



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2024
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2024 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting

(Please see: Attachment A – June 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

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Designated Specialty at Kentuckiana Cluster Saturday March 15th, 2025

Submitted By: Travis Massie 8595392199 Tpmassie@gmail.com

(Please see Attachment B - Specialty Proposal and Incentive sheet.)

Proposal Description: In March of this year Region 7 members held a Designated Specialty and a Supported entry at the Kentuckiana Cluster. For 2025, Region 7 members would like to focus on one event, a Designated Specialty at the Kentuckiana Cluster on Saturday, March 15, 2025. If approved, we would also have a Sweepstakes event.

Proposal Justification: Both the Specialty and Supported Entry in March 2024 were very successful. The entry numbers were great with majors in both sexes and the camaraderie was enjoyable. We anticipate the show in 2025 to be even better since we have a history to work from. Our initial committee includes Travis Massie, Katy Wilson, Rochelle Kurth and Mary Palkowski.

Administration: Submit commitment letter to the Kentuckiana Chair and submit the required AKC application.

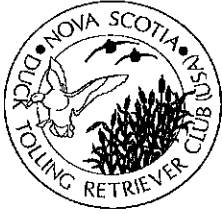
Financial Implications: We will fundraise to cover the cost of the awards.

Specific Board Action Requested: To Approve the request to hold a Designated Specialty at the Kentuckian Cluster in March 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING
Wednesday, June 19, 2024
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:42pm EST by President Terri Krause.
Roll call was taken. Voting Members present on the video/teleconference call:
President Terri Krause, Vice President Melissa Savage, Secretary Ann DiSilvestre, Region 1 Director Annie Garwood, Region 2 Director Barb Rohr, Region 3 Director Cindy Richardson, Region 4 Director Patricia Romeiro, Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser, and Region 7 Director Travis Massie. Treasurer Carolyn Kurth and Region 6 Director Hillaré Lafond was absent.
Non-voting Members present: Francine Kaplan, Carolyn Ehle, Deborah Rhodes, Eric Stevens and Marile Waterstraat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 2024 Video/Teleconference BOD Meeting Minutes

MOTION: I move to accept the minutes as written.

Motion made by Terri Krause. Pat Romeiro seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, 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: Application to hold a Concurrent Specialty at the Land O'Lakes Cluster on January 3, 2025.

MOTION: Approve the application to hold a Concurrent Specialty at the Land O'Lakes Cluster.

Motion made by Barb Rohr. Seconded by Melissa Savage.

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

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: To set the date for providing a digital Quackers publication and cost for receiving a printed version.

MOTION: To approve the proposal as written.
Motion made by Amanda Kaiser. Pat Romeiro seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: A. Garwood, B. Rohr, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, 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 June 19, 2024 Board meeting at 7:59pm EST.
Motion made by Terri Krause. Travis Massie seconded the motion.

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

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: To enter Executive Session at 8:13pm EST.
Motion made by Terri Krause. Seconded by Amanda Kaiser.

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

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #1: 40th Anniversary Founding Members Gifts & Lifetime Membership

MOTION: To approve the proposal as written.
Motion made by Ann DiSilvestre. Melissa Savage seconded the motion.

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

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: To adjourn the Executive Session at 9:42pm EST.
Motion made by Terri Krause. Seconded by Patricia Romeiro.

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

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

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

Attachment B - 1

Proposal To Hold A Specialty

1. What type of Specialty are you proposing? *

- Independent
- Concurrent
- Designated

2. Date of proposed Show: *

03 / 15 / 2025

MM DD YYYY

3. Name, if any, of Host Club: *

Evansville Kennel Club

4. Location of proposed Show: *

Kentucky Exposition Center

Street Address

937 Phillips Lane

Address Line 2

Louisville

City

40209

Postal / Zip Code

KY

State / Province / Region

United States

Country

5. Specialty Committee Chair: *

Travis

Massie

First

Last

6. Address *

230 Locust Heights

Street Address

Address Line 2

Nicholasville

City

40356

Postal / Zip Code

KY

State / Province / Region

United States

Country

7. Email *

Attachment B-2

tpmassie@gmail.com

8. Phone Number *

589 - 539 - 2199

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9. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *

2024 Kentuckiana Designated specialty Event Committee
2024 Kentuckiana Supported Entry Event Committee
Lexington Kennel Club - multiple years operations, grooming Chair
Westminster Kennel Club - Judges Hospitality, Juniors oversight

10. Specialty Committee Treasurer (must be different than Chair): *

Mary Palkowski

First Last

11. Address *

2917 Coltsbridge Road

Street Address

Address Line 2

Lewis Center

City

43035

Postal / Zip Code

OH

State / Province / Region

United States

Country

12. Email *

marypalkowski@insight.rr.com

13. Phone Number *

312 - 969 - 4852

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14. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *

Multiple Field Committees
Parent Club assignments
2024 Kentuckiana Designated Specialty Event Committee
2024 Kentuckiana Supported Entry Event Committee

15. Please provide the names & contact information for 2 additional Committee Members.

Committee Member #1: *

Rochelle Kurth

First Last

16. Address *

38 Chestnut Drive

Street Address

Address Line 2

Windsor

City

06095

Postal / Zip Code

CT

State / Province / Region

United States

Country

17. Email *

goldenk9child@gmail.com

18. Phone Number *

860 - 537 - 1628

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19. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *

2024 Kentuckiana Designated Specialty Trophy Chair

2024 NESGA Specialty Chair

2023 Thanksgiving Cluster Supported Entry Chair

2023 NESGA Double Supported Entry Chair

Field Test Chair for numerous events - 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023

2018 National Specialty Trophy Chair

There are too many events to list!

20. Committee Member #2: *

Katy Wilson

First Last

21. Address *

125 Southern Nights Drive

Street Address

Address Line 2

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Somerset

KY

City

State / Province / Region

42503

United States

Postal / Zip Code

Country

22. Email *

kt.truman@gmail.com

23. Phone Number *

812 - 344 - 9797

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24. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *

2024 Kentuckian Specialty Committee assistance

25. Location: Please state the proposed location for this event and list the history of prior Toller events at this location and why this location has been chosen by the Committee. *

Kentucky Exposition Center – all showing is indoors, climate controlled.

2024 – 4 pt major in males and 5 pt major in females

2023 – event conflicted with the AKC National Agility Championship so there was low attendance

2022 – majors in both sexes

2021 – no shows

26. Explain why the location will result in enough interest and support of the Membership to warrant a Specialty. *

The Kentuckiana Cluster is held every March and is one of the largest clusters in the country. The site is very dog friendly. Ample parking, reserved grooming, easy drop off and loading/unloading. Many hotels in the area as well as RV parking. The cluster also offers Obedience, Rally, Fast CAT, Barn Hunt and Dock Diving. There are many active Toller breeders and owners within 4 hours of the event site.

We would like to offer Sweepstakes as part of the Designated Specialty which will draw veterans and working dogs to the show.

27. How many days before or after the National Specialty is the proposed event? *

200

28. Explain why enhanced attendance is expected. *

We had a great turnout in 2024 and anticipate the same for 2025. Plans may include a social gathering/meal between breed and groups. Since the show is centrally located, we expect a good draw with majors.

29. List the past entry in dogs and bitches at the show for the last 3 years. Due to Covid, you can skip the year 2020.

Year: *

2024

30. Total # of Entries: *

37

31. # of Class Dogs *

5

32. # of Class Bitches *

10

33. Year: *

2023

34. Total # of Entries *

10

35. # of Class Dogs *

1

36. # of Class Bitches *

2

37. Year: *

2022

38. Total # of Entries *

21

39. # of Class Dogs *

4

40. # of Class Bitches *

9

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41. Will you have input into the selection of the Judge? *

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

42. The Host Club will provide the following (check all that apply): *

- Ribbons
- Rosettes
- Trophies

43. If the Host Club is not providing Ribbons or Rosettes, who will pay for them?

44. Attach a copy of the offer sheet provided by the Host Club. This will include the financial incentives and may be a simple email statement from the Host Club Show Chair. *

No file selected.

45. Check which Non Regular Classes will be approved and offered:

- Puppy Sweeps
- Veteran Sweeps
- Working Retriever
- Mature Puppy Sweeps
- Hunting Retriever
- Veterans

46. Explain any financial incentives inuring to the benefit of the Club and describe the plan to keep the event cost neutral to the Club. *

Please see the attached incentive sheet. We will fundraise to cover trophies.

47. Please select: The Committee understands and agrees to and will submit all contracts to the Board through the Secretary and Events Chair for review prior to signature. *

- Yes
- No

48. Please select: The Committee understands and agrees to work with the Treasurer on a rolling basis in the format determined by the Treasurer to provide an accounting of the event. *

- Yes
- No

49. Host Hotel (if any):

50. Address

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Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

51. Specific Board Action Requested: *

- Approve a Designated Specialty to be held on the date listed in Question 2 in conjunction with the Host Club listed in Question 3.
- Approve an Independent Specialty to be held on the date listed in Question 2 in conjunction with the Host Club listed in Question 3.
- Approve a Concurrent Specialty to be held on the date listed in Question 2 in conjunction with the Host Club listed in Question 3.
- Approve an Independent Specialty to be held on the date listed in Question 2 at the location listed in Question 4.

52. Date notified Events Chair: *

05 / 01 / 2024
MM DD YYYY

53. Date notified the Regional Director(s): *

04 / 15 / 2024
MM DD YYYY

54. Date submitted to the Secretary for approval: *

07 / 01 / 2024
MM DD YYYY

55. Name of the person responsible for submission of the show report within 7 days after the event: *

Travis Massie
First Last

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**2025 KENTUCKIANA CLUSTER OF DOG SHOWS
SPECIALTY SHOW BENEFIT PACKAGE**
(Effective April 29, 2024)

A specialty club may choose to hold any of the following events at the Kentuckiana Cluster of Dog Shows and receive the benefits listed below – National Specialty Show, Designated Specialty Show, Concurrent Specialty Show or Supported Entry. Please contact Dianne O'Regan, the Specialty Show/Supported Entry Rep., at doregan@stites.com or (502) 930-2671, with any questions or concerns.

INCENTIVES:

- \$3.50 per dog for National specialties held in conjunction with an all-breed show at the Cluster plus Rosettes (BOB, BOS, & BOW – 3 Rosettes total). *see note below*
- \$3.50 per dog for National specialties preceding the Cluster at an off-site facility that SUPPORTS the all-breed entry at the Cluster.
- \$3.00 per dog for Designated specialties held in conjunction with an all-breed show at the Cluster plus Rosettes (BOB, BOS, & BOW – 3 Rosettes total).
- \$2.50 per dog for specialty clubs that support the entry of their breed at the all-breed show at the Cluster. In order to support an entry, the specialty club must offer a Best of Breed trophy with a minimum value of \$25.00.
- The Cluster will pay \$4.00/dog (but no expenses) to a judge who is chosen by the specialty club to officiate at its National or Designated specialty, and who is **not** on the all-breed panel. NOTE: The judge will be assigned to **only** the specialty breed, and the Cluster does not guarantee that the judge will be hired for other breeds at any of the all-breed shows.
- A Concurrent Specialty held as part of the all-breed club's show at the Cluster will receive their monies from the Superintendent less agreed upon fees (as per the contract between the Superintendent and the specialty club). All fees/expenses incurred by the specialty show judge will be the responsibility of the specialty club. The specialty club may use a judge from the Cluster's all-breed judging panel upon paying \$5.00/dog to the Cluster. The judge shall subsequently **NOT** charge the specialty club for any expenses or a flat fee. The specialty club will be responsible for rosettes and any other awards that are offered.

*NOTE: If the specialty club wishes to offer OTHER rosettes, or any other expanded trophies, they will be at the specialty club's expense and will be deducted from the specialty club's incentive monies. Rosettes offered by the Cluster include: BOB, BOS, & BOW – 3 Rosettes total. ALSO, the specialty club **MUST** let the Cluster know if it wishes wish to order Rosettes from an **OUTSIDE** vendor – other than MB-F.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES:

- Reserved grooming space **MUST** be requested via the "Reserved Grooming Form" in the Cluster's Premium List. [Please see attached Reserved Grooming Form and prices.]
- Undraped ringside tables for trophies are supplied by the Cluster at no cost to the specialty club.
- The Cluster invites over 60 vendors each year; we can provide your club with a vendor list.
- Professional ring stewards are provided at no cost to the specialty clubs; if your specialty club wishes to have a member of its club steward instead, please advise us 60 days in advance of the Cluster.
- For RV reservations, contact the Kentucky Expo Center at (502) 367-5384.
- For hotel reservations for exhibitors/judges, contact Kyle Robinson (kyle.robinson@onofrio.com); specialty clubs hiring their own judges are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.
- For on-site meeting/banquet room reservations, contact Edie Nixon (edie.nixon@gmail.com).
- For on-site catering, contact Hailey Hall at Levy's Catering (hhall@levyrestaurants.com). Levy's Catering is the official provider of food at the Kentucky Expo Center. No food for **public** consumption is permitted without prior authorization from Levy's.
- For AV equipment, contact Josh Hancock at Prestige AV: (513) 635-6581 (jhancock@prestigeav.com).

THE KENTUCKIANA CLUSTER ALSO OFFERS ALL FOUR DAYS:

* Obedience * Rally * Dock Diving *FastCAT *Barn Hunt

SPECIALTY CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

The Kentuckiana Cluster welcomes all specialty clubs to Louisville! We are pleased to have you with us, and we urge your club representative to contact the Specialty/Supported Entry Rep. with any concerns. To that end, we have summarized our policies in one “central” location, and ask that your specialty club follows them:

- * All participating specialty organizations **must** complete the “Pledge Form” and “Judge Request Form” and return it by the date(s) indicated on each. We urge your club to get these forms to the Cluster Rep. as quickly as possible.
- * Breeds holding a specialty show (national/designated/concurrent) **must** supply a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$1 million listed in the specialty club’s name to be forwarded to the Cluster Rep. **one month** before the start of the Cluster. A Certificate of Insurance protects both the specialty club and the Cluster from any lawsuits.
- * Specialty clubs shall list on the “Pledge Form” the option of providing their own Best of Breed trophy OR asking the all-breed club to supply a BOB trophy. If providing its own trophy, the specialty club **must** deliver the trophy by 9 a.m. to the main all-breed trophy table on the **first day** of the Cluster. Failure to do so will result in a penalty to the specialty club. (Note that trophies for ALL four days can be delivered on the first day of the Cluster.)
- * The Cluster supplies BOB, BOW & BOS rosettes to all participating specialty clubs. However, if a specialty club wishes to purchase rosettes from a different vendor OR purchase additional rosettes from MB-F, the Cluster Rep. **must** be notified so arrangements can be made. The cost of any rosettes over and above what is offered by the Cluster will be taken out of the specialty club’s proceeds; if the cost exceeds the incentive monies, the specialty club will be responsible for paying the overage to the Cluster.
- * Specialty clubs can use ringside (undraped) trophy tables at no cost to their club. Please identify how many tables are needed on the “Pledge Form.” Note that the trophy tables are **only** for the day of the specialty club’s event. If another specialty club is in the ring on that same day, the ringside tables shall be **shared**.
- * Specialty clubs who hire their **own judges** for their event are responsible for hotel and transportation arrangements. If the specialty judge is part of the all-breed show panel, the Cluster will handle these tasks (**concurrent** specialty shows who hire a judge from the all-breed panel will be charged \$5/dog for the use of said judge).
- * Specialty clubs holding **concurrent** shows must contact MB-F Dog Shows, the Cluster’s superintendent, for the “show package” that includes a contract which **must** be signed in order to participate in the Cluster. Concurrent specialties will have their own Premium List and Catalog.
- * Specialty club exhibitors are entitled to Reserved Grooming at the Cluster for a **nominal fee**. Reserved Grooming forms **must** be completed, filled out, and sent in to the contact on the form (with payment) by the deadline. The Cluster will do its best to put specialty exhibitors near each other and near their breed ring. Failure to submit completed forms will have specialty exhibitors assigned to the open, non-reserved grooming area.
- * Specialty clubs holding events (nationals/designated/concurrent/supported entry with Sweeps) **must** submit their paperwork to the American Kennel Club **no later than** 18 weeks before the closing date (per AKC rules). Copies of this paperwork should also be sent to the Cluster Rep.
- * The Cluster’s Premium List and Catalog is **massive**. Due to its size and content, specialty clubs **must** adhere to the Cluster’s deadlines. Those clubs holding shows shall submit to the Cluster Rep. – no later than **October 1, 2024** – the following information: Club logo, list of Officers/Show Committee members (with an address & contact for the Show Chairperson), trophy list (including ANY challenge or special trophies), and information regarding Sweepstakes’ monetary breakdowns (if offered). Clubs holding **supported entries** must adhere to the deadline date as well.
- * AKC requires all specialty clubs holding events (nationals/designated/concurrent) to have the club’s Show Chairman **present** on the day(s) of the events. The specialty club must have a **minimum** of three Show Committee members present in case of a Bench/Disciplinary Committee hearing.

Cluster’s Specialty/Supported Entry Rep.: Dianne O’Regan – doregan@stites.com – (502) 930-2671