

## **MNRC 6/8 Proposal #3**

We the undersigned respectfully request a Special Meeting of the Master National Retriever Club Board of Directors to update the Bylaws as described below.

The purpose of this change is to provide a way to fairly and equitably manage the size of the annual Master National Invitational Event in order to showcase each year's most accomplished dog/handler teams, and to do so in a cost-effective and efficient manner, both for the Master National Retriever Club, our member clubs and individual participants as well.

This proposal maintains the requirement to pass six (6) weekend Master tests, with the added requirement to demonstrate consistency in earning those Master passes. No changes are proposed for our customary exceptions to this, including qualifying dogs from the previous year's Master National Invitational, Canadian dogs, MNH title holders, or qualifying dogs from the current year's Master Amateur Invitational Event.

This proposal also retains simplicity in the requirements placed on our Alaska participants.

Perhaps most important, this proposal maintains the integrity of a truly national event, where the best-of-the-best gather each year to test their mettle running tests of the highest quality. It fosters community spirit, something our members have celebrated for as long as we can remember, no matter who passes or fails.

Thank you.

Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia  
Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club  
Northeast Texas Retriever Association  
Greater Atlanta Retriever Club  
Magnolia Retriever Club  
Coastal Bend Retriever Club of Texas  
Island Lake Retriever Club of North Dakota  
North Dakota Retriever Club

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3. Dogs, domiciled in Canada, running exclusively in CKC Master Hunt Test events, that passed the most recent CKC Canadian Master National Hunt Test prior to the July 31st MNRC qualifying end date.
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(c) Each entrant must pay an entry fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

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## PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Name of Club **Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia** Date **7/21/2023**

Name of Delegate **Fred Nusbickel** Phone Number **229-224-8250**

eMail Ballot only

Current Bylaws affected: Article **IX** Section **3** Page **11**

### Current Wording:

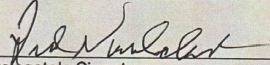
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### Proposed Bylaws Amendment: (Please state wording exactly as you wish it to appear)

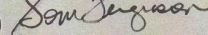
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### Rationale: (Please give a full and complete explanation)

To equitably manage the size of the entry at the Master National Invitational Event in order to showcase each year's most accomplished dog/handler teams. To do so in a cost-effective and efficient manner, both for the Master National Club, as well as for the member clubs and individual participants.

  
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Delegate's Signature

Supporting Club **Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club**

Supporting Delegate Name **Sam Ferguson (proxy for Sallie Sullivan)** 

If eMail ballot, provide other Clubs and Delegate information

Club Name **Northeast Texas Retriever Association** Contact **Thomas Kielty (proxy for Orié Matthews)**

Club Name **Greater Atlanta Retriever Club** Contact **Ray Shanks**

Club Name **Magnolia Retriever Club** Contact **Melissa Shanks**

Club Name **Coastal Bend Retriever Club of Texas** Contact **Lauren Springer**

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Club Name **Island Lake Retriever Club of North Dakota** Contact **Chad Gullickson**

Club Name **North Dakota Retriever Club** Contact **Ben Martin**

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# MNRC 6/8 Proposal #3

From: Thomas Kietly thomaskietly96@gmail.com  
Subject: 6/8 proposal  
Date: July 21, 2023 at 11:11 AM  
To: Deborah Brown northledgelabs@gmail.com

TK

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
Hi Deb, this is Thomas Kietly, and I am a proxy for Orie Matthews with the Northeast Texas Retriever Association.

We support the attached MNRC Proposed By Law Amendment.

Let us know if we can do anything else,

Thomas Kietly  
Northeast Texas Retriever Association

# MNRC 6/8 Proposal #3

**From:** Janine Hayes wjhayes76@hotmail.com   
**Subject:** Fw: Third Request for an MNRC Special Meeting - Alternate Proposal  
**Date:** July 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM  
**To:** northledgelabs@gmail.com

JH

Hi Deb,

Spoke with Ray & he asked me to forward this over to you with our vote of YES. He is our proxy for Greater Atlanta RC. Melissa is for Magnolia. If you need me to do anything else, please let me know. Thanks - Neaner (Janine - Club Secretary) 770-713-4045

**From:** 1meldale mdrobinson2@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Third Request for an MNRC Special Meeting - Alternate Proposal  
**Date:** July 18, 2023 at 7:45 PM  
**To:** Deborah Brown northledgelabs@gmail.com, Eve Smith eve-smith@att.net

MS

Deb,  
As President as hunt test chair for Magnolia Retriever Club, I am happy to say that we support this proposal.

Barry Smith, copied here, is the master National delegate and supports this as well.

Thank you, Melissa Shanks

**From:** Island Lake RC of ND ilrcofnd@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia  
**Date:** July 17, 2023 at 6:06 PM  
**To:** northledgelabs@gmail.com



Island Lake Retriever Club of North Dakota supports the Proposed Bylaw Amendment put forth by Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia on 7/17/2023.

Chad Gullickson  
President Island Lake Retriever Club of ND  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows


# MNRC 6/8 Proposal #3

**From:** benmartin4425@gmail.com   
**Subject:** FW: Third Request for an MNRC Special Meeting - Alternate Proposal  
**Date:** July 18, 2023 at 5:11 PM  
**To:** northledgelabs@gmail.com

Good Afternoon,

The North Dakota Retriever Club supports the proposed bylaw amendment put forth by Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia on 7/17/2023.

**Ben Martin**  
**President**  
**North Dakota Retriever Club**  
**Cell: 701-446-7791**

**From:** Lauren Springer dynamiclauren@hotmail.com   
**Subject:** Re: Third Request for an MNRC Special Meeting - Alternate Proposal  
**Date:** July 18, 2023 at 5:18 PM  
**To:** northledgelabs@gmail.com  
**Cc:** rayshanks70@gmail.com, Brooke VandeBrake Jr brookjr8@hotmail.com, Chris.Bodine@standardaero.com, 1meldale mdrobinson2@gmail.com, thomaslanejackson@gmail.com

Deborah,

**Coastal Bend Retriever Club of Texas** supports the attached MNRC Proposed Bylaws Amendment.

Delegate & Contact: **Lauren Springer 210-326-8620**

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

**Lauren Haynes Springer**  
**CBRC Secretary**

Lauren Haynes Springer  
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