

**Proposal to amend the MNRC By-laws from two thirds vote to a simple majority.**

Over the last 12-13 years, I have been to about 8-10 Annual Delegates meetings held just before the start of the annual Master National. It has become apparent to me, and I hope to you also, that the business of running the National organization has come to a grinding halt. This appears to be primarily the inability to get anything passed because of the existing language in the By-Laws needing a two thirds majority to pass any proposal. I've sat and listened to many good proposals brought forth in an effort to bring about change - good, bad, or otherwise. Its doesn't seem to matter, most proposals don't pass. I was unable to locate exact numbers, but I believe that only one proposal has been passed in the last 5 or so years.

I suggested at the meeting last fall that maybe it was time to review the By-Laws. I was surprised at how well received the suggestion was. The Delegates, as well as many of the Board members, past and present, want changes.

Its seems there's a relatively simple solution to start to bring about some change. By changing just a few words in the By-Laws, proposals could pass with a simple majority of Delegates present. I've drafted the proposal and attached it to this email.

The attached proposal is being submitted now for consideration by the MNRC member clubs. This proposal is authored by myself, and being endorsed by the following member clubs:

Laura Judd for Marin Retriever Club  
Terry Elliot for Salem Retriever Trial Club  
Kevin Bunnell for Umpqua Valley Retriever Club  
Julie Cairns for Redwood Empire Retriever Club  
Frank Prendergast for Yankee Waterfowlers HRC  
Eric Whitacre for the Rappahannock River Retriever Club  
John Blackbird for the Central Minnesota Retriever Club  
Sid Sontag for the Lake County Retriever Club of Minnesota  
Roger Molzan for the North Dakota Retriever Club  
Elaine Goodner for the Rogue Valley Retriever Club

Respectfully submitted for your actions. Call me anytime if we need to discuss this further.

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## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

- SECTION 1.                These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of member clubs, but notice of any proposed amendments shall be filed in writing with the Secretary by any committee appointed by the President for that purpose, or by at least two member clubs in good standing. Such filing must occur at least fifty-five (55) days prior to any such meeting. A copy thereof shall be sent by the Secretary by mail to each member club and to each delegate, at least forty (40) days before such meeting. The delegates may propose substitute amendments or may propose amendments to the proposed amendments by motion duly made and seconded at such annual meeting.
- SECTION 2.                An affirmative vote of ~~two-thirds~~ ***simple majority (50% + 1)*** of the member clubs represented at any meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment, notice of which has been given in accordance with Section 1.
- SECTION 3.                Amendments to the Bylaws may be decided either by mail vote, at the Annual Meeting, or a special called meeting. Ballots may be returned to the Secretary by regular U.S. Postal Service First Class mail or electronic transmission. They must be received no later than 60 days after the mailing of the ballot with that date stated in the cover letter. All results with votes by clubs shall be posted.