



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING**  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024  
**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 2024 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting  
(Please see: Attachment A – February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*None submitted*

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*None submitted*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** To establish an exploratory committee to create a Dock Jumping fact finding survey and present it to the membership. And report back to the BOD at the next BOD meeting with the findings.

**No report submitted.**

**Proposal #2:** Survey to the membership on changing the rules as stated in the Specialty Guidelines manual to allow proposals to come before the Board of Directors for holding Independent Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty.

**No report submitted.**

**Proposal #3:** To update the Policy Statement approved in 10/2008 titled "Managing The Finances of an NSDTRC (USA) Event".

**No report submitted.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**None submitted.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)**  
**VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING**  
Thursday, February 21, 2024  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm 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 Cindy Richardson, Region 4 Director Pat Romeiro, Region 6 Director Hillaré Lafond, Region 7 Director Travis Massie, Vice President Melissa Savage, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, and President Terri Krause. Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser was absent.

Members present on the video/teleconference call: Margaret Aldridge, Joy Annunziato, Laura Hamilton, Cindy Lindemer, Eric Johnson, Randy Eisensmith, Eric Stevens, Francine Kaplan, Marile Waterstraat, Mary Palkowski, Mary de Lamerens, Natasha Rueschhoff, and Wendy Shairs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 2023 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting

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

Motion made by Terri Krause. Motion seconded by Hillaré Lafond.

**APPROVE [ 10 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal #1:** Change in Dates of Proposal to hold the NSDTRC (USA) National Specialty in Region 4 in 2024

**MOTION:** Approve the change in dates, October 13-20, 2024, for the 2024 National Specialty. Motion made by Hillaré Lafond. Ann DiSilvestre seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 10 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #2:** To Approve the Application for a Designated Specialty at the New England Sporting Group Association.

**MOTION:** Approve the Designated Specialty with Rochelle Kurth as Chair.

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

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

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

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #3:** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Logo

**MOTION:** Approve the \$120 for the logo purchase.

Motion made by Annie Garwood. Seconded by Pat Romeiro.

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

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 1 ]:** Hillaré Lafond.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #4:** Update the Financial Oversight Policy

**MOTION:** Approve the update to the current Financial Oversight Policy.

Motion made by Pat Romeiro. Barb Rohr seconded the motion.

Pat Romeiro rescinded the motion.

**MOTION:** Approve the amended update to the current Financial Oversight Policy. The amended Financial Oversight Policy is as follows.

Any contractual obligation or agreement between the Club and another party that exceeds \$1500 should be reviewed by the Club Treasurer and at a minimum a second Board Member, preferably by the Regional Director of the region that would be impacted, before execution by the Secretary. Any contractual obligation or agreement that exceeds \$2500 should be reviewed by the Club Treasurer and brought to discussion with a majority of the Board members before execution by the Secretary. All contracts shall be reviewed with feedback provided and/or executed within ten (10) business days.

Motion made by Hillaré Lafond. Seconded by Travis Massie

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

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 1 ]:** Hillaré Lafond.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #5:** Institute a NSDTRC (USA) Dock Jumping Program and Rules

**MOTION:** To establish an exploratory committee to create a Dock Jumping fact finding survey and present it to the membership. And report back to the BOD at the next BOD meeting with the findings.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Seconded by Ann DiSilvestre.

**APPROVE [ 10 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #6:** To grant permission to the NSDTRC-NE to hold their Annual fall specialty.

**MOTION:** Grant permission to the NSDTRC-NE to hold their fall specialty on November 23, 2024.

Motion made by Travis Massie. Pat Romeiro seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

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

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To recess the regular Board of Directors meeting at 9:00pm EST until a TBD day and time. The BOD will hold an Executive Session in 5 minutes.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Seconded by Hillaré Lafond.

**APPROVE [ 10 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To hold an Executive Session of the BOD.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To recess the Executive Session at 10:24pm and resume on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:30pm EST.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**RESUME – Executive Session**

The meeting of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) Board of Directors resumed on February 26, 2024.

Board Members present on the video/teleconference call:

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 Lafond, Vice President Melissa Savage, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, and President Terri Krause. Region 7 Director Travis Massie is absent.

**MOTION:** To hold an Executive Session of the BOD at 8:03pm EST.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

Region 7 Director Travis Massie joined at 8:36pm EST.

**MOTION:** To approve the following Nominating Committee members:

Abby Beaulieu – Alternate

Patty Beran

John Simonson

Shelley Bakalis

Daniela Flores

Lauren Lamulle – Chair

Janis Dibert – Alternate

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To recess the Executive Session at 10:45pm EST and to resume on February 28, 2024 after completing the regular business meeting.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**RESUME** – The February business meeting of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) February 28, 2024 at 7:45pm EST.

Board Members present on the video/teleconference call:

Region 2 Director Barb Rohr, Region 3 Director Cindy Richardson, Region 6 Director Hillaré Lafond, Region 7 Director Travis Massie, Vice President Melissa Savage, Treasurer Carolyn Kurth, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, and President Terri Krause. Absent - Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser, Region 4 Director Pat Romeiro and Region 1 Director Annie Garwood.

Members present on the video/teleconference call: Randy Eisensmith, Marile Waterstraat, Mary Palkowski, Natasha Rueschhoff, and Wendy Shairs.

**Proposal #7:** Edits to the Versatility proposal

**MOTION:** To table the proposal and allow the Versatility Committee, as proposed by Rochelle Kurth, to review the entire Versatility Program.

Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Seconded by Travis Massie.

**APPROVE [ 7 ]:** B. Rohr, C. Richardson, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

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

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

Region 4 Director Pat Romeiro joined at 7:50pm EST.

**Proposal #8:** Adjust the wording of the specialty rules to allow Independent specialties in conjunction with a National.

**MOTION:** To approve the proposal as written.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Seconded by Hillaré Lafond.

Carolyn Kurth rescinded the motion.

**MOTION:** To table the proposal pending the results of a survey to the membership on changing the rules as stated in the Specialty Guidelines manual to allow proposals to come before the Board of Directors for holding Independent Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty. Hillaré Lafond will take the lead in writing the survey.

Motion made by Carolyn Kurth. Seconded by Pat Romeiro.

**APPROVE [ 7 ]:** B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 1 ]:** A. DiSilvestre.

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

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #9:** To eliminate the **Resolution** approved in 11/2001 titled “Resolution Providing for the Opening and Use of Temporary Bank Accounts to Support Regional Events”

**MOTION:** To approve the proposal as written.

Motion made by Pat Romeiro. Seconded by Travis Massie.

Region 1 Director Annie Garwood joined at 8:22pm EST.

**APPROVE [ 9 ]:** B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 1 ]:** A. Garwood.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Proposal #10:** To update the Policy Statement approved in 10/2008 titled “Managing The Finances of an NSDTRC (USA) Event”.

**MOTION:** To approve the proposal as written.

Motion made by Pat Romeiro. Seconded by Hillaré Lafond.

Pat Romeiro rescinded the motion.

**MOTION:** To table the proposal until the next meeting of the BOD in April 2024.  
Motion made by Pat Romeiro. Annie Garwood seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 10 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:32pm EST.  
Motion made by Terri Krause. Melissa Savage seconded the motion.

**APPROVE [ 10 ]:** A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, H. Lafond, T. Massie, M. Savage, C. Kurth, A. DiSilvestre and T. Krause.

**OPPOSE [ 0 ]:**

**ABSTAIN [ 0 ]:**

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To enter into Executive Session at 8:50pm EST.  
*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To appoint Justine Vilmo as the Junior Coordinator and to assign Vice President Melissa Savage as the BOD Liaison.

*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To appoint Brenda Dorman as the AKC Delegate.  
*Motion approved by the Board of Directors.*

**MOTION:** To recess the Executive Session at 10:27pm EST and to resume the meeting TBD.  
*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