

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB OF CANADA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2010

This meeting was held by email.

Executive Present:

President – Dawn O’Leary
Vice-President – Alison Strang
Treasurer – Stephanie Halse
Secretary – Terri Newie
Membership – Andrea Mills

BC Director – Greg Brown
Prairies Director – Toby McSween
Ontario Director – Shannon Viljasoo
Maritimes Director – Mary Price
Quebec Director – Gary Thomas

Directors Present:

Web Master: Debbie Unger
Editor: Vicki Mierins

This is the third and final meeting of the 2009/2010 Executive. The meeting was opened on November 1, 2010 by email. The President, Dawn O’Leary, was the Chairman. The meeting lasted until December 29, 2010.

Order of Business

1 Approval of Agenda

2 Reading of the Minutes of the 2nd Executive Meeting of 2010 – The minutes were not presented.

3 Executive and Committee Reports & Updates

3.1. President’s Report: D. O’Leary

Most of my report will be discussed in the business of the meeting.

3.2. Vice President’s Report: A. Strang

I have nothing to report other than all perpetual trophy measurements are at Yarmouth County Museum, so I suppose we await developments from there.

3.3. Treasurer’s Report: Stephanie Halse

We currently have \$42,870.96 in the accounts. I have a rescue bill for Lola to be paid that is \$1600+. Memberships will be adding to our balance once the forms go out. I renewed the GIC as we don’t need the money at the moment.

3.4. Secretary Report: Terri Newey

No Report

3.5. Membership Director: Andrea Mills

I am already getting membership renewals for 2011. This is great as there were a lot of late renewals for 2010. Hopefully, this will translate into everyone being paid up by the official date of January 1st. I am taking the Access program course and hopefully this will allow me to use the program more efficiently and thus be more productive in making reports and having more accurate information.

3.6. British Columbia Director: Greg Brown

Not much to report other than what was sent in to Toller Talk. BC had successful Toller picnic in September, just completed the Lower Mainland Dog Fancier's show.

3.7. Prairies Director: Toby McSween

In the prairies, the Specialty Committee is busy with the 2011 Specialty Planning.

3.8. Ontario Director: Shannon Viljasoo

Not much to report now in Ontario. The Specialty went well and now things have quieted while we plan for the next. A few enquiries on puppies. I've sent an email to the members of the Ontario letting them know it's an election year and requesting volunteers. No one has stepped up. I approached 3 people that all said "No". Hopefully someone will take on the job.

3.9. Quebec Director: Gary Thomas

Present and has reviewed messages.

3.10. Atlantic Director: Mary Price

The maritime report is quiet too. I did email all members with a heads up for the voting ballots and Nov 26th to have them in by.

3.11. Web Master: Debbie Unger

Good news.... I am able to update toller.ca once again! Let's hope things keep working. I've added the election information to the club business page (and have up-dated Shannon's email address), and I can add this information and a link (letters of concern over proposal by German Club TCD to cross breed the Toller), but I need copies of the letters being referenced. Alison, could you please send me a copy of each of these letters with any preamble you think necessary? Thank you.

3.12. Editor: Vicki Mierins

A message has been sent to all members regarding the election. If any Regional Directors are planning with following up with emails of your own to your regional members, be sure to keep in mind that only those members have been members since November of last year (2009) are eligible to vote. Also, if they have a family membership they should have received two ballots. Check the constitution for details if you need.

4. Business arising from minutes

4.1.

I. Register of Merit Update: Dawn O'Leary

Dawn indicated that she would be willing to take on the administration of the ROM award until a suitable candidate can be found.

She is also working on a letter to those who had applied and qualified for a ROM based on the original set of guidelines.

Linda returned the ROM material; invoices and a cheque will be sent to Stephanie. Dawn will keep the certificate papers and envelopes for the time being.

4.1.

II. Proposed Change to NSDTR Club of Canada ROM: Alison Strang

As a preamble I would remind us all that the purpose of the Register of Merit is just that, a register of Canadian Toller sires and dams whose offspring have achieved titles, ideally in several different disciplines, thus upholding the versatility of the Toller. It is NOT a list of achievements of the offspring, but rather a tally of points awarded to Canadian sires and dams based on the titles gained by their offspring.

The 2006 version of the ROM proposed that one non-CKC title per activity be allowed, from AKC, ARBA, UKC, HRC, NAHRA, KC and FCI (I would also add recognized Australian kennel clubs, as I believe each State has its own club).

Rationale: I would like to see the above re-instated in the ROM. The fact that these dogs achieved their titles elsewhere does not, in my book, render their parents ineligible for points in the NSDTR Club of Canada ROM because it is the sires and dams we are honouring.

As the purpose of the ROM is to award superior sires and dams for the excellence of their progeny, I feel it only fair that the parents of such dogs receive recognition in the Canadian ROM.

Documentation of foreign titles must be provided, but could be scanned and emailed to the ROM administrator along with the application.

Moved by Alison Strang that: Points (5 only in each of the accepted disciplines) are awarded to the parents of Canadian-bred dogs which earn titles from AKC, ARBA, UKC, HRC, NAHRA, KC, FCI and recognized Australasian kennel clubs.

This clause would be placed in requirements for both sire and dam.

If this is deemed acceptable I would suggest that the last paragraph above REQUIREMENTS be deleted.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Alison, Shannon, Stephanie, Greg, Mary, Andrea, Gary, Toby

Abstain: Dawn

No Vote: Terri

III. Further Proposed Change to NSDTR Club of Canada ROM – Moving On: Alison Strang, Shannon Viljasoo, Dawn O'Leary

Alison: I would to re-visit the 20 pts for Best in Show, along with 20 pts. For Best in Specialty. Now that we have so many more Regional Specialties I feel it would be better to award 15 pts. for a Best in Regional Specialty and 20 pts. for a Best in National Specialty. This would emphasize the extra importance of a National Specialty and place it in the same category as a Best in Show. All these are, rightly, specified as being at CKC events.

Shannon: suggested re-visiting the discussion of whether or not a higher field title for ROMX should be considered.

It was also discussed and agreed that the inclusion of the COE in the ROM requirements (by way of membership in the NSDTR Club of Canada) eliminates the need for showing health certificates. No vote was needed as this was discussion only and was agreed upon.

Moved by Dawn O'Leary that the ROM be published as it is now with the changes agreed to at this meeting. Discussions regarding extra points for BIS, BISS and higher field requirements are left for future discussion.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Mary, Alison, Shannon, Andrea, Greg, Toby, Gary, Stephanie

Abstain: Dawn

No Vote: Terri

4.2. Perpetual Trophy Storage – Yarmouth Museum Update: Dawn O'Leary, Alison Strang

I. Discussion:

Dawn reported that she was in contact with the curator's assistant and while awaiting the written agreement regarding the storage and shipping of our perpetual trophies she spoke to someone from another club that has also decided to keep their trophies in one central location however, at Specialties they have decided to display a large picture of each trophy rather than have them on display. Dawn asked for discussion.

Mary: I would be in favor of shipping them out each Specialty to have on display. They are a part of our history and a lot of great dams/sires are listed on those trophies. There is not much said in a picture.

Andrea: Having a picture of the trophy would be okay to keep at home but I don't think that having a picture of a trophy would make for a great photo op when getting my picture taken after winning a BISS. The only way that the win picture would look good is if the trophy was in the picture too. I don't think it is necessary to have the trophy in my possession, but it should be in the winner's pictures. IF the club was broke, or nearly so, I would not suggest sending the trophies around the country, but because we are quite well off financially, I think we should 'share' the wealth. I am all for storing the trophies in a safe place for the time they are not needed, but have them shipped out to the show, get the pictures taken, do the engraving and ship them back into safe keeping again.

Alison: My own feelings are ambivalent.....on one hand it is nice for people to get to keep the trophies their dog won for a couple of years, but on the other hand the wear and tear on the trophies is very hard and the cost of hurtling them around the country could mount up quite considerably. I think if a large colour photograph could be taken of each trophy and that could be given out, nicely framed, at each Specialty that this might do. Perhaps the donors of the trophies might pony up for a keeper?

While no vote was taken, the general consensus was that while the Club is financially capable of paying for the trophies to be shipped to the Specialties it should continue to do so.

II. Proposal from Museum

Alison received the following email from Nadine Gates, the curator at the Yarmouth Museum and Archives. It was sent on to Stephanie to get her ideas as well.

Hello Allison,

My apologies! We are getting ready for our biggest fund raiser of the year and all energy has been focused on that. Having a case made is cost prohibitive and we have decided to order one from Carr-

McClellan. We deal regularly with this company and find they are excellent to deal with. The cost of the case is **\$1725.00 + \$140.00 S & H + \$279.75 HST = \$2144.75**. We will be placing an order to this company at the beginning of the new year for archival supplies and will be ordering the case at that time. I am attaching documents for your executive to print (2 copies), sign and mail back to me (both copies). I will sign and return to your executive if everything is in order.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With regards,

Nadine Gates, Curator
Yarmouth County Museum and Archives
22 Collins Street
Yarmouth, NS
B5A 3C8
<http://yarmouthcountymuseum.ednet.ns.ca>

Moved by Dawn O'Leary that we accept the museum's proposal for the purchase of the case as described (above in the letter from Nadine) and have them order the case.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Shannon, Alison, Greg, Mary, Andrea, Toby, Gary

Abstain: Dawn

No Vote: Terri

4.3. Perpetual Trophy Donation from Denise Jacoby – Agility: Dawn O'Leary

Moved by Dawn that the perpetual Agility trophy as supplied by Denise Jacoby, be offered at the 2011 specialty with the criteria as outlined:

High in Class will be calculated by taking the time from high dog in each division (jump height) of each class (Novice A, Novice B, Intermediate, Excellent A, Excellent B) and dividing it by the reference time (a preset time based on course length, jump height, class etc.). This time is known as the relative time. Of the dogs with the lowest relative time in their division, the dog with the highest score wins.

If more than one dog has the highest score, the dog with the smallest relative time wins. Relative times are rounded off to four decimal places (e.g. 1.03124 becomes 1.0312 and 0.96276 becomes 0.9628). If more than one dog has the highest score and the lowest relative time, then on days with an even date the dog with the lower-height division wins when determining high-in-class, and the lower-level class wins in determining high-in-trial. (A classes are lower than B classes). On odd dates, the higher height wins high-in-class and the higher class wins high-in-trial.

For high combined in trial add together the relative time from the Standard run and the JWW run. Add together the score from the Standard run and the JWW run. Highest score wins.

If more than one dog has the highest score, the dog with the smallest relative time wins. Relative times are rounded off to four decimal places (e.g. 1.03124 becomes 1.0312 and 0.96276 becomes 0.9628). If more than one dog has the highest score and the lowest relative time, then on days with an even date the

dog with the lower-height division wins, and within a jump height, the lower armband number wins. On odd dates, the higher-height division wins, and within a jump height the higher armband wins.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Mary, Stephanie, Andrea, Greg, Toby, Shannon, Gary, Alison

Abstain: Dawn

No Vote: Terri

4.4. Nominating Committee Formation and Election Update

The positions of Ontario and Prairies Director were the only two left vacant following the October 15th nomination deadline.

On November 5th, Dawn let the group know that Bonnie Glines had stepped forward willing to take on the job of Prairies Director.

The position of President had two candidates so an election according to our constitution and by-laws had to be run.

Biographies, ballots and stamped return envelopes were mailed to eligible members.

The election results were as follows: Krista Wendland 139, Donna LaHaise 69. Krista was declared president for 2011/2012.

Following the election the nominee for secretary withdrew and the position was left vacant. The membership was notified on December 8, 2010 of the 2011/2012 Executive by email.

Dawn encouraged all Executive to contact the membership at large to see if there were any qualified members willing to take on the position of Secretary.

On December 11, Shelly Campbell contacted Terri Newey indicating that she would be interested in the position of Secretary.

Shannon was able to find a replacement for the position of Ontario Director so at present, all positions are filled and it is not necessary to form a nominating committee.

Moved by Dawn O'Leary, that upon receiving the nomination papers from Shelly and in accordance with the bylaws section A,3,C we acclaim Shelly as our new secretary.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Shannon, Greg, Alison, Stephanie, Toby, Mary

Abstain: Dawn

No Vote: Andrea, Terri, Gary

5. New Business:

5.1. Judges Education

Due to extra time dedicated to the election process and the requirement to deal with our by-laws and geographic distribution there was no discussion on this topic.

5.2. Request for Agility Trial – Maritimes: Mary Price

Moved by Mary that we approve to host an Agility Trial on June 18, 2011 in Halifax. Wendy Rudolph will organize this event. Application for this event must be in by Friday, December 17th.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Dawn, Shannon, Alison, Shannon, Andrea, Mary, Greg, Gary, Toby

No Vote: Terri

5.3. Items Arising During Meeting

NOVEMBER 24: Shannon shared the news of Dr. Poma's passing on November 15, 2010. Dr. Poma was the driving force behind the Toller epilepsy study at the University of Guelph (OVC). He passed away November 15th at 41 years of age of an acute brain hemorrhage. Very sad and the Toller community has lost a great resource.

Moved by Dawn that the national Club donate \$750 to epilepsy studies in Dr.Poma's name and \$250 to the trust fund for his family.

Motion Passed

In Favour: Mary, Shannon, Andrea, Greg, Toby, Alison, Stephanie

Abstain: Dawn

No Vote: Terri, Gary

DECEMBER 9: Dawn reported that the group planning the regional Specialty in Ontario would like to host a seminar as a fund raiser. They need to sign a contract and would like the National Club Executive to sign as the sponsor. Here is the information they sent.

Myra Savant Harris Seminar: Canine reproduction and whelping techniques plus Puppy intensive care

2 Day seminar, Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5, 2011

Held in Ottawa Ontario at the Marriott Hotel <http://www.myrasavantharris.com/about.aspx>

What we need from you is agreement that the contract can be made up to the NSDTR Club of Canada with me being the signer of the contract. Plus we need approval from the board to host the event.

I have calculated that the total cost to host this event will be \$8,105.41. After some research on other events, here is our pricing strategy:

Cost (includes lunch and snacks on both days):

Before February 15, 2011 - \$119 early bird

After February 15, 2011 - \$149

Current members of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of Canada and the Ontario Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club pay \$119 at any time

To break even we need to sell 55 tickets @ \$149 or 69 tickets @ \$119 which we feel is possible to do especially if we advertise early.

If you like I can call you Sunday to further explain. But we do have to move fast. The contract is only good until Dec 17, 2010. Next weekend I am going to the Credit Valley show and I would like to promote this event if possible

Cheers and looking forward to hearing from you. Susan McDonough.

Mary expressed concern about the financial obligation of this proposal and while in favour of educational seminars, wondered if it was wise for the National Club to guarantee this seminar.

There was no further discussion on this topic as focus turned to accepting the nomination for secretary and resolving the problem of geographic distribution of directors and officers which Dawn was discussing with the CKC.

DECEMBER 10: BIS Trophy

There has been discussion over several years regarding the replacement of the BOB Specialty Trophy due to its fragile nature.

Stephanie: At this point I think that we should have Terri send it on to the 2011 National Specialty Committee. I doubt that there is going to be a new one found in the next few months and we will still need to have something available. If one is found by the next Executive the old one can be sent onto Nova Scotia with everything else after the National is over.

Dawn: It is my understanding that it had been repaired and is in good shape and ready to be shipped to Calgary.

DECEMBER 15: Addition of Two New Perpetual Trophies to Museum List

Alison will contact the Yarmouth County Museum and let them know that we have two additional trophies to add to our list of current perpetual trophies. She was going to get measurements to send them to Nadine. The new trophies are currently in Terri's possession.

DECEMBER 15: Geographic Distribution

Dawn: In discussion with Marg Fenech at the Canadian Kennel Club I have learned

1. Elections must be held regardless of the geographic region concerns.
2. That the national policy for representation is as follows from CKC Policy on national clubs.

Section Clubs, B 1(3) (V)

Provided there are always members of the Board of Directors (officers or directors) residing in at least four (4) of six (6) regions, the directors of the club may be elected by the members residing in the region in which the director resides or at the national level. (For the purposes of this provision, the six (6) regions are: British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Provinces, and Nunavut, Yukon and Northwest Territories.)

3. We should try to follow our bylaws but if written to be based on the national policy it seems that this has changed at CKC.

4. Our policy reads: Section 1-Executive, C Geographic Location:

In keeping with the CKC's policy book on national clubs, no more than two (2) elected officers plus one (1) director may come from one geographic area etc.

Therefore I would suggest that

1. We are no longer in keeping with the national policy so we should change this

2. It may take a referendum to do so

3. We may be able to vote to follow the current CKC policy until such time as a referendum can be held and the members can decide to stay with the old bylaws or follow the current bylaws.

I have asked my lawyer for advice on the above statements and here are her comments:

Because the sentence (regarding geographic distribution) contains specifics we must follow the specifics so we should hold a referendum to change this particular bylaw to be in keeping with the requirements of the Canadian Kennel Club, which will make our current distribution of officers and directors for 2011/2010 legitimate.

She also stated that there is no reason for anyone to resign even though the Club will be outside its bylaws for a period of time.

DECEMBER 22: Dawn O'Leary

Motion submitted by Dawn O'Leary, December 22, 2010

Seconded by Mary Price and Debbie Unger

I would like to make a motion that the section on Geographic Distribution of Directors and Officers in the bylaws of the NSDTR Club of Canada which reads:

In keeping with the C.K.C.'s Policy Book for National Clubs, no more than two [2] elected officers plus one [1] Regional Director may come from one geographic zone.

[1] These zones are defined as:

[a] B.C. - the province of British Columbia.

[b] Prairies - the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

[c] Ontario - the province of Ontario

[d] Québec - the province of Quebec

[e] Atlantic - the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

[f] Yukon and Northwest Territories

Be changed to read:

In keeping with the CKC Policy and Procedures Manual on accredited National Breed Clubs:

“Provided there are always members of the Board of Directors (officers or directors) residing in at least four (4) of six (6) regions, the directors of the club may be elected by the members residing in the region in which the director resides or at the national level. (For the purposes of this provision, the six (6) regions are: British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Provinces, and Nunavut, Yukon and Northwest Territories.)”

Interpretation for NSDTR Club of Canada: We currently have twelve (12) elected executive positions (officers and directors) of which eleven (11) have voting privileges. Six (6) are regional directors and therefore must reside in and be elected by members from their region. The remaining positions could be filled by a member from any of the specified regions. The CKC policy requires that there be regional representation from at least four (4) of the six (6) regions which means that by adopting this motion we will have sufficient regional representation and will be abiding by the CKC rules that govern us as a CKC accredited National Breed Club.

6. Adjournment and Next meeting

The final meeting of the 2009/2010 executive was adjourned by Dawn O’Leary on December 23, 2010. The next meeting will be called to order by the 2011/2012 Executive in the New Year.