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President's Message...

Greetings;

A lot has taken place in my short time as a member of the Master National Retriever Club's Board of Directors. You made a decision to stay with AKC. You also charged the Board to prepare a qualifying system that would meet the desires of AKC as well as meet the approval of our member clubs. It has taken a lot of paper work and a lot of time. But with your input and the commitment of the Board, these tasks were accomplished and finalized at the annual

meeting in California this past September. Your vote is in and finally, a new qualifying system is in effect.

And speaking of California, those of us in attendance at the Master National certainly had a beautiful test site and a good time. Many thanks go the gracious Bechtel Family, owners of Mead Ranch. Gary Bechtel, ranch manager, and his staff, had the grounds in perfect condition and were on hand every day to help if needed. Of course this event began with the direction of Julie Cairns, 2006 MN President and Laura Judd, Hunt Test Chairman. We acknowledge their hard work as well as the time and effort of the members of the Marin Retriever Club. Thank you all.

Let me now move forward to our 2007 Master National Retriever Club Hunt Test to be held in the beautiful state of Virginia. The dates are Sunday, October 14 through Sunday, October 20, 2007. Our host club is the Rappahannock River Retriever Club. Mr. R.N. (Neil) Selby has offered his property, Shady Grove Hunting Preserve, in Remington, VA as our main test site. We also have the use of the nearby C.F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area. In addition our judges will have the use of Mountain Run Kennels, belonging to Jane Kelso and the property belonging to her neighbor, Bill LeMar. Our headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Select in Fredericksburg, VA.

For your information, the Rappahannock Club has a website: http://www.rrrclub.com/. As plans are finalized with the host club, you will find event information on that website as well

VISION STATEMENT

The Master National Retriever Club, Inc., is committed to the hunting tradition, and devoted to the promotion, breeding, training and best interests of retrievers. In order to carry out our commitment, Master Hunters will be tested annually in a non-competitive manner at the Master National Stake to the maximum of the standard set out by the American Kennel Club. We firmly believe in supporting the hunting test program and that all participants should conduct themselves as good sportsmen. To obtain the maximum of the standard there shall be such utilization of terrain, bird placement, and natural conditions so as to provide significant challenge to the abilities of the master hunting dog.

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Message From the Immediate Past President

It had been a dream of mine to have the Master National event in California for over ten years. The 2006 event was that dream-come-true in many respects. We had outstanding grounds, great tests, one of the nicest areas in the state and nearly perfect weather for dog work. After two years of planning it is difficult to believe that the 2006 event is history. There is not only a feeling of relief but also sadness and emptiness. During that two-year period the location and date of the event changed three times, proof that dates and location need not be set in stone well in advance for an event to be a success. However, thanks for the event's success is largely due to two key people in Morgan Hill. First and foremost there was Gary Bechtel, Mead Ranch manager who was responsible for the organization that was already in place from the beginning. Dan Erhler of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in opening doors and making key contacts within the Morgan Hill community. There are so many people who worked so hard to make the event a success, but most of all there was our Hunt Test Chair, Laura Judd who worked tirelessly to make the event happen.

There were expenses associated with the 2006 event that were above what is normal for the MNRC. The water available for tests at the 2006 event was outstanding, but it had to be pumped and maintained throughout the dry season in order for natural vegetation to grow around the ponds. This cost the MNRC an additional \$3,500. Fires are a constant threat and it was necessary to provide a means of fire control during the event. The original plan was to have a water truck at a central location and water buffaloes at each test site. A better plan turned out to have members of the Uvas Fire Department on the premises with a fire truck during the event. This service cost the MNRC an additional \$1500, but we also gained a couple of excellent gunners. All in all that's an additional \$5000 normally not included in test expenses.

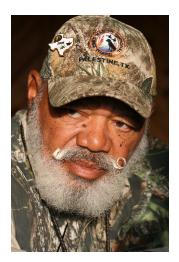
Then there was the issue of hired help. Last year in Texas was the first year we hired paid workers. The last time the event was held in region IV (Bend, OR 2002) there was a serious shortage of volunteer help. The entries for the 2006 event were smaller than those in 2002, so the same problem was expected. All of our paid help was from Victory Outreach, a local rehabilitation program for men and women. After last year we knew we needed more than four workers per day and besides workers in the field we needed a person stationed at both the entrance and exit to the grounds. On some days we used up to eight paid workers. Another expense unique to California was hunting licenses for out-of-state gunners. Ten gunners were reimbursed up to \$140 each for their California hunting licenses.

One problem that arose before the event was minor in the big picture, but is still worth noting. A refrigeration unit for the birds had been reserved back in February. Unfortunately the unit in question needed repair work and the necessary parts would not be available until after our event was over. The back-up plan was to use a different unit, however this cooler would have required electrical rewiring at the ranch...or so we thought. When it was determined that this would not be possible we looked at renting a generator for the unit. When I say "we" this was primarily the work of Suzie Torrey, assistant manager of Mead Ranch. The cost of renting the generator along with the refrigerated unit was approaching the \$2,500 level. The next option was to rent a refrigerated truck, so one was reserved with a reasonable cost assured. Thursday morning before the event we learned that insurance was needed to rent the truck. No problem. We added the truck company to the MNRC club policy with a couple of quick faxes and thought we were set. Then we learned that they required truck insurance and that could only be obtained by someone licensed to operate trucks. We had several persons who volunteered to place the insurance through their policies, but the cost of this insurance was not feasible. A quick decision was made to obtain a chest freezer. Hunt Test Chair Laura Judd made a few quick calls and a trip to Gilroy and purchased a freezer for about \$750 (half the cost of the originally planned cooler unit). Between the freezer and cooler than normal temperatures the birds held up well throughout the week. The MNRC reimbursed Laura and donated the freezer to the Marin Retriever Club who in turn gave the freezer to Suzie Torrey.

During the week there were minor inconveniences the most notable of which was that on Monday afternoon the quad that Dale Langhorne was driving went into the pond used for Group B's first series. Fortunately Dale wasn't

Meet Your New Board Members...

DIRECTOR-REGION 1 EUGENE D. BYRD, JR. D.D.S



I am a married 63-year old father of a son and daughter and have a grandson Terrance, who was born in February, 2006. If I tell the truth, my wife, Laura got me started in the retriever game, although she would hate to admit it.

After the birth of our son Christopher in 1972, we purchased a black Labrador Retriever pup, "Henry

David Thoreau". He was an extremely gentle family dog and an amazing retriever. However, it was not until I purchased our first Chesapeake Bay Retriever, "Omar Khayyam" that I was bitten by the retriever game. Omar was from a long line of "Bay" dogs that were not registered. Because of this, I could not participate in the AKC game so I started with NAHRA. Since then I have had a twenty-year association with Chesapeake Bay Retrievers having owned, bred, and trained five Chesapeakes to the Master Hunter title. For more than 15 years, waterfowl and upland bird hunting have been one of my passions.

When Thoreau passed, we purchased our first AKC registered Chessie pup, Happy's Bay City L'il Doc MH and began to play the AKC hunt test game. Doc became a Master National Hall of Famer in 2000 at Syracuse, Indiana and our next dog Sally's Sassy Bit O'BartMH, earned entry into the Master National Hall at the Big Woods in Palestine, Texas. There are only three Chesapeake Bay Retrievers in the Master National Hall of Fame and I am the proud owner and trainer of two of them. We are now campaigning two of Sassy's pups, Sass' Brave Rainbow Warrior MH and Patapsco Chief Red Rider MH who also ran the Master National in 2005.

I began judging hunting retriever tests in the NAHRA

program in the late 1980s and starting judging AKC hunt tests in the early 90's. Additionally, I have judged at all levels in the AKC Hunt Test program and am an eight-point judge in each level. The highlight of my judging career was to be selected to judge the 2001 Master National held in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

I am an active member of Del Bay Retriever Club and Keystone Retriever Club having chaired hunt tests for both and enjoy the camaraderie. I have served on the board of directors for both clubs and am currently vice president of Keystone. I was recently elected to the board of director of the American Chesapeake Club. Although I like to judge, my passion is running and hunting my Chessies. Oh, when I can find the time, I

am a practicing general dentist in Baltimore, MD.

VICE PRESIDENT-REGION 2 DAVE KRESS



It is an honor to become the Vice President of Region II for the Master National Club and I accept the responsibility with humbleness and the belief that all parties are trying to be the best team they can be.

My experience with Labrador Retrievers goes back to high school days when I was a bird boy for several of the original members of the Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club. Back then the events were held at Camp Boxwell. These things happened long before the Hunt

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Test program came into existence. Dogs and hunting along the Mississippi River and the Tennessee River bottoms were a way of life for me and then came marriage and children. The marriage is still thriving and is enriched now because of the Labs; the children are grown and moved away; they definitely do not understand our obsession, love and joy in these wonderful animals.

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My wife, Marty, and I are blessed with five competitive labs. Three have earned the Master title while being home-schooled in the art of the hunt test events. All three have qualified for the Master National and while I have qualified my dog for the last two years, I have felt the bitter taste of disappointment. It is truly a long ride home as Marty polishes her third plate and all I can say is "wait till next year".

We live near Nashville, Tennessee and are active members of the Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club (MTARC). Marty has a passion for the sport and gets to train almost every day while I have a day job that allows us to participate on a regular basis. In the summer months our crew lives, trains and competes in events in Canada, and we are charter members of the Canadian Master National Club. We have such a feeling of accomplishment and awe for what the dogs do. Marty is especially proud that High Mileage Hilltops Hustle has received three AKC Master National qualifications and has also qualified two times at the Canadian Master National. I get to live vicariously via her accomplishments as I plug away with my brown girl for qualifications and dream of the wall my Master National plates will hang on.

I look forward to meeting many more Hunt Tests friends and learning of your successes and concerns while we all work toward making the Master National event THE place to be!



DIRECTOR - REGION 4 JIM HUSTON



I am married with three daughters and two grandchildren. My wife Debbie will retire in June after 30 years as a elementary school teacher. My college efforts resulted in a BS, MBA and a JD. I have been the owner of Western Industrial Ceramics since it began in 1971. The company makes high temperature insulation kits for industrial ovens and home appliances as well as artificial logs for gas fireplaces.

My dog hobby began with a series of Springer Spaniels for hunting. I wanted to extend the season by competing and decide that retriever hunt tests offered the opportunity that I wanted. I began with my first Golden Retriever in 1994. I was fortunate to have started with a special Golden as she qualified for the Master National Hunt Test six times and passed it once. I was saddened by her passing as well as her daughters at younger ages than they should have. I currently have four goldens. One is now retired and three are in training. I am currently competing at the Master level as well as Senior and Junior. I have hopes one day of qualifying all three for the Master National.

I have been involved with the Oregon Hunting Retriever Club in Portland, OR for a number of years.

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JIM HUSTON continued

I was the President for four years and their delegate to the Master National during that time. I am currently a director on the board. OHRC holds a double header over Memorial Weekend and has for a number of years had 2-3 of the Master National Judges travel to Portland to judge the trials. This has resulted in some very large entries often over 600 for the 4 day weekend.

I enjoy judging and do so as my schedule allows. I have attended 6 AKC judging seminars and have recently passed the written question exam. I feel that it is important that experienced handlers work at becoming experienced judges and contribute to quality

hunt tests. I am looking forward to working on the MNRC Board and want to contribute to its continued success.

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the Master National Club website. Motel accommodations in the area are already posted on Rappahannock's website.

As I stated earlier, we have come a long way. And now, let's look at this coming year as a celebration for you and those wonderful dogs we train and love. Let's focus on this year's event. I hope to see the Master National Retriever Club return to it's "roots" and have an event that will showcase our dogs and the great people who have brought them this far.

In the mean time, my best wishes to you and your families for a safe and joyous Holiday Season and may all your birds land "belly up".

Sincerely, Mary Williams, President 2006-2007



Many thanks to our Corporate Sponsors who help make the MNRC Event possible:

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injured. The quad was carrying bags of birds and these were now in the water. Yvonne Becker took it upon herself to go in the water and rescue the birds. Many thanks to Yvonne, for without her efforts we would have been short of birds. Yvonne deserves the "Golden Speedo" award for her efforts. Unfortunately the quad needed repair work and the owner of one of the other quads left when his dog went out, taking his quad with him. Consequently we were short two quads.

There are so many people to thank for the success of this event: Gary Bechtel and the hard-working Mead Ranch staff, the host Marin Retriever Club, the community of Morgan Hill, the staff at the Holiday Inn Express, the list goes on and on, It was a privilege and honor to have had the opportunity to work with such a fine group of people and to have been a part of not only the 2006 event, but the MNRC Board. I want to make special mention of two Board members who completed their two-year directorships: George Tookey and Cindy Read. Dave Bornhoefen resigned his position as Region II VP during the event. The Board selected Dave Kress as his replacement.

Next year's event moves back to Region1 with a new system of qualification and new challenges. May the future bring the club and event continued success.

Julie Cairns, President 2005-2006 Immediate Past President

HANDLERS MEETING & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY CENTER SEPT. 30, 2006

The handlers meeting was called to order by President Julie Cairns at 11:00. Julie introduced Bill Teague, Chief Marshal. Bill introduced the 2006 judges: Region I, Tim Summers, Region II, John Blackbird, Region III, Bill Largent, Region IV Rick Greer. Bill announced that the pairing would be John and Bill; Rick and Tim. A blind drawing was held and John and Bill drew Flight A and Rick and Tim will judge flight B. Another blind drawing was held and Flight A drew test #1 and Flight B will start with test 2.Bill then gave the handlers instructions pertaining to the 2006 event. Questions from the handlers were answered. The Handlers Meeting adjourned at 11:30

President Julie Cairns acting as Chair, called the Annual Meeting to order at 12:30. Julie appointed Teresa Stevens as parliamentarian. Julie introduced the corporate sponsors that were in attendance and also AKC representative Jerry Mann. Julie recognized the host club the Marin Retriever Club and presented representatives with the MNRC flag. Julie recognized Laura Judd, the 2005 hunt test chairman.

Julie then introduced the MNRC Board Members in attendance: Bill Blochowiak, Past President: Mike Bunting, Treasurer; Frank Barton, Secretary; Mary Williams, V.P. Region I; John Marchica Director Region I; Bill Teague, V.P. Region III; Gloria Mundell, Director Region III, Janet Peters, V.P. Region IV; Director Region IV; George Tookey, .

A roll call of member clubs by MNRC Secretary, Frank Barton was taken. 91 clubs answered present and a quorum was announced.

Bill Teague made a motion, seconded by Bill Blochowiak, to accept the 2005 annual minutes as published. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mike Bunting gave the Treasurer's Report. Frank Prendergast stated an objection to the higher entry fees and asked that the board lower the fee by \$25.00. No action was taken.

Julie Cairns announced that the Board had decided that the 2008 Master National event would be hosted by the Minnesota Iron Range Retriever Club.

Mary Williams announced that the dates for the 2007 event were October 13-20 in Manassas, VA.

Mary Williams reported on the procedure used to select the judge candidates for the 2007 event.

Bill Teague reported on the changes to the Policy and Procedures approved by the Board. These changes are a part of these minutes.

Alice Woodyard requested that the Board look at modifying

the Dow method in order to put dogs with numbers greater than 100 in the same jeopardy as the other dogs.

XI. New Business

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Frank Durham made a motion, seconded by Bill Blochowiak to reconsider the vote for the regional conc as mailed out earlier in the year. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed to achieve the 2/3 majority.

Amendment #1

PROPOSAL- PRELIMINARY TEST

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 3. Number of Contestants, Eligibility and Entry Fees

(a) Contestants shall be limited to the following:

(1) Dogs that have passed the Preliminary Qualifying test held prior to the Master National

Hunting Test

(b) Each entrant must pay an entry fee, to be deter mined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X-NEW Article

Master National Retriever Club-Preliminary Qualifying Test

(Renumber current articles X and XI)

Section 1 Preliminary Test

- (a) A Preliminary Test must be held no later than seven days prior to the start of the MNHRT. It shall be licensed as a separate event from the MNHRT and held by any MNRC member club within an approximate 400 mile distance of the MNHRT.
- (b) Preliminary tests shall be run as three-day events, with flights of no more than 90 dogs each. The minimum requirements of a weekend hunt test must be met.
- (c) In the event that there are more flights than tests, the tests that flights are to run will be randomly.
- (d) Preliminary tests may be run as single events.

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Section 2-Eligibility

- Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for one qualifying scores. Dogs receiving a quali fying score at the previous year's Qualifying test shall receive credit for one qualifying score.
 - (a) Dogs eligible to enter a Master National Prelimi nary Test shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of five Master tests conduct ed by member clubs, plus possessing an AKC Master Hunter title. In order to be counted towards the qualifying requirements, hunting tests at which qualifying scores are awarded must have a begin ning date falling between August 1 and July 31 of that year.
 - (b) Each entrant must pay an entry fee, to be deter mined by the test-giving club.

Section 3-Judges

 (a) Judges for Preliminary Test must have a mini mum of eight points and meet AKC eligibility. Selection of judges shall be by the test-giving club with final approval of the Master National Retriever Club Board of Directors. No member of the Board of Directors of the Master National Retriever Club may serve as a judge for a Preliminary test, even if they resign, during their respective term of office.

Section 4-Prizes and mechanics of tests

(a) No cash prizes shall be awarded, but the dogs and handlers who qualify may be awarded such prizes as the test giving club may determine.

The Chair called for discussion on the Amendment. After discussion the vote was called for with a show of hands and the Chair announced the amendment failed to achieve the 2/3 majority.

Amendment #2

PROPOSAL- BATTING AVERAGE

Article IX

SECTION 3. Number of Contestants, Eligibility and Entry Fees

(a) Contestants shall be limited to the following:

(1) Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for two qualifying scores.

(2) All contestants shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of five Master tests in seven attempts conducted by member clubs, plus possessing an AKC Master

Hunter title, subject to (1) above. A dog qualifying at the Master National in the previous year will be credited with two passes in two attempts.

Roger Quaas made a motion seconded by Frank Durham to amend the word "plus" to "after". After discussion the vote was called and the amendment failed. Attention was then given to the main motion of adopting Amendment #2. The Chair called for discussion Amendment #2. After discussion the vote was called for with a show of hands and the Chair announced the amendment failed to achieve the 2/3 majority

Amendment #3

PROPOSAL-DESIGNATED QUALIFYING TESTS Article IX

SECTION 3. Number of Contestants, Eligibility and Entry Fees

(a) Contestants shall be limited to the following:

(1) Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for two qualifying scores.

(2) All Contestants *must possess* an AKC Master Hunter title, subject to (1) above *and earn a minimum of five qualifying scores including X pass(es) at a Designated Qualifying Test.*

(b) In order to be counted towards the qualifying requirements, hunting tests at which qualifying scores are awarded must have a beginning date falling between August 1 of the year preceding the current National Master Hunting Retriever Test and July 31 of the year of the National Master Hunting Retriever Test.

(c) Each entrant must pay an entry fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors

(d) In the first year of implementation one Designated pass would be required. If this does not achieve a oneflight event the following year, two Designated Test passes will be required. If this does not achieve the one event flight, the next year three Designated passes will be required. The number of Designated Tests available will increase at the rate of one designated tests offered per each pass required.

New-ARTICLE X

Designated Master National Qualifying Tests Section 1

(a) At the Board's discretion Master tests held by any MNRC member club holding an AKC Licensed or Member club event will be designated as a Qualifying Test.

(b) A minimum of two Qualifying Tests will be designated per region with no more than six tests designated in any given qualifying period. (@)Thenumber of qualifying tests held must be the same for all-

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regions. It shall be the Board's decision as to how many tests to designate in each qualifying period. There are no restrictions as to the region tests are run in nor the number attempted. The credit earned for two passes for qualifying at the previous year's Master National will not count as Designated Tests.

(c) The regional Vice Presidents and Directors will review the judging panels of clubs for test selection. Clubs interested in holding a Qualifying test may also make application to the Board. Designated Qualifying tests may be held as regular weekend tests or Master tests only. No club may be selected for more than one Designated Test during the qualifying period. Qualifying tests shall be posted on the MNRC website as soon as they are confirmed. Guidelines for the selection of Qualifying tests will be determined in the Policies and Procedures.

(Suggested Guidelines)

Judges may be professional or amateurs Judges with a history of setting up challenging tests perhaps above the standard weekend test Judges with a history of knowing the rules and making correct decisions Tests that use both ducks and pheasants

Alice Woodyard made a motion, seconded by Kevin Bunnell. to strike the sentence" The number ofqualifying tests held must be the same for all regions." . The chair called for a voice vote and the amendment to the main amendment passed. Attention was then given to the main motion of adopting Amendment #3 The Chair called for discussion on Amendment 3. After discussion the vote was called for with a show of hands and the Chair announced the amendment failed to achieve the 2/3 majority

Amendment #4

PROPOSAL- COMBO BATTING AVERAGE/RAISE # OF REQUIRED TESTS

Article 9

SECTION 3. Number of Contestants, Eligibility and Entry Fees

(a) Contestants shall be limited to the following:

(1) Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for two qualifying scores.

(2) All contestants shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of five Master tests in seven attempts conducted by member clubs, plus possessing an AKC Master Hunter title, subject to (1) above or earn a total of eight Master passes. A dog qualifying at the Master National in the previous year will be credited with two passes in two attempts.

The Chair called for discussion on the Amendment. After discussion the MNRC Secretary requested a roll call vote. The roll was called and the motion passed 72 FOR, 19 Against, 1 Abstention.

Teresa Stevens made a motion that was seconded, that a roll call vote be taken on the Motion to reconsider the Regional vote. The Chair called for discussion on the motion. After discussion the chair asked for a voice vote and announced that the motion failed.

Amendment #5 <u>ARTICLE IX</u>

THE MASTER NATIONAL HUNTING RETRIEVER TEST

SECTION 1. For the purposes of conducting the Master National Hunting Retriever Test, the country shall be divided into four regions as follows:
(a) Region One-Atlantic: Comprises the states of Maine Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland,Delaw re,Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

(b) Region Two-East Central: Comprises the states of Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, Illinois, Mississippi, Minnesota, (plus Fargo, North Dakota, and that portion of North Dakota lying within a radius or 30 miles of Fargo), Iowa, Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri. (except for Kansas City, Missouri, and that portion of Missouri lying within a radius of 30 miles of Kansas City).

(c) Region Three-WestCentral: Comprises the states of North Dakota, (except for Fargo and that portion of North

Dakota lying within a radius of 30 miles of Fargo), South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, (plus Kansas City, Missouri and that portion of Missouri lying within a radius of 30miles of Kansas City), New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho

(d) Region Four-Pacific: Comprises the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona and Alaska.

The Chair called for discussion on Amendment 5. After discussion the vote was called for with a show of hands and the Chair announced the amendment passed unanimously.

Amendment #6

Article XI, Section 3 (new) Mail Vote For Amendments

(a) 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.

The Chair called for discussion on Amendment 6. After discussion the vote was called for with a show of hands and the Chair announced the amendment passed with a vote of 77 for and 17 against

Amendment #7 ARTICLE XI

SECTION 2.

A. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the member clubs represented at any meeting <u>or two thirds of clubs</u> <u>responding by mail vote</u> shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment, notice of which has been given in accordance with Section 1. Or

B. An affirmative vote of a majority of the member clubs represented at two consecutive annual meetings <u>or an</u> <u>annual or special meeting followed by a mail vote</u>, where the identical amendment is considered will also be sufficient for the adoption of said amendment, provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article VII Section 10 and Article XI, Section 1.

The Chair called for discussion on Amendment 3. After discussion a roll call vote was called for by the chair. The roll was called and the Amendment failed to achieve the 2/3 majority needed 52 FOR, 40 Against,

Amendment # 8 Article IX Section 4 Paragraph C

Replace #1 with "The test shall be run as a single flight and judged by three judges. In the event of excessive entries the Board of Directors may choose to split the event. If this occurs there will be two judges per flight."

The Chair called for discussion on Amendment 8. After discussion the vote was called for with a show of hands and the Chair announced the amendment passed having achieved achieve the 2/3 majority

Mary Williams reviewed the Judge Candidates for the 2007 event.

Region I: Sam Ferguson Robert Tosadori Region II: Tommy Fairchild Ray Muth Rich Pyka Region III: Tim Buck Lynn Morrison Joe O'Brien Region IV: Kevin Bunnell Robin Gulvin Richard Weiner

Ballots were collected and the Chair announced that the 2007 judges would be Sam Ferguson, Rich Pyka, Lynn Morrison, and Kevin Bunnell

The next order of business was the Election of Club Officers

John Marchica was nominated for Vice President Region I. There were no other nominations and a motion was made and seconded that the John Marchica be elected by acclamation.

Dave Kress and Ray Muth were nominated for Director Region 2. Ballots were received from the Region II clubs and Ray Muth was announced as the winner.

Jim Houston was nominated for Director Region IV. There were no other nominations and a motion was made and

seconded that the Jim Huston be elected by acclamation. The Chair announced that with John Marchica election as Region I VP, a vacancy existed for Region I Director. Gene Byrd was nominated for Director Region I. There were no other nominations and a motion was made and seconded that Gene Byrd be elected by acclamation. There was no new business brought before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Barton MNRC Secretary

