



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