

Executive Meeting Agenda NSDTR Club of Canada

Meeting date: January 16, 2008

This meeting was held by email.

Executive present:

President – Cheryl Tomayer	BC Director – Andrea Mills
Vice-President – Marisa Victor	Prairies Director – Brenda Blackman
Treasurer – Absent	Ontario Director – Mairon Bennett
Secretary – Laura Norie	Maritimes Director – Pam Dunn
Membership – Ann-Merie O'Halloran	Quebec Director – Yanick Villeneuve

Executive absent: Yukon & NW Territories - vacant

1. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved.
2. **Approval of November 2007 meeting minutes** – The previous meeting's Minutes were approved.
3. **Executive and Committee Reports & Updates**

Secretary – These Minutes represent a big step forward for the Club, using technology to make jobs easier and to save money. With the online publication of these Minutes the Club will now save money in both production and mailing costs, as well as take a big burden off the Editor. Hard copy Minutes will still be available to those members who have no email. If you know a member who hasn't got email, urge them to contact the Secretary by phone to arrange for hard copy Minutes - Laura

Ontario - What to report from Ontario...just weather, weather and more weather! We've already had twice the snowfall so far this winter than fell during the entire 2006/2007 winter season. One day it's bone-chillingly cold, the next it's super-mild and everything's melting like crazy. Then it flash-freezes again and conditions are treacherous! My girls don't know what to expect when we step outside, but they're sure enjoying playing in the snow in our backyard. When I knock the melting icicles off the eaves, Pilot races to the biggest chunk of ice and proudly lugs it up on to the porch to devour - crunch crunch crunch!

Despite the unpredictable weather, our Ontario members are active as always with their Tollers, not just on walks, ChuckIt! retrieving sessions and off-leash romps, but also indoors, in classes and at competitions. Dog shows continue as usual, with good Toller turnouts. Obedience, rally obedience, flyball and agility trials continue, and our breed is as always a force to be reckoned with! And of course the bravest Toller folk of all continue field training outdoors in the deep snow and frigid temps. I think picnic trials also continue through the winter months. Our toques are off to you, brave Ontarian field trainers! The 2009 National Specialty Committee, Chaired by Michelle Evans and Co-Chaired by Christine Comfort, is hard at work planning our next National, with meetings in full swing to hammer down events, judges, fundraising, accommodations, etc.

The dogs sure love the cold weather, but I for one am eager for warmer weather! In Ontario we have just two seasons: winter and construction. I don't think I've ever been more eager to say, "Bring on the dog days of *construction!*"

Mairon

4. Old Business

There was no old business

5. New Business

1. Motion by Andrea, seconded by Laura: that BC have a regional specialty on July 19th, 2008

In favour: Andrea, Laura, Pam, Mairon, Ann-Merie, Marisa, Cheryl, Brenda, Yanick

Against: None

No reponse: Angela

Motion carried

2. Motion by Marisa, seconded by Mairon: that the executive call for volunteers to form a rescue rules committee to update the rules for rescue so that they are clear and practical. The call for committee members will be posted in the upcoming Toller Talk and the committee will report back to the exec with their recommendations for new rules. The committee will consist of no more than 5 members in good standing of the Club including the chair. As well a call for two new rescue coordinators will be advertised in TollerTalk (ON/QU/MB & Atlantic Canada reions). Persons putting their name forward for the rescue coordinators may also apply to be on the rescue rules committee.

In favour: Marisa, Mairon, Ann-Merie, Pam, Brenda, Andrea, Cheryl, Laura, Yanick

Against: None

No response: Angela

Motion carried

Item 3 – possible complaint from new member. A letter was sent to the new member outlining the steps to be taken to lodge a complaint against a club member. Information only.

Item 4 – COE update – The COE will be voted on in referendum in March, 2008. Information only.

Item 5 – Breeder's Directory requirements. A discussion was held on whether or not to require hip and CERF exam results in order to advertise in the breeder's directory. No motion was made for this item.

Item 6 – Specialty records protocol Motion by Marisa, seconded by Laura -That the Chair of a National Specialty shall be required to submit a Specialty Binder to the Secretary of the Executive of the NSDTR Club of Canada within 6 months following a specialty:

1. A breakdown of the specialty committee, who was responsible for what, and their contact information.
2. A complete budget with a breakdown of what was paid for items and services.
3. A description as to how judges were selected.
4. A description of how the specialty committee co-ordinated events.
5. A report from each committee member (eg. specialty, conformation, obedience, agility, field, hospitality, trophies, merchandise, fundraising, webmaster) as to their duties and their experiences. These reports should include information helpful to the next specialty committee such as cost considerations, menu choices for the banquet, rules about serving wine, hotel choices, etc.

5. The Minutes from all of the planning meetings.
6. A time-line of when things needed to be booked, ordered and applied for.
7. Any other information that will assist the next Specialty committee.

The Secretary will be responsible for retaining a copy of the Specialty Binder for the Club records and forwarding a copy of the Specialty Binder to the next Chair of a specialty.

The Specialty Binder may be in hardcopy or electronic form.

In favour – Marisa, Laura, Mairon, Pam, Ann-Merie, Cheryl, Andrea, Brenda, Yanick

Against: none

No response: Angela

Motion carried

Item 7 – OVC hip evaluations – With the reversal of OVC's decision to discontinue hip evaluations, there was no discussion this item. Information only.

Item 8 – Canine Review ad/article – Cheryl and Laura were approached by Canine Review to produce an article for the May 2008 issue of Canine Review magazine. Debbie Unger and Jim MacKay were also approached by a Canine Review columnist for information for her column for the same issue. Information only.

6. Adjournment and Next meeting

With no other new business, the meeting was closed. The next meeting will commence on April 15, 2008 via email.

Recorded and submitted by: Laura Norie, Secretary