



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING
Thursday, December 14, 2023
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2023 In Person Board Meeting

(Please see: **Attachment A – October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Per the Bylaws of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA), ARTICLE III – MEETINGS, Section 3. Board Meetings, the following schedule of Board Meetings for the 2024 calendar year shall be held with proper notice via video/teleconferencing utilizing the Zoom software platform:

2024 Meetings Calendar – Wednesday's via Zoom

February 21

April 17

June 19

August 21

October 14, Monday, In Person

December 18

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None submitted

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None submitted

TREASURER'S REPORT

None submitted

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standardized Specialty Ribbon Committee, formed in 2019

Submitted by Committee Chair J. Annunziato

Purpose: To Create and build a Rosette Bank to offset the cost of rosettes for National Specialties

Committee member, Anne Lindsey, supplied the committee with the AKC requirements for

Rosettes for Obedience, Rally, and Conformation as of 2023 – **Attachment B**

History of Bank

We started building the bank with the 2022 National Specialty in PA with Obedience, Rally and Agility Placement, New Title and Q Rosettes. A shareable Google spreadsheet was created by the 2022 National Assistant Event Chair, Francine Kaplan to track the number of rosettes required for Obedience, Rally and Agility and to record the number of rosettes being passed on to the 2023 National Specialty.

There were 394 placement rosettes delivered to me as Chair of the 2023 National and I replaced the center streamer on each for \$0.80 each to create generic center streamers.

Side Tabs were then ordered to specify the venue, i.e. Obedience, Rally or Agility. Side Tabs cost \$0.18 so all rosettes could be passed on.

The Date, Place, and Year of the national was printed on labels and placed on the back of the Rosettes by the Ribbon Chair, Janis Neff when they picked up their ribbons.

This resulted in a significant savings to the Club of approximately \$1,800.00 in 2023.

National Specialty 2023 - all Rosettes were ordered for classes, Qs and New Titles based on conformation and performance Specialty classes. All unused 2023 Rosettes were inventoried and shipped to Shelby Westmoreland for the 2024 Specialty In Lodi, CA.

There are conformation rosettes in this Shipment that can be reused if the center streamers are replaced. Replacing the Center streamer of left over Conformation rosettes is a fraction of the cost of purchasing new ones.

Attached to this report is an inventory of the placement, Q and new title rosettes sent to Shelby Westmoreland, Chair of the 2024 Specialty. The costs savings to 2024 based on today's prices is approximately \$2,409.62 **Attachment C**

Cost (today) minus Hodges shipping, tax and set up fees:	\$2,764.80
Shipping fees from Joy Annunziato:	\$255.18
Cost of center streamer replacement for 2024	\$100.00
Savings for 2024 is approximately:	\$2,409.62

Summary: As demonstrated in this report, already the savings to the club of creating this ribbon bank is exponentially increasing year to year and creates significant savings to the club, even with having to mail them to the 2024 Chair. It is expected that by the time 2024 orders their rosettes the prices will have increased and the club will save even more.

Our committee has completed its task and hope this Rosette bank will continue to grow. I will be sharing the google docx with the 2024 National Specialty Chair. We thank you for the opportunity to serve.

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Redefine Handler Eligibility in NSDTRC (USA) Sweepstakes events.
Submitted by: Travis Massie, Barb Rohr, And Sweepstakes Handler committee.

Proposal Description: Replace the current policy “Professional Handlers are not eligible to compete in sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events” with “Professional Handlers are not eligible to compete in sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events unless they are an owner, co-owner and/or breeder of record of the dog(s) being handled.”

Proposal Justification: We have concluded our two-week questionnaire and after further review of the answers from the members, the option that had the majority vote was Option B (*Professional Handlers are not eligible to compete in Sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events unless they are an owner, co-owner and/or breeder of record of the dog(s) being handled.*) The runner-up behind Option B, was Option A (*There are no restrictions on who is eligible to handle a dog competing in Sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events.*) with, the overall members want change from what the current policy is (*Professional Handlers are not eligible to compete in Sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events.*).

Breaking down the data, Option B had 19 votes, Option A had 15 Votes, And Option F had 13 votes. Diving into Option B’s votes, we have two members that are invalid due to not being voting members (not in the roster) so that brings Option B to 17 votes. Now looking at errors in the votes, we had a member not cast their vote correctly and answered with (6,1,2,2,2,6) so if we throw that vote out it brings Option B to 16 votes.

On the Questionnaire, we asked the members “How much experience do you have competing in conformation?” after reviewing the 58 valid votes, 0-5 years (9), 5-10 years (12), 10-15 years (7), 15-20 years (8), 20-25 years (8), 25+ years (14). After reviewing, for the votes between 0-5 years’ experience, Option A had 4 votes, Option B had 2 votes, Option F had 1 Vote, and 2 others between Options C, D, and E. Moving forward to the most experienced of 25+ years, we had 14 selections among the members, Option A had 3 votes, Option B had 5 votes, Option F had 4 votes, and the last 2 had selections between Options C, D, and E.

Looking across all the Regions, from region 1 (9 Members), region 2 (18 Members), region 3 (3 Members), region 4 (1 Member), Region 5 (8 Members), region 6 (9 Members), and with region 7 (10 Members). Total 58 valid votes.

If our top 3 picks would have been Option B, Option F, and then Option A. I would say we need to dive deeper into reviewing. But with these results, clearly the overall membership of NSDTRC-USA would like to see change among the policy.

In conclusion, with the votes from the members, we are looking to proceed with terminating the current policy “**Professional Handlers are not eligible to compete in Sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events**” and replacing it with “**Professional Handlers are not eligible to compete in Sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events unless they are an owner, co-owner and/or breeder of record of the dog(s) being handled.**”

Administration: Update the National Specialty Manual, Specialty Guidelines, and Supported Entry information.

Financial Implications: Potential increase in numbers for Sweepstakes at NSDTRC (USA) events.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the updated policy as written.

Proposal #2: Region 4 Fund Raiser – 03/24/2024

Submitted by: Linda Tarby & Marjorie Cherry

Phone: (408) 655-2864 Linda Tarby

Email: tarbyjl@comcast.net

Proposal Description: Proposal for a fund-raising event for the 2024 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever National Specialty. The event will be an Obedience & Rally Show and Go held on Sunday, March 24th, 2024, in Placerville, California at the Competition Canine facility. The Show and Go would allow run-throughs (trial-like competition) for Rally and Obedience to give participants a chance to practice for upcoming trials.

The goal of the Show and Go is practice skills in a trial-like environment and not for competition. Therefore, the performance will not be scored and no ribbons will be given out. An experienced person will be assigned to each ring to run through the participants much as a judge would and give feedback as requested. The person serving as the “judge” will not need to be an AKC sanctioned judge since this is not an AKC sanctioned event.

The Competition Canine facility has been reserved for this event pending approval from the Club and ability to get insurance.

Location: Competition Canine, 7533-A Green Valley Rd, Placerville, CA 95667
(<https://compk9.net>)

Schedule:

Ring 1:

9-11: Rally Excellent [6 minutes/dog]: 20 dogs max

11:15 – 1:15: Rally Advanced [6 minutes/dog]: 20 dogs max

1:30 – 2:30: Rally Novice [6 minutes/dog]: 10 dogs max

Total dogs: 50

Ring 2:

9-11:30: Novice Obedience [10 minutes/dog]: 15 dogs max

11: 45 – 1:05: Beginning Novice [10 minutes/dog]: 8 dogs max
1:30 – 2:35: Rally Novice [6 minutes/dog]: 10 dogs max
Total dogs: 33

Ring 3:

9-11:30: Utility Obedience [10 minutes/dog]: 15 dogs max
12 – 2:30: Open Obedience [10 minutes/dog]: 15 dogs max
Total dogs: 30

Entries:

- Flyer and Liability forms available on Competition Canine website.
- Once filled out, Flyer and Liability forms along with entry fees (paid with checks or cash) will be sent to Event Chair.

Equipment/Items needed: (available at facility unless otherwise noted)

- Ring dividers on wheels
- Wooden obedience equipment in Annex building
- Tables
- Bathrooms (2)
- Extra set of obedience jumps for Rally – Linda or Marjorie to bring
(Note that this is a preliminary list and that additional items may be needed).

Volunteers Needed:

- 3 judges
- 6 stewards
- 2 people for check-in and miscellaneous tasks

Advertising:

- Through Competition Canine website events page (<https://compk9.net/events>)
- Through flyers distributed at training centers as well as obedience and rally competitions
- Through local obedience and rally email groups
- Region 4 email list.

Proposal Justification: The purpose of the Show & Go is to:

- 1) Raise funds for the 2024 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever National Specialty
- 2) Provide an opportunity for people in Sacramento and Placerville area to practice skills needed for obedience and rally competitions. While participants will not be limited by where they reside, this type of event is generally only of interest to people that reside within a 2-hour drive of the event.

No conflicting AKC Obedience or Rally trials are scheduled for this date (3/24/24) within 100 miles.

Administration: This is a one-time event and thus no on-going administration is required by the Club. This event is not expected to be of interest to people living outside a 2-hour driving distance (although all are welcome to participate). So, no Club advertisement is needed at the USA level. Event notification will be sent to Region 4 members via email.

Financial Implications: The owner of the Competition Canine facility (Ann McQuillen) has agreed to a fee of 30% of the proceeds from the event for use of the facility and its equipment. Other expenses are expected to be 1) printing of flyers for advertisement and 2) any expenses needed to cover collection of entries and fees. All workers (Judges, Stewards, and any supporting people) at the Show and Go will be volunteers. Each volunteer will be offered 1 free entry in appreciation for their help.

Entry Fees:

Pre-entry: \$15 per dog for 1st entry; \$12 for 2nd entry of same dog

Day-of-Match: \$18 per dog per entry

Max of 2 entries per dog

Free entry for volunteer workers

Expected Profit:

Max entries: 113

Assuming 10 entries for volunteers (free) + 40 first pre-entry + 40 second pre-entry + 10 day-of entries = \$1260

$\$1260 - 30\% \text{ for facility use - expenses } (\$100?) = \$782 \text{ (guess)}$

Cost to Club:

Club to cover required insurance for Show & Go event.

Specific Board Action Requested:

- Approve Region 4 Show and Go fundraiser event.
- Grant required insurance for Show & Go event.
- Request to use the Club Logo on Show and Go flyer and website event page at Competition Canine.
- Request process instructions from Club treasurer on handling financial aspects.

Proposal #3: Revise the Versatility Program

Submitted by: Rochelle Kurth

Special Thanks: I would like to thank everyone who helped me write and edit this program. The individual sport expertise that was offered was greatly appreciated and helped me balance this program appropriately.

Description: A rewrite of the versatility program to:

1. Get back to our original program structure by sport.

2. Re-balance the sports based on training requirements and sport type and focus the program largely on performance versatility.
3. Give members achievable steps between the Rusty Jones and the Eddy Versatility Awards.

See **Attachment D** for the program rewrite.

Justification: With new sports and new training theory, it is appropriate to also look at and reassess versatility programs. This program is split into two main categories: Companion and Performance.

These designations come largely from AKC and how they classify their sports, with the exception of tracking which has been placed in the performance category. The reason for both the names and the adjustments has to do with the category definitions:

Companion sports are human-led sports; where training, cues, and direction largely come from the human to the dog. **Performance** sports are the opposite; while still requiring a high level of training, the human is the minority role and dog behavior/instinct is the driving factor.

When these two are combined is when you see a well balanced, confident dog who is truly versatile.

The big change to this program from past programs is giving conformation a complete backseat. It is impressive when a dog can succeed in both the conformation ring and in sports, and points will still be awarded, but the evaluation of breeding stock does not make a dog versatile.

The other major change is levels, this program includes four: Versatility Certificate, Versatility Excellent, Versatility Master, and Versatility Champion. These are achievable steps leading up to the Eddy versatility, and hopefully encourage more people to put champion level performance titles on their dogs.

Specific questions I would like to point out that came up in feedback:

- Barn hunt does include a high level of training, especially to the higher levels. This is not a “gimmie sport”, nor is it a “show up and Q” sport. This requires hunting drive and the precision of scentwork.
- Fast Cat: The average Toller’s FCAT takes 45-46 runs. While it is hard to fail at fast cat, the higher level does take consistency which is why the FCAT has been placed at 3 points.
- Invitationals: Any invitational counts for categories 1 and 2. This requires such a high level of training past the champion title, and even higher to then succeed and qualify in this environment. These accomplishments should be awarded.

Administration: At a minimum, just swapping out the old program and the new program with the records chair. However, I would like to see the re-formation of the versatility committee that

existed in the 2000s. There are so many sports these days, and some of these applications may need to be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Financial: No differences from the current program.

Specific Board Action Requested: To accept the new program as written.

Proposal #4: Create the Volunteer Junior Coordinator Position and Approve the Position Description

Submitted by: Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary

Proposal Description: In an effort to attract, promote, encourage, engage and retain Junior club members, a new volunteer position is needed. Please see **Attachment E** – Junior Coordinator Position Description.

Proposal Justification: With a dedication to the Juniors in the club we may accomplish the following:

- Bring new exhibitors to the sport. In Conformation, Companion and Performance events.
- To build a Breeder Base. Without Breeders our sport cannot continue.
- To have a healthier membership base for clubs. Volunteers are needed for the future of our clubs.
- To deliver our message and reach new people. Young people can assist us in delivering positive communication about the sport and their involvement through social media allowing us to reach a broader audience.
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Administration: Advertise and then appoint a Junior Coordinator and assign a BOD liaison. Notify the AKC once the position is filled.

Financial Implications: TBD

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the creation of the Junior Coordinator and the position description.

Proposal #5: Create the Volunteer Breeder Education Coordinator Position and Approve the Position Description

Submitted by: Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary

Proposal Description: The AKC is encouraging all Clubs to develop a plan for breeder and breed education. To successfully develop a plan, it is necessary to establish the volunteer position of Breeder Education Coordinator. Please see **Attachment F** – Breeder Education Coordinator Position Description.

Proposal Justification: To assist with breed education and breeding education, resources should be available to our members. The information may take on various formats and we need a volunteer to take the lead in developing a plan for these resources.

Administration: Advertise and then appoint a Breeder Education Coordinator and assign a BOD liaison. Notify the AKC once the position is filled.

Financial Implications: TBD

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve the creation of the Breeder Education Coordinator and the position description.

Proposal #6: To Make Morris And Essex 2025 a Designated NSDTRC (USA) Specialty
Submitted by: Rochelle Kurth

Proposal Description: NSDTRs have been invited to be a specialty at the 2025 Morris and Essex dog show. This show is held once every 5 years and is held as a traditional 1920s dog show. While this does fall under the NSDTRC-NE mileage range for hosting specialties and they are happy to host it, I strongly feel the NSDTRC-USA should host this.

The date is October 1, 2025 in Colonial Park, NJ

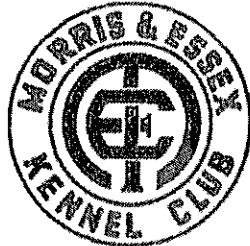
Proposal Justification: The Morris and Essex dog show is a historical show and one of the largest in the country - if not the largest - every year that it is held. In the years that it has been held, this show has not had fewer than 2000 entries since 1933. The last two shows were around 4000 entries.

Past Numbers for NSDTRs:

Year	Entry	Majors
2021 (2020 Canceled due to Covid)	28: 1-7-12-8	Yes, 5 points Bitches *Supported entry*
2015	33: 8-8-11-6	Yes, 5 points Dogs and Bitches *Supported entry*
2010	9: 3-0-1-5	No majors
2005	5: 0-4-1-0	Yes, 3 Points in Bitches

This show is held traditionally, so there are no sports in conjunction and we will not be able to have hunting/working as these classes did not exist in 1920. We might be able to have veterans and awards of merit. However, the numbers do fit per our specialty policy.

Offer Letter:



TO:

This will confirm your commitment to consider the entry of _____ at the Morris & Essex Dog Show as a designated Specialty to be held on October 1, 2025 at Colonial Park, Franklin Township, New Jersey.

For each club considering classes at this show as a Specialty Morris & Essex offers the following:

1. \$2.00 per dog. _____
2. Rosettes for first place in all regular and non-regular classes. Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Best of Winners, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.
3. A medallion specially designed for this show with the Morris & Essex logo to be given to all breed winners.
4. Separate grooming tent adjacent to the rings for exhibitors, if available.
5. One free advertising page in the catalog.
6. Sweepstakes classes with proportionate division of revenue. Breed clubs may select their own sweepstakes judges.
7. Rosettes for Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes.
9. Clubs may contribute their own trophies which will be listed in the catalog.

Specialty-holding clubs must have prior approval from AKC for all classes including sweepstakes, Veterans, etc. before they can be listed with us. Clubs must apply to the AKC to hold a sweepstakes in conjunction with Morris & Essex Kennel Club. Deadline for submission to AKC is five (5) months prior to the closing date of the show. However, in order to be included in the premium list and catalog, you must submit a copy of your application to the chairman listed in this correspondence NO LATER THAN February 1, 2025.

Even if you are not planning to hold a sweepstakes, please send your list of club officers and your trophy donor information to the chairman listed below no later than February 1, 2025. Clubs may provide their own trophies. In order to be listed in the catalog the names of donors and the items offered must be sent to the show chairman and to the trophy chairman NO LATER THAN February 1, 2025. If you can estimate the number of trophy tables you might need, please let the trophy chairman know.

Administration: None.

Financial Implications: Fundraising for trophies and rosettes for allowed non-regulars and AOMs.

Specific Board Action Requested: To accept the proposal as written. If accepted, a formal application will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ANNUAL IN PERSON BOD MEETING
Monday, October 16, 2023
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:38am EDT by President Terri Krause. Roll call was taken. Board Members present Vice President Melissa Savage, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser, Region 6 Director Hillaré Parfait. Attending via Zoom, Region 1 Director Annie Garwood, Region 2 Director Barb Rohr, Region 3 Director Cindy Richardson, and Region 7 Director Travis Massie.

POINT OF ORDER:

To move Proposal #7 to Executive Session.
Chair Krause agreed with the order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 2023 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as written

Motion made by Terri Krause. Seconded by Hillaré Parfait.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Reports were reviewed and accepted.

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Recognizing AKC Field Trial success.

Motion: To discuss the proposal.

Motion made by Amanda Kaiser. Motion seconded by Hillaré Parfait.

Motion: To approve the Proposal as written.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: Double Specialties at New England Sporting Group Association in 2024

Motion: To approve the double specialties at New England Sporting Group Association in 2024 utilizing Option 1 where the NSDTRC (USA) and the NSDTRC-NE each sponsor a Specialty with Sweepstakes.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Barb Rohr.

APPROVE [9]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [1]: C. Kurth

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: Require the Hunting and Working Retriever Non-Regular Classes at all Club specialties.

Motion: To approve the requirement of Hunting and Working Retriever Non-Regular Classes at all Parent Club and Regional Specialty Club Specialties.

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

RECESS

President Krause called a recess at 6:51pm EDT until Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:00pm EDT.

MEETING OF THE BOD RESUMES ON 10/18/23

The meeting was called to order at 6:23pm EDT.

Proposal #3: Require the Hunting and Working Retriever Non-Regular Classes at all Club specialties.

AMEND MOTION: Where the Host Club permits Non-Regular classes, all Parent Club and Regional Specialty Club Specialties shall offer the Non-Regular classes for Hunting and Working Retriever dogs.

Motion amended by Ann DiSilvestre. Carolyn Kurth seconded the amended motion.

APPROVE [9]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [1]: A. Kaiser

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #4: Updates and Changes to the NSDTRC (USA) VC and VCX Program.

Motion: To table the proposal and to send it back to the authors with revisions.

Motion made by Hillaré Parfait. Motion seconded by Travis Massie.

Motion Rescinded by Hillaré Parfait.

Motion: To approve the proposal as written.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Seconded by Carolyn Kurth.

APPROVE [0]:

OPPOSE [8]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth and T. Krause.

ABSTAIN [2]: H. Parfait and A. DiSilvestre.

Motion not approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #5: Long Term Storage Solution Implementation

Motion: To lay the proposal on the table until next year when a decision is made on combining current databases and utilizing the website as the platform.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Motion seconded by Annie Garwood.

Motion amended: To table the proposal to allow volunteer Louis Garwood time to convert and merge both the membership and records databases.

Motion amended by Carolyn Kurth. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #6: Field Seminar and Training Policy

Motion: To approve the proposal as written.

Motion made by Hillare Parfait. Seconded by Barb Rohr.

Motion amended: To table pending revisions from the author for submission at the December BOD meeting.

Motion amended by Hillare Parfait. Seconded by Barb Rohr.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #7: Conflict of Interest Policy

MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Proposal #8: Guidelines for Field Judges Reimbursement

Motion: To approve the guidelines for Field Judges Reimbursement.

Motion made by Amanda Kaiser. Seconded by Carolyn Kurth.

Motion amended: To send back to the author for revisions to be voted on at the December BOD meeting.

Carolyn Kurth made the amended motion. Terri Krause seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

RECESS

Motion: I move to recess the October 2023 Board meeting at 8:53pm EDT.

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

APPROVE [10]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

MEETING OF THE BOD RESUMED ON 11/8/23 VIA ZOOM VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm EDT by President Terri Krause.

Roll call was taken. Board Members present: Region 1 Director Annie Garwood, Region 2 Director Barb Rohr, Region 3 Director Cindy Richardson, Region 4 Director Pat Romeiro, Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser, Region 6 Director Hillaré Parfait, Region 7 Director Travis Massie, Vice President Melissa Savage, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, President Terri Krause.

NEW BUISNESS

SUBMITTED FROM THE FLOOR VIA VP MELISSA SAVAGE

Proposal: To approve official NSDTRC (USA) participation in the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in New York City on January 27 and 28, 2024

Submitted By: Margaret Aldridge and Mary Palkowski, Public Education Committee (PEC) Co-chairs.

Proposal Description: The AKC Meet the Breeds tour is headed back to NY, and the PEC is proposing that the NSDTRC-USA be represented at the event.

Club Member and Board Member Annie Garwood has been submitted as onsite booth coordinator on AKC application. We hope for an assistant coordinator and are working on recruiting other toller owners to bring dogs.

For each of the Meet the Breeds events, AKC has developed standard booths for AKC breeds. No decorations are needed. It will be the NSDTRC (USA)'s responsibility to have dogs at the booth to meet visitors, and to provide any handout materials. The PEC will work with Annie on both these responsibilities.

All volunteers at the booth will be required to sign the NSDTRC's approved waiver.

The Meet the Breeds events will comply with all local and federal health and safety requirements in effect at the time of the event. Our booths at both Chicago and Columbus in 2023 were highly successful.

Proposal Justification: In previous years, AKC has organized Meet the Breeds tour events in several cities throughout the country. During COVID, the NSDTRC (USA) Board of Directors declined to officially participate in these events. The PEC believes it is important for our breed to be represented at these events going forward. They are an opportunity to fulfill our obligations as an AKC parent club to educate the public about our versatile breed and responsible dog ownership. Other parent clubs have raved about the success of these events and how positive they have been and our participation in both the Chicago and Columbus events was very successful, with our booth being one of the most popular at those two events. NY will be the first Meet the Breeds event of 2024. Just for the BOD's information, we have not yet heard about AKC's plans for additional Meet the Breeds events in 2024.

AKC may begin listing participating parent clubs online and in print informational materials prior to the deadline, so the PEC would like to register as soon as the BOD has approved the event, and the Club insurance company has been notified.

Financial Implications: As they did in both Chicago and Columbus, the AKC has announced that a \$300 per day "stipend" will be available for parent clubs that have at least four dogs at their booth, and \$500 for those that have five or more dogs. We earned the full \$1,000 stipend from AKC for Chicago, and \$300 for Columbus, which was a one-day event.

In addition to the stipend or reimbursement, AKC has announced it will provide free admittance and lunch vouchers for up to five volunteers each day.

The PEC would like to ensure our volunteers feel valued for the time they give to work at the booth. Most live a distance from the Javits Center venue for the event, so we are planning to utilize the stipend toward reimbursement to our volunteers for mileage to the event and parking.

In addition, we would like to provide up to five volunteers each day with a custom grooming apron (also done in Chicago and Columbus) that helps visitors identify them as a booth volunteer and serves as a memento of their Meet the Breeds experience. We propose that the NSDTRC (USA) cover the expense of one apron for each of five volunteers at Meet the Breeds NY. We would allocate a total of no more than 10 aprons.

We propose that the AKC stipend (either \$600 or \$1,000, depending on the number of dogs we have in attendance) would also be used to cover one handout to be used at the booth and business cards that include the NSDTRC (USA) website and PEC email address. The Chicago and Columbus events were completed within this budget, and we believe that the NY event will be successful with the same budget parameters.

Specific Board Action Requested: Approve this proposal to officially participate in the AKC's Meet the Breed event in New York on January 27-28, 2024, appoint Annie Garwood as on-site coordinator of the NSDTRC (USA) booth and approve NSDTRC (USA) expenditures of up to \$300 in addition to the AKC stipend.

Motion: To approve NSDTRC (USA) participation in the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in New York City on January 27 and 28, 2024
Motion made by Melissa Savage. Annie Garwood seconded the motion.

Melissa Savage rescinded the motion.

Motion: To approve NSDTRC (USA) participation in the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in New York City on January 27 and 28, 2024, utilizing the provisionally approved Waiver (used for Chicago and Columbus MTB events), and reimbursements not to exceed the AKC stipend.
Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Pat Romeiro seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I move to adjourn the October 2023 Board meeting at 8:25pm EST.
Motion made by Terri Krause. Amanda Kaiser seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. Parfait, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

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

AGILITY

OBEDIENCE

RALLY

Placement/face

Placement/face

Placement/face

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) LOGO
National Specialty
1-4 placement
AGILITY TRIAL - Tab(green)

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) LOGO
National Specialty
1-4 placement
OBEDIENCE TRIAL - Tab

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) LOGO
National Specialty
1-4 placement
RALLY TRIAL - Tab

STICKER ON BACK

10/18/2023
OCALA, FL
Done by Trial Secretary

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Qualifying/face

Qualifying/face

Qualifying/face

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) LOGO
National Specialty
Qualifying Score
AGILITY TRIAL - Tab

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) LOGO
National Specialty
Qualifying Score
OBEDIENCE TRIAL - Tab

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) LOGO
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CONFORMATION BESTS

AKC, NSDTRC(USA) & LOGO, National Specialty, date, Ocala, FL, Name of Prize

PLACEMENTS - reg/non-reg

AKC, NSDTRC(USA) & LOGO, National Specialty, 1-4 placement
Date and location of show not required on rosette.

NEW TITLE ROSETTE

Green/Camo ?

AKC
NSDTRC(USA) & LOGO
National Specialty
New Title

BULK ORDER:

Placements
Qualifying
New Title

Tabs:

Agility Trial - Obedience Trial - Rally Trial

Hodges Placement Ribbons 1st - 4th @ Todays cost**#1 Box \$3.15 (\$689.85)****Blue 101****White 118****#2 Box \$3.15 (\$645.75)****Red 85****Yellow 108****Non-Regular Team Obedience****Brown 4****Lt Green 4****Grey 4****#3 Box****Qualifying Rosettes 104 \$2.95 (\$306.80)****MACH (replace center streamer) \$55.0****PACH (replace center streamer) \$55.00****HIT Combined (replace center streamer) \$44.00****Best Hunting Retriever (replace center streamer) \$24.00****BOS Hunting Retriever Swp (replace center streamer) \$24.00****Hodges Conformation Placements****#4 Box****CONFORMATION (replace center streamer) \$5.15 (\$525.30)****Blue 14****Red 17****Yellow 20****White 23****Sweepstakes****Pink 1****Brown 2****Lt Green 3**

Grey 4

Junior Showmanship

Pink 4

Brown 4

Lt Green 3

Grey 7

#5 Box \$3.10 (\$294.50)

New Title Rosettes 95

#6 Box \$0.20 (\$100.00)

Side Tabs For:

Agility 200

Obedience 125

Rally 125

NSDTRC (USA) Versatility program

This program is open to all members of the NSDTRC (USA) and contains 4 levels: Versatility Certificate, Versatility Excellent, Versatility Master, and Versatility Champion.

The goal of this program is to encourage NSDTR owners to continue competing in multiple sports past the Rusty Jones and bridging the gap up to the Eddy Versatility program. To find out more about the Rusty Jones or the Eddy Versatility, please go to: <https://www.nsdtrc-usa.org/about/awards/>

This program is split into the following 4 categories:

- Companion Sports: Obedience, Rally, and Agility
- Performance Sports: Field (Retriever, Spaniel, & Club Test), Scent Work, Tracking, and Barn Hunt.
- Conformation: This is an optional category for conformation titles.
- Other: This is an optional category for AKC's Family dog program, titles that are single pass, titles that are accepted by AKC to be added to a pedigree, and titles from organizations that are not accepted but the submitter feels they should be considered.

*Companion/Performance designation per AKC with a few adjustments.

Versatility Certificate (VC) - 6 Points	Versatility Certificate Excellent (VCX) - 12 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must have 2 Points from category 1 ● Must have 2 Points from category 2 ● Remaining points from any category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must have 4 Points from category 1 ● Must have 4 Points from category 2 ● Remaining Points from any category
Versatility Certificate Master (VCM) - 18 points	Versatility Certificate Champion (VCCH) - 24 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must have 6 Points from category 1 ● Must have 6 Points from category 2 ● Remaining points from any category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must have 8 Points from category 1 ● Must have 8 Points from category 2 ● Remaining points from any category ● Must have one of the following Champion level titles: OTCH, RACH, PACH/MACH, MH, CT, SWD or RATCH from either Categories 1 or 2.

Category 1: Companion Sports	
Obedience	Rally
1 - Beginner Novice (BN) 2 - Novice (CD) 2.5 - Graduate Novice (GN) 3 - Open (CDX) 3.5 - Graduate Open (GO) 4 - Utility (UD) 4.5 - Versatility (VER) 5 - Utility Excellent (UDX) 6 - Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) 6.5 - Obedience National Invitation 7 - Obedience National Qualification	1 - Novice (RN) 1.5 - Intermediate (RI) 2 - Advanced (RA) 3- Excellent (RE) 4 - Master (RM) 5 - Advanced Excellent (RAE) 6 - Rally Obedience Champion (RACH) 6.5 - Rally National Invitation (RACH) 7 - Rally National Qualification (RACH) *Add .05 points to any title below RACH that earns a national invitation, and 1 point to any title that passes that level at rally national. **Rally invitations are earned by level
Agility	
0.5 - ACT 1 - Novice (JWW, Standard, or FAST) 2 - Open (JWW, Standard, or FAST) 3 - Excellent (JWW, Standard, or FAST) 4 - Masters (JWW, Standard, or FAST) 5 - Premier (JWW, Standard) 6 - Master Agility Trial Champion (MACH) 6.5 - Agility Grand Champion (AGCH), Agility Invitational Qualification 7 - Agility Invitational Pass *Regular or preferred. **Any invitational	

Category 2: Performance Events	
Retriever Tests	Tracking
0.5- BRT 1 - Working Certificate (WC), Junior Upland (JHU) 2 - Junior (JH), Senior Upland SHU 2.5 - Working Certificate Intermediate 3 - Senior (SH) 4 - Working Certificate Excellent 5 - Master Upland (MHU) 6 - Master (MH) 6.5 - Master National Qualification* 7 - Master National Pass* *Or Ametuer Master National	1 - Tracking Dog 2 - Tracking Dog Urban 3 - Tracking Dog Excellent 4 - Variable Surface Tracking 6 - Champion Tracker
Barn Hunt	Scent work
0.5 - Barn Hunt Instinct (RATI) 1 - Barn Hunt Novice (RATN) 1.5 - Barn Hunt Novice Excellent (RATNX) 2 - Barn Hunt Open (RATO) 2.5 - Barn Hunt Open Excellent (RATOX) 3 - Barn Hunt Senior (RATS), Crazy 8 (any), Line Drive (any) 3.5 - Barn Hunt Senior Excellent (RATSX) 4 - Barn Hunt Master (RATM) 4.5 - Barn Hunt Master Excellent (RATMX) 5 - Barn Hunt Champion (RATCH) 5.5 - Barn Hunt Champion Master (RATCHX) 6 - Barn Hunt Elite Master Champion (REMX) *Excellent titles require 10 additional passes at that level	1 - Novice title (SIN, SEN, SBN, SCN, SHDN) 1.5 - Level title Novice (SWN) 2 - Advanced (SIA, SEA, SBA, SCN, SHDA), Novice Elite (SINE, SENE, SBNE, SCNE, SHDNE) 2.5 - Level title Advanced (SWA), Level title Novice Elite (SWNE) 3 - Excellent (SIE, SEE, SBE, SCE, SHDE), Advanced Elite (SIAE, SEAE, SBAE, SCAE, SHDAE) 3.5 - Level title Excellent (SWE), Level title Advanced Elite (SWAE) 4 - Master (SIM, SEM, SBM, SCM, SHDM), Excellent Elite (SIEE, SEEE, SBEE, SCEE, SHDEE) 4.5 - Level Title Master (SWM), Level Title Excellent Elite (SWEE) 5 - Master Elite (SIEE, SEEE, SBEE, SCEE, SHDEE) 5.5 - Level Title Master Elite 6 - Detective Title (SWD) *Elite titles require 10 additional passes at that level

Category 3: Conformation (optional)
1 - Champion 2 - Grand Champion 2.5 - Grand Champion Bronze 3 - Grand Champion Silver 3.5 - Grand Champion Gold 4 - Grand Champion Platinum
Category 4: Other (optional)
0.5 - CGC, Temperament Test (ATT), Fetch Test (any level), Virtual Home Manners (VHM) 1 - CGCA, CGCU, Farm Dog, Trick Novice (TKN), Dock (DN, DJ, DS, DE), AKC Fit Dog, Disc Dog Bronze (Any Game), Coursing Ability (CA), BCAT 1.5 - Trick Intermediate (TKI), Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) 2 - Dock Advanced (DNA, DJA, DSA, DEA), Flyball Champion (FDCH), Trick Advanced (TKA), Disc Dog Silver (Any Game), Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX), DCAT 2.5 - Trick Performer (TKP), Disc Dog Gold (Any Game) 3 - Dock Excellent (DNX, DJX, DSX, DEX), Flyball Master (FM), Trick Performer Elite, Search and Rescue (Any), Disc Dog Platinum (Any Game), FCAT 4 - Flyball ONYX 5 - Flyball Grand Champion (FGDCH)
<p>*Dock lists Distance Jump Titles, but Hydrodash and Air Retrieve also count in the above categories.</p>

Additional Information:

- This is not a cumulative program. Only the highest title in a sport category will be awarded.
- The titles in the category are AKC titles (or AKC accepted titles). However, equivalent titles in other organizations are accepted.
- Virtual Titles also accepted if available for a title. People and dogs who cannot physically go to a trial due to illness, disability, or other reason are still encouraged to work with their dogs towards these titles.
- All applicants must be members of the NSDTC-USA, and all dogs must have an AKC registration number.
- Certificates can be awarded retroactively and/or posthumously with proper documentation.
- Versatility is a self-reporting title and any Toller owner who feels that his/her dog has achieved a Versatility title must submit proper documentation and a completed Versatility Program.

Versatility Application

Dog's Registered Name _____

AKC Registration No. _____

Call Name _____ Sex _____ Birth date _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Breeder _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Application for:

_____ Versatility Certificate

_____ Versatility Excellent

_____ Versatility Master

_____ Versatility Champion

Please indicate the highest title achievement earned in each category and area below, and attach appropriate documentation. The Versatility Committee will review the achievements as outlined in the Program Rules and notify you and the NSDTRC Records of your award.

Category 1:

Category 2:

Category 3 & 4:

Other accomplishment/title:

*Please include what points this accomplishment is worth and why.

**If the applicant feels the accomplishment should replace a Category 1 or 2 requirement, please tell the committee why. All substitutions are evaluated on a case by case basis.

By Signing below the applicant assures to the best of their ability all titles and documentation submitted are accurate. Failing to provide accurate documentation or titles may result in the application being denied or held up.

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

NSDTRC (USA) POSITION DESCRIPTION
Junior Coordinator

Committee* Type: Ongoing.

Committee Size: One.

Manner of Appointment: Board Appointed.

Contact Person/Organization: NSDTRC (USA) Board liaison appointed by President.

Materials Necessary: Materials developed by the NSDTRC (USA) related to the breed, Club and Club Events.

Supplies Needed: Computer, Internet access and copies of above forms, brochures and breed standard.

Qualifications: The Junior Coordinator will:

- Have a good working knowledge of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever including its history and the various forms of competition in which the Toller may participate.
- Be able to communicate well with the public and to handle questions and problems in a constructive, non-confrontational manner.
- Be able to communicate well with the Board (through the assigned liaison) and collaborate with other Committee Chairs and appointed officials to develop and disseminate information.
- Be self-motivated and have good organizational skills.
- Good computer skills

Responsibilities: The Junior Coordinator will:

- Serve as the contact person for Junior members
- May wish to form a committee to assist in handling the development of opportunities for Juniors with the breed.
- Coordinate activities for Juniors participating at the National Specialty
- which might include: handling clinic, introduction to other events, grooming clinic, invite to attend judges education seminar, breeder education seminar, social gathering and or outing
- Maintain list of Juniors competing with the Breed in all events
- Coordinate the awarding of the Annual Scholarship for education to Juniors who are involved with the breed.
- Provide information for the Parent Club Web site about the Junior activities.
- Coordinate the highlighting of Juniors in Quackers.
- Contact for those who may offer a dog to a Junior
- Coordinate recognition and awards for Juniors that have competed in any event with the breed.
- Reaching out to Juniors who may have the breed who are not Junior members.
- Provide guidance to local Specialty Clubs to enhance activities for Juniors.
- Include Juniors in opportunities where the breed is being represented: Meet the Breeds.
- Coordinate volunteer activities for Juniors, throughout the year as well as at the National: assist with social media, set up of any of the different events, monitor fundraising.
- Communicate with the AKC as the Breed Junior Coordinator

Administrative Responsibilities & Duties: The Junior Coordinator will:

- Prepare an annual written report and submit to the Secretary in August of each year for presentation at the Annual In-person Meeting.

- If present at the Annual Meeting, give an oral presentation at the Board meeting and Annual Membership Meeting.
- Prepare additional written reports that may be requested throughout the year at the discretion of the Board.
- Maintain an accounting of expenses incurred in the administration of these duties. Examples of expenses: printing, postage, and paper supplies. Requests for advances or reimbursement are to be submitted to the Treasurer. Expenses greater than \$50 and not previously approved in the budget, must be approved by the Treasurer prior to expenditure.
- Submit a financial report to the Treasurer in July of each year for inclusion in the Club's fiscal year financial report.
- Submit a budget to the Treasurer by June 1 of each year for the next fiscal year (July 1-June 30).
- Ensure a smooth transition to the next Junior Coordinator by providing complete records and files to successor.

* The NSDTRC (USA) Bylaws specify how standing committees are appointed and terminated.

NSDTRC (USA) POSITION DESCRIPTION Breeder Education Coordinator

Committee* Type: Ongoing.

Committee Size: One.

Manner of Appointment: Board Appointed.

Contact Person/Organization: NSDTRC (USA) Board liaison appointed by President.

Materials Necessary: Materials developed by the NSDTRC (USA) related to the breed and Club.
Materials developed by the AKC related to the breed.

Supplies Needed: Computer, Internet access and copies of above documents and breed standard.

Qualifications: The Breeder Education Coordinator will:

- A recognized member of the Club who has been a successful breeder and exhibitor of the breed.
- A member who has mentored breeders
- Have a thorough knowledge of the breed standard
- Be knowledgeable of the breed health issues and recommended health testing.
- Be proficient in reading a pedigree.
- Be able to communicate well with the public and to handle questions and problems in a constructive, non-confrontational manner.
- Be able to communicate well with the Board (through the assigned liaison) and collaborate with other Committee Chairs and appointed officials to develop and disseminate information.
- Be self-motivated and have good organizational skills.
- Good computer skills.

Responsibilities: The Breeder Education Coordinator will:

- Develop a plan for breeder and breed education. Items in the plan may include:
 - The Breed Standard
 - How to successfully read a pedigree
 - How to choose a Stud dog or Brood bitch
 - How to successfully have a litter
 - How to choose the “right” puppy that meets the Standard
 - How to successfully raise your new puppy
 - How to interview and select your prospective puppy buyers
 - How to mentor breeders
 - How to preserve your breed’s legacy
- May wish to form a committee to assist in handling the development and execution of a plan for breeder and breed education.
- Be willing to offer guidance to members through emails and phone calls
- Coordinate breed seminars and educational opportunities at club events and through Webinars
- Be willing to join the chat list of other AKC Breeder Education Coordinators and be listed on the AKC website with the other club officers and Committee chairs.

Administrative Responsibilities & Duties: The Breeder Education Coordinator will:

- Prepare an annual written report and submit to the Secretary in August of each year for presentation at the Annual In-person Meeting.
- If present at the Annual Meeting, give an oral presentation at the Board meeting and Annual Membership Meeting.
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