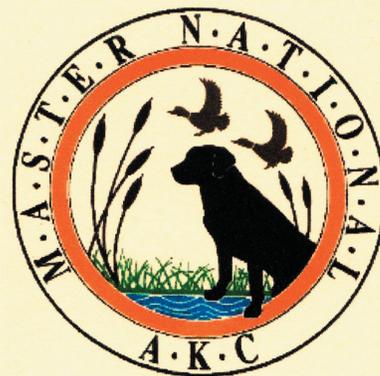


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President's Message...

It's hard to believe but this Master National year is rapidly coming to a close and the annual event at Roger and Kaye Fuller's K.C. Beefmaster's Bluff Creek Ranch near Manheim, Texas will be here quickly. We are most grateful to Roger (a 2004 MNRHT judge) and Kaye for the use of their fine property.

I again say thank you for the opportunity to serve this fine organization as your president. I am very proud of the board members who have worked diligently to make this year's event memorable and historical. This organization has been progressive and has implanted several new benefits to members, has been financially responsible and overall had a very good year. I tip my hat to the member clubs, their individual delegates and contacts for their support and guidance. I also add my thanks to each of the committee chairmen and their members for their hard work. It has been a historical year with many "firsts" that will substantially improve this organization and the annual event.

We extend a special thanks to Rick Greer and the entire Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club membership; ya'll have done a wonderful job. You will find Rick's article outlining the Texas area retriever clubs who have volunteered to support the event and other important pieces of info on page 6 of this Newsletter. Please sign up to work the event during the first part of the week as there are plenty of places where you can volunteer. The Worker's Party will be Wednesday and workers will receive a very special worker's pin at this event.

We add our heartfelt congratulations to each of you who has qualified a dog for year's event. There are a total of about 513 dogs that qualified to enter and 368 dogs entered. We hope you and your dog enjoy running the event and wish you the very best!

Delegates and contacts for the one hundred and sixty one MNRC member clubs should be familiar with the business matters that will be discussed at the annual business meeting on Saturday, October 24 and be prepared to vote intelligently on each of them. Complete voting information will be provided to delegates prior to the meeting. Proposed amendments to the bylaws that affect the requirements for a dog to qualify to enter the event will be discussed. An amendment that would implement reciprocity with our friends in the Canadian National Master (a Canadian Kennel Club event) will also be discussed.

Thanks to good management of resources by the MNRC and strong support by the local clubs at the 2008 event, we had a good year financially last year and are expecting similar results this year. This enabled the board to reduce the entry fee to \$275 this year and purchase badly needed new and replacement equipment and supplies. Our online entry system has been implemented and is working well. Entrants are charged no administrative or credit card fees to enter as the MNRC is absorbing these costs. A new online merchandise program has been implemented and MNRC goods can be purchased year round.

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Something else new this year is a new pin for dogs that qualify to enter the event. This attractive pin with the MNRC logo and 'Qualifier' on it is for any handler/dog that qualified to enter the event. Several member clubs have decided to purchase the pin to give to their members as a congratulatory gift.

Our judges for the 2009 event will have a week (October 19-23) to set up test series designed to test the dog's skills to the AKC standards. Please note the premium this year carries a new notice that, "Marks and blinds may exceed 100 yards." The AKC approved this change which allows the judges to set up tests when certain conditions exist that exceed the normal situations. No, you will not see field trial distance marks or blinds, but where warranted, they will be stretched out some.

Our host club, Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club, has some exciting and interesting events planned. They will present a special presentation for the Hall of Fame dogs (those that have qualified a dog at three or more MNRHT's), retiring dogs, and a special opening ceremonies event on Friday evening, October 23. As always there will be a great auction and other exciting activities.

While it is probably too early to say the record droughts in Central Texas (including the area of this year's Annual Event) have been totally broken, landowners Roger & Kaye Fuller report that between pumping and recent, heavy rainfalls, all ponds on the property are now full with more rainfall forecast. The property will be in good shape for the event.

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I extend my hearty thanks to each member of the board who has worked so diligently this year and all those who have a hand in the event. I wish you well in your efforts and wish your dogs the very best. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you as your president.

Bill Teague
President, MNRC



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MEET YOUR 2009 JUDGES

REGION 1

MIKE BUNTING



Needless to say, I feel very honored to have been elected to be part of the judging team for the 2009 Master National Retriever Club Hunt Test. I would like to thank all those delegates who helped give me this opportunity. The first dog I trained for field work was a female yellow Lab, named Sue, with no field dog lineage. I've been a teacher all my working life, so training her was a lot of fun, even if it was not very productive. It took a lot of effort on both our parts, but she made Junior Hunter and was then retired. Following this I considered all of the retrievers for my next dog and selected a Golden Retriever. I've worked with them ever since. Studying books, reading articles, attending seminars and working with other trainers (who I'm greatly indebted to) here on Long Island, NY. I train my own dogs from start to finish.

I started running field trials and hunt tests in the mid-eighties. I quickly found out that I enjoyed hunt tests more than field trials, and that's where my interests remain. Among the dogs I've owned and trained my most successful Golden so far was Sam, who was a Master Hunter by the age of two, and who was a finalist at five MNRC hunt tests. My newest Golden, Mac, has entered and passed two Master tests... he's on his way!

My judging experience started a few years after I started entering field trials and hunt tests. I enjoy constructing a hunt test, whether it be Junior, Senior or Master. Every attempt is made to make the test suitable for the level being tested. I want the test to be challenging, yet fair; a test where the successful handler will feel that their dog earned the title.

Marking the falls should be done with reasonable accuracy for the conditions. A dog that disturbs excessive cover and eventually stumbles on the bird is not doing a better job than a dog that must be handled to the bird. Eagerness to retrieve should be apparent from the moment the dog comes under judgment. Moving rapidly to find, pick up the bird and promptly return are desirable traits in a Master Hunter. If a dog has trouble finding a bird, he should show determination by staying in the area to find the bird... nothing should distract him. A Master Hunter should be under control at all times, from the time it comes to the line until the dog leaves the line. Blinds should be "challenged," and a few extra whistles never hurts.

To all contestants I wish you good luck, and I hope you enjoy the entire Master National Retriever Club Hunt Test.

REGION 2

CORRINE CLAVEY



First I must say what an honor it is to be chosen to judge the 2009 Master National, for Region 2. While I have only been actively involved with AKC Hunt Tests since 1991, I have always been associated with retrievers and hunting, the majority of my life. I was fortunate enough to have a mentor in my Dad, Earl Dillow who is a field-trialer and also crosses over to the hunt tests and enjoys the wonderful camaraderie, as I do. I grew up in the midwest, settled in the village of Pleasant Prairie WI., between Milwaukee and Chicago and married a wonderful man Peter Clavey. He has accepted my passion for hunting and staying actively involved in the retriever sport. He calls this "the year of the dog" for me. I have worked for the

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Corrine Clavey con't

same company, Abbott Laboratories, a Pharmaceutical Company for 28 years, most of those years in a laboratory setting.

I started working dogs when I was 14 years old. My Dad raised Golden Retrievers, until my adult life. Some of my fondest memories are with the dogs. My first retriever was a gift, "a female Golden Retriever." I started running field trials and hunt tests in 1991. I have never looked back. I love this sport. I am an avid hunter; bow hunter, big game, and bird hunter. This hunt test game does take up much of my time. I had the opportunity to do some goose hunting this past fall. I never knew one person could put out a spread of over a 100 big foot decoys. Did you all know decoys must be strategically placed and some folks even set out in a plane to get the birds eye view. LOL.

My philosophies center on the original concepts of the originators of these events. It should bring about a desire of all those individuals with their qualified dogs. The training can be in the form of professional training or the amateur, the average Joe/Jan who desires to take on the task he/or she themselves. The judging should be based on the founders of the hunt tests, based on the highest standards of training one can obtain. The Master National dogs should be the best of the best.

I feel marking is most important. I personally see more in the field than I do at the line. If the dog can't seem to find its way, I feel helping him along, is of much greater value than covering too much terrain. Good bird placement is what I strive for. Blinds should have a beginning, a middle and an end.

Your hard work and dedication got you to the Master National. Congratulations to all, now enjoy the ride.

REGION 3

First of all I am grateful to have the privilege of judging the best hunt test dogs in the country. I'm eager to visit with you and see your finely tuned retrievers. I'm sure you will enjoy the results of all of the planning by the Waterloo Retriever club members and the dedicated committee members of the Master National Retriever Club. Be sure to participate in all of their activities during the week.

I live a simple life here in Tulsa, Oklahoma with my two



retrievers. In the late 1980s I decided to hang up the inner tube that I used to retrieve the ducks. A Tulsa Retriever Club member referred me to Bill Cummins (MN Judge '98) because he knew he had a nice litter of puppies. When I visited his home to see the puppies, he and Joyce gave me a short demonstration of what their retriever could do. They only had room to show me basic marks and blinds in their back yard, but I was so impressed by their dog, that I joined our local retriever club and have been training dogs ever since.

I met my long time friends, James and Kristi Roberts through the retriever club. When James and I both attended our first club event, we realized that we both work in the same aircraft hanger as mechanics. For approximately twenty years now we have been training, hunting, trialing and testing our retrievers. We are now designing and building plywood and fiberglass boats that can motor through three to four inches of water. When we hunt out of the boat that we built ourselves, and hunt with a retriever that we trained ourselves, it sure adds a whole new dimension to the experience.

One thing that is important to mention is that I enjoy judging retrievers because I enjoy seeing dogs succeed. I enjoy well-placed birds, and a creative new twist on the type of scenarios that we train on. I like to set up tests that make handlers feel a bit apprehensive, yet I also want them to feel eager to prove that they can do it. That's also how I like my dog to be judged. When you arrive at the event, expect to have an awesome week. Good Luck.

REGION 4



I am honored to be selected as the Region 4 representative even though I moved from Klamath Falls, Oregon to Columbia, MO. Because of the move many people sought clarification on whether or not I could be nominated to judge the Master National. I want to express my appreciation to all those involved in this process and thank you to the member clubs for selecting me to judge.

I am married to a wonderful and supportive wife, Allison, and we have two young daughters, Audrey (6) and Cora (4), and four female Labs (three of which are Master Hunters). You could say I am surrounded by estrogen. A fisheries biologist by training, the agency I and my wife (an engineer) work for reorganized late in 2007 prompting us to move. We chose Columbia, MO for quality of life and family considerations and feel we made the right choice.

I got my first lab right out of graduate school in 1991

and fell in love with waterfowl hunting. My first dog was a backyard bred dog that I trained based on Wolter's books; she turned out to be a decent gun dog and I ran some NAHRA tests with her but realized she and I were not of the caliber of other teams running. I became more serious about training with my next dog and started running AKC hunt tests with her and my fate has been sealed ever since. I love to train and hunt with my dogs and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many fine people associated with our game.

In terms of judging preferences, I am not a stickler for line manners, although there has to be some level of control demonstrated. Over the years I've noticed many dogs with poor line manners tend to do themselves in by not working with their handler. In terms of marking tests, I try to use the available terrain and cover when considering bird placement and like to see well-defined areas of the fall. While we all like to see a dog go out and step on every bird, I value a dog that recognizes the area of the fall and puts on a good sensible hunt. For blind retrieves, I like to see the line to the blind challenged and judge the dog's response to the handler more than the number of whistles. I have more respect for the performance that tries to stay on line and fight the factors than one that avoids the test. Lastly, I love watching these fine animals run and always root for the dog and handler to succeed.

Congratulations to all of you who have qualified for the event and wish you the best success. Pass or fail I hope you cherish the dog you bring to the line and enjoy the time you have with them. They give us so much and the sad truth is they do not live long enough. I look forward to working with Corrine, Joe, and Mike, and look forward to seeing you there.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EVENT CHAIRMAN

It just doesn't seem possible that the 2009 Master National Hunting Test is only a few weeks away! I am pleased to present this invitation and update on behalf of the hard working and dedicated Waterloo Amateur RC members. These retriever enthusiasts have worked for almost two years to help prepare for this event.

Texas has experienced a record-breaking drought this year. However, predictions are for a wetter than normal fall and recently some areas near the test and training sites have had significant rainfalls. Some ponds are still being pumped and we are looking forward to a great event.

There are many great auction items this year and some of the highlights are two handmade quilts, a three man guided teal hunt, OFA hip and elbow x-rays, and a semen straw from 08' NFC/FC Two Rivers Lucky Willie.

Thirteen remarkable training properties have been set up for pre-event training. Please note liability releases will be available at the host hotel and every member of your training group must sign them before you may draw for training sites. The grounds will accommodate 22 training groups. The first draw for training land use for Monday, October 19, 2009, will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at the Ramada Inn. Then, on Monday at 8:00 p.m. there will be one draw for Tuesday training and a second draw for Wednesday training. On Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. there will be three draws

– one for Thursday, one for Friday, and one for Saturday training.

During the week of the Master National testing, several Texas retriever club members are showing their support for the event by helping work in the field during the tests. Their club members are taking days off from work to make sure that the event runs smoothly. The Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club and Master National Retriever Club heartily thank those clubs and their members for their support. The MNRC is showing their appreciation to these clubs by providing a donation to each club based on the number of hours worked by club members. The clubs are Bryan College Station RC, Heart of Texas HRC, Tejas RC, Alamo RC, and Brazosport RC. Please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their participation.

Airing grounds for dogs will be at the Fireman's Park (fairgrounds) which is located on HWY 290 west about 1 mile out of Giddings. It is situated on the south side of the highway. Also located at the site will be a dumpster for all ducks after use. Please do not dispose of ducks at any other locations. A map of the airing yard and duck disposal will be provided at the host hotel.

We are looking forward to welcoming ya'll to Texas for this year's event and we wish you and your dogs the best!

Rick Greer, Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club President & Chairman, Local Arrangements Committee

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.

Master National Retriever Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
(Conference Call)
8:30 pm to 10:24 pm
April 8, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was convened by conference call at 8:35 pm by president Teague with the following board members attending: Sam Ferguson, John Blackbird, Ray Muth, Gloria Mundell, Larry Kimble, Janet Peters, Kevin Bunnell, Frank Barton Dave Kress and Bill Teague. John Marchica joined the call at 8:50 pm.

Frank presented the minutes of the January 23-25, 2009 meeting held in Giddings, Texas, and they were approved as corrected; the correction related to distribution of worker's pins at the worker's party. Bill thanked Janet and John M. for catching the error in the draft minutes. Frank advised the board four new clubs have joined bringing the total member clubs to 161. The new clubs are: South Dakota Hunting Dog Club; Missouri River Retriever Club, Grand Valley Retriever Club, and Michigan Flyway Retriever Club Frank will send the names and contact info for new club contacts/delegates to the board members as well as define the respective region for the new clubs.

In the treasurer's report, Frank reported the club is doing well financially with a cash balance of \$92,252 which is earning 2¾%. The board commended Frank for his efforts. Bill reminded the board of the Newsletter deadlines: May 15 and September 1. Bill outlined the efforts of Julie Cairns on the newsletter (editor from 2003 to present), layout of our annual catalog (2006 to present), research and implementation of the new 'online merchandise' program for MNRC and other contributions. A motion was made and seconded to have Bill send Julie a "Certificate of Appreciation" on behalf of the board for her contributions. The motion to approve was unanimous. Bill will prepare and send the certificate and cover letter.

Under Committee Reports, the following reports were discussed:

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1. Ad Hoc Women's Challenge Trophy (Jill Volsch, Chair: Elly Muth, Gloria Mundell & Pam Bunnell). Bill presented the committee recommendations and all were approved with one 'nay' vote by Ray Muth. They were: 1) revise the P & P 5.3.4.8 to require securing a replica trophy for each of the teams who earn the trophy and make it retroactive to include the 22 teams who have earned them. The cost, including purchasing the replicas (25 total; 22 for current teams and three for future teams), their bases and engraving was \$2250; 2) placing the trophy in the Bird Dog Hall of Fame (Retriever Hall) in Tennessee when not on exhibit at MNRC events; and 3) leaving the current committee in place for the remainder of 2009 and 2010. When the committee is reappointed in 2011, at least two of the current members will appointed to the new committee to assist in maintaining the intuitional memory for the trophy, securing the replicas and maintenance of the trophy.
2. Ad Hoc Electronic Entry: (Dave, Chair; Randall Ayers, John M. and Frank). The committee reported the 'beta plan' presented at the January board meeting has been successful and the system will be online by the time the premiums are announced. Entrants will have four ways to enter; MNRC electronic entry, MNRC manual entry, The Retriever News electronic entry and Entry Express. Benefits of using the MNRC electronic entry include but are not limited to MN absorbing the credit card costs and offering the system for no fee. While this adds to the cost of our program, the board felt strongly these benefits to entrants were appropriate. It was noted both TRN and EE had been advised of our new system. new benefit for entrants. Frank was asked to prepare an article for the MNRC website and MNRC Newsletter announcing this new benefit to entrants.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on 2009 Entry Fee: (Gloria, Chair, Sam & Larry) The

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committee recommended no change in the current fee of \$300 due to the economy, the goal of decreasing the entries, the possibility of having to go up next year if it is lowered this year, etc. After discussion, the board reached consensus to lower the fee to \$275 this year. The decision was predicated on the currently strong positive financials and sending a message the board was sensitive to amount of the entry fees.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on permanent locations: (Kevin, Chair; John B. & Ray). The committee led a discussion on possible locations; the most discussed was "Flint Oak Hunting Resort" in Kansas submitted by Larry Kimble. After discussion, including clarifying some confusion on whether or not we were looking for a single permanent location or choice locations in each region, it was decided the committee would continue to work on it. Bill appointed John M. to the committee to provide one rep from each region.
5. Ad Hoc History: (Ray, Chair) Ray is continuing to secure and identify info and materials for the project and will report at the next meeting. Bill will add a report from this committee to the agenda for the annual business meeting of clubs in Giddings.
6. Ad Hoc Policies & Procedures: (Janet, Chair, John M., Theresa, & Bill) Janet was commended for preparing and sending the draft of the revised P & P's to the board in advance of the conference call. She reported, however, she had done all she could and someone else would have to take it from here. Board members were asked to specifically review the new provisions for Health & Safety. Dave agreed to complete the project and asked board members to send him any suggested changes. Dave will have the final draft completed and sent to the board by June 10 so the board can take action on them at their July 8 meeting.
7. Judge's Selection: (Janet, Chair; Sam, Ray, Larry & Kevin per Article VIII, Sec. 6): Janet indicated she needed info from

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Region 2 to complete the process. Ray & John B. will provide the needed info. Bill reported that, to his knowledge, one dog (Ron Saul's) has been qualified to enter the 2009 event in compliance with the revised policy on giving a bye to a dog that has qualified but the handler was elected to judge.

Dave gave a Corporate Sponsor Liaison Report indicating a total of \$35,450 (\$15,500 cash & \$19,950 'in kind') has been committed so far and he is awaiting more contacts to finalize their decisions. Several new sponsors are included and Dave will send the board the details after the meeting.

Bill reported Julie Cairns has completed the implementation of the MNRC Online Merchandise, and we have already received some orders for shirts and caps. This service to members should be profitable. To access the program, simply go to the MNRC website and click on Online Merchandise Sales. Event specific merchandise will be available at the event in Giddings, but regional reps were asked to let their clubs know of this new benefit and encourage clubs to purchase merchandise.

Bill reviewed his e-mail to the board regarding the May 19 meeting between MNRC reps (Dave, Janet & Bill) and AKC reps (Doug & Jerry) in St. Louis. He also reviewed the purpose (developing a relationship in which issues of interest to both organizations can be adequately discussed) of the meeting and the commitment for a meeting of this type each year. The agenda originally distributed was approved and Bill will notify the AKC of the agenda. Bill will provide a report to the board after the meeting.

Janet reviewed her proposed organizational chart for the 2009 Event, including chairs of specific areas. Bill indicated he had shared these charts with the Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club (host club) and they would provide chairs where indicated. After discussion, the proposed chart and assignments were approved.

Bill noted he had talked with Jerry Mann at AKC and our 2009 premium will include a

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statement to the effect that "Marks and blinds may exceed 100 yards." This notice in a club's application, whether it be a weekend club or the MNRC can be made to AKC and Jerry said it would be approved. This gives us the ability to increase the difficulty of the tests and still be in compliance with our own policy and the AKC rules and regulations.

Gunners shooting live flyers at the 2009 event and during training will need applicable Texas Hunting licenses. Bill will ask Rick Greer to prepare an article on this requirement, including how such licenses are secured and their costs. After discussion, the board agreed to reimburse any gunner selected to shoot at the event the cost of the license upon proof of purchase and completion of their shift(s).

Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club (WARC) has offered to put together a "Hall of Fame" DVD to show at the opening ceremonies and give to MNRC. They asked MNRC to provide them (Rick Greer) a list of handlers names, dogs and a photo of each. After discussion, it was decided to add this to the July 8 agenda to provide MNRC time to see what was available and whether or not the info could be provided WARC. The board was most grateful for the offer and felt like, if the info could be secured, it would be a very popular project. Bill will advise Rick of the decision.

Bill advised the board Red Wilkinson of the National Master Canadian Event had contacted him about the possibility of the two organizations (MNRC & CKC) developing a reciprocal agreement whereby any dog that qualified at the Canadian event would be eligible to enter the MNRC event and vice versa. Several issues (impact on MNRHT, differences between the two tests, AKC approval, etc.) were discussed and Bill was asked to discuss it further with Red and add it to the agenda for July 8.

Bill thanked the board for their diligence and commitment to the MNRC. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm.

**Master National Retriever Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
(Conference Call)
8:30 pm to 11:05 pm
July 8, 2009
MINUTES**

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Frank advised the board an inquiry about membership has been received from Kevin McMahon representing the Central Wisconsin Muddy Waters Retriever Club. No application for membership has been received but one is expected later this year.

Frank provided the board a list of Hall of Fame dogs showing the number of times the dog qualified a MNRHT and other info identifying the owner and location. Regional reps were asked to identify all Hall of Fame dogs in their region and have a picture of the dog sent to Rick Greer (wingmasters@austin.rr.com) to support Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club's (WARC) attempt to produce a DVD of Hall of Fame dogs for presentation at the opening ceremonies this year. Frank also advised the board he was having difficulty producing the certificate (specifically including the watermark) given to Hall of Fame dogs. Janet offered her assistant's expertise and Frank will send Janet a copy of the current certificate.

Frank reported The Retriever News (TRN) will provide full coverage for the MNRHT this year. He also said we now have 407 dogs that have qualified to enter the event this year, about 20 above this time last year. He also reported he has received identical proposals to replace the 5 for 7 or 8 total passes requirement to qualify for the event with a total of 6. The proposals came from Empire Retriever Club, Inc and Talbot Retriever Club. Frank will distribute the proposals to the delegates with the call to

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the annual meeting. The impact on entries if these proposals were approved has not been determined but Frank said he would evaluate potential impacts and advise the board. Kevin advised the board he expected two clubs in Alaska to submit proposals that give different qualifying requirements for dogs domiciled in Alaska. Frank reviewed the 2008 annual meeting draft minutes and reported the motion related to requirements to qualify a dog in Alaska was tabled with no inclusion of when it would be taken off the table, so there was no follow up needed.

In the treasurer's report, Frank noted the current balance, with all bills paid, is \$82,006.10. Membership dues notices were sent to the club's delegate and contact of record at the end of June. Bill reminded the board the deadline for submission of items to Julie for the next Newsletter was September 1.

Under committee reports the following was reported:

Ad Hoc Electronic Entry (Dave, Chair; Randall Ayers, John M. & Frank): Frank reported the initial testing of the new system went well. One problem was no e-mail reply confirming the dog's entry was generated and that will be corrected. The system should be fully operational in time for use this year.

Ad Hoc History: Ray reported the process is continuing.

Ad Hoc Policies & Procedures (Janet, Chair; John M., Bill & Dave): Dave reported the draft had been sent to all board members. John M. reviewed his comments submitted to the board on July 7. The board approved the following revisions:

- 1.6: revised the term from 4 to 2 years
- 2.0all deviations that occur should be REVIEWED, not 'reported.'
- 5.4.9; add "receive Hall of Fame Certificate."
- Attachment 5.5B: Judge's questionnaire; attachment should include P & P 5.7.3, "Standard Test Practices & Mechanics."
- Attachment 5.5.6: Work sheets; should have place to add handler's running order number & stake (A or B) if applicable.

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Attachment 5.5.8: Change #8; the HT Bird Steward will work with the LC to find and secure a reefer and the MN will pay. #15; "Stake", not "state"; #18, delete last word, "like"; #19, delete, "(Cheryl etc)".

Attachment 5.8: Trailer inventory; no change, should be flexible. All other recommended revisions in John M's review were not approved.

Dave will see the approved revisions are added to the document and send each board member a copy. The board commended Janet, John, Bill and Dave for the badly needed completion of the P & P's revisions. It was emphasized this is a 'living' document and will need to be changed from time to time.

Judge's Selection (Janet, Chair; Sam, Ray, Larry & Kevin): After lengthy discussion, the following slate of judges for the 2010 event will be presented to the delegates at the annual business meeting:

Region 1

Mary Williams (North Carolina)

Bob Swift (Florida)

Region 2

Chuck Beckmann (Wisconsin) (pending receipt of required paperwork from him by July 14; Ray will advise the board if it is received)

Duwayne Bickle (Wisconsin)

Keith Kiesow (Wisconsin)

Region 3

Bill Cummings (Oklahoma)

David Christiansen (Texas)

Ed Arnett (Texas)

Region 4

Myrna Zumwalt (Nevada)

David Illias (Oregon)

Nominating Committee (Ray, Chair; Sam, Larry & Kevin): The committee will prepare a slate of officers and directors for distribution to the members with the call to meeting.

Dave provided the Corporate Sponsor Liaison report verbally and reminded the board the written, quarterly report would be out next month. He said he was working with Motorola (34 radios), Kent ammo (live & popper shells),

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Loyal dog food, Avery (sufficient equipment to have four, full set ups), Charlie Wright (poppers) and others.

Bill reported he had authorized a new pin produced and 300 were ordered. It is a round pin with the MNRC logo and 'Qualifier' noted. It was approved after some MNRC member clubs requested one to give to their members who qualified a dog to enter the MNRHT. It will be ordered directly from MNRC, not on the online merchandise store and Bill will define the selling price after review of the pin. Several board members voiced their support of the pin indicating it was another way members of MNRC clubs could honor the owner or handler of dogs that qualify to enter the event. An ad and photo of the pin should be on the home page shortly.

Bill announced he will include a Necrology in his remarks at the opening ceremonies and asked board members to let him know of any participants in the MNRC program who had passed away this year. Regional reps are asked to canvas their constituency to identify people who should be included in the Necrology. Bill also reminded the board the June 2009 Newsletter had been published and added to the website.

The summary of the May 19, 2009 meeting of MNRC reps (Dave, Janet & Bill) and AKC reps (Jerry Mann and Doug Ljungren) distributed to the board with the call to meeting was reviewed. The board expressed their thanks to Bill for establishing the meeting and each of the MNRC reps for the positive outcome. The board members had good discussions on the stats from AKC & MNRC presented at the meeting, the need for the two organizations to work closely together, trust issues, the strongly positive reputation of MNRC with AKC, AKC's desire for the MNRC to continue its program, a possible title above the MH, etc. The board approved the summary and Bill emphasized this material should not be discussed outside the board until AKC had been notified and the MNRC board had approved the summary. Wherever possible, joint statements approved by AKC and MNRC

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will be published in an attempt to insure both organizations are sending the same message to their constituencies. Bill will notify Doug and Jerry that the summary has been approved by this board.

The proposal by the Canadian Kennel Club National Master distributed to the board with the call to meeting was discussed and after questions were answered, the board approved the proposed reciprocity. John M & Ray voted 'nay,' all other members voted 'Yea.' Frank will draft a recommendation to the MNRC delegates which includes a recommendation that they approve the proposal to be distributed to the delegates for discussion at the October 24 annual meeting. Bill will advise the CKC that the MNRC board has approved the proposal.

Bill advised the board that good progress is being made on the "President's To Do List". Qualifying plates and ribbons have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive the first week of September. He is having difficulty finding info on the supplier(s) of various pins (handler, officer, director, five time qualifier, etc.). He has sent a request to the last three MNRC presidents asking if they have the info and anticipates he will get the info in plenty of time to have ample pins available for the annual meeting. Ray will call Carol Heule to see if she has the info and advise Bill of the results. P & P's outlining distribution of the pins (5.4.1; 5.4.2; & 5.4.9) were reviewed, and Bill thanked John B. for his inventory of the trailer that identified how many pins were needed. He also indicated he would develop a consolidated summary of the pins, what they are for and how to order them to make future ordering easier.

Bill thanked the board for their diligence, support, dedication and excellent dialogue. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.