

SUMMARY OF BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE I

No changes

ARTICLE II

No changes

ARTICLE III

Section 1 Rewrite grants to the Board of Directors, the approval process for new clubs and not the Member Clubs. This allows new clubs to be approved in a more timely manner.

Section 1 and 2 Rewritten for purposes of clarification.

Section 3 No changes.

Section 4 No changes.

Section 5 No changes.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 Changes date of dues notice sent by Treasurer from January 1 to May 1, one grammar change.

ARTICLE V

No Change

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 Rewrite changes the dates and process for removing a club for nonpayment of dues. Rewrite allows clubs more notice and time to pay.

Section 2 Changes the Treasurer as the one that gives notice of unpaid dues at annual meeting, not the Secretary. Provides that notice will be by oral announcement. Some grammar changes.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 No substantive changes.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 Redefines voting and nonvoting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 No changes.

Section 3 No substantive changes.

Section 4 Clarifies the time period that officers and Board of Directors serve, appoints or establishes the Board of Directors as the nominating committee for the following years' officers and Board Members.

Section 5 Deletes the President and the 3 previous years' Presidents as the nominating committee.

Section 6 No changes.

Section 7 Adds language to comply with the changes in Article 3, Section 1 granting to the Board of Directors the approval process for new Member Clubs.

Section 8 No substantive changes.

Section 9 Changes the fiscal year end from December 30 to April 30. This was passed previously.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1 No changes.

Section 2 Clarifies how special meetings are scheduled and clarifies the notice requirement. No substantive changes.

Section 3 No changes.

Section 4 Deletes requirement of giving 30 days advanced notice of our annual meeting to delegates. We don't know who they all are. Allows notice by US Mail or email.

Section 5 Clarifies how officers and Board of Directors are elected, from what zone and for how long they serve.

Section 6 Changes point requirement for National Judges from 8 points to 20 points. Adds the suggestion that each judge should have previously handled a dog in a National Championship stake or a National Amateur Championship stake.

Section 7 No substantive changes.

Section 8(a) Changes when the Field Trial Committee is selected, i.e., in advance of the annual meeting. Also clarifies how long the Field Trial Committee serves. Clarifies who is on the Field Trial Committee.

Section 8(b) Changes the Board of Directors as the one that establishes the Club's policies not the Member Clubs [This change now complies with Article XIII].

ARTICLE X

Section 1 Takes Fargo, ND out of the East Central Zone and makes it part of the West Central Zone. Takes Kansas City, MO out of the West Central Zone makes it part of the East Central Zone.

Section 2 Clarifies that the site of each National Championship is selected by the Board of Directors not the Field Trial Committee.

Section 3(a)(1) Added language that all previous year's National Championship winners are qualified for life. This was previously passed.

Section 3(a)(2) No changes.

Section 3(a)(3) No substantive changes. Clarifies the meaning of "trials held the year preceding the National Championship Stake."

Section 3(a)(4) No changes.

Section 3(a)(5) No substantive changes. Clarifies meaning of family as per the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures For Retrievers, Chapter 12, Section 2.

Section 3(b) Deleted old language regarding “trials held within the year preceding...” This language is now in Section 3(a)(3) above.

Section 3(c) this section is renumbered as section 3(b).

Section 4. No changes.

Section 5. Clarifies when departures from the running in the order of the draw or the order of the draw as rotated are allowed. The new language basically follows the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures For Retrievers, Chapter 14, Section 4.

Section 6 No changes.

Section 7 No changes.

ARTICLE XI
No changes

ARTICLE XII

Section 1 No substantive changes.

Section 2 Deletes requirement of voting ten days prior to the annual meeting and clarifies the use of electronic ballots.

ARTICLE XIII

No longer lists the policies as a part of the Constitution and By-Laws. All policies are now listed under a separate document.