvestre.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #4: Top 20 Invitational (Pilot program 2024 national).

The Proposal was rescinded by the submitter, Shelby Westmoreland.

Proposal #5: To adopt the following Social Media Policy as the governing policy for the NSDTRC (USA)'s social media activities.

Motion: Move to approve as written.

Motion made by: Melissa Savage. Motion Seconded by Hillaré Lafond.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #6: To create Social Media Co-Chairs positions as stand-alone NSDTRC (USA) positions separate from the Public Education Committee.

Motion: Move to approve Social Media Co-Chair positions with the outlined job duties.

Motion made by Amanda Kaiser. Motion Seconded by Travis Massie.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #7: Creation of a Standing Committee on Field Events.

Motion: Move to table the creation of a standing committee on Field events.

Motion made by: Jenny Malavasi. Motion Seconded by Debbie Gaddie.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #8: To retain an attorney to review and modify the Participation Release and Waiver Agreement that the NSDTRC (USA) requires Club volunteers at approved Meet the Breeds and other official Club events to sign.

Motion: Move to approve this proposal.

Motion made by Melissa Savage. Motion Seconded by Barb Rohr.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #9: To approve official NSDTRC (USA) participation in the AKC Meet the Breed tour stop in Chicago on August 26-27, 2023, along with Chair and budget for the event.

Motion: Move to approve this proposal as written.

Motion made by Melissa Savage. Motion Seconded by Travis Massie.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #10: To amend Bullet 3 in the NSDTRC (USA) Code of Ethics.

Motion: Move to approve Bullet 3 of the NSDTRC (USA) Code of Ethics to be amended to:

I will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct - both spoken and written - before, during and after all events and will encourage others to do so. I will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and will refrain from spoken and written public criticism and malicious degrading of people and their dogs.

Motion made by Hillar  Lafond. Motion Seconded by Jenny Malavasi.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #11: Addition of Question and Answer – Member Comment Period at all Board of Directors Meetings.

Motion: Move to not approve a Member comment period at all Board of Director meetings.

Motion made by: Jenny Malavasi. Motion Seconded by Barb Rohr.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, and A. DiSilvestre,

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I move to adjourn the April 20, 2023 Board meeting at 8:18pm EST.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Jenny Malavasi seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, J. Malavasi, D. Gaddie, A. Kaiser, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, T. Krause, 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