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Dear Officers and Directors:

Now that we've all had several weeks to recuperate after the Spring trial, it's time again to be thinking ahead.

I believe that we have just come off a very constructive period while Faunt was President. I feel he is correct when he reported to me this week "that we are in pretty good shape" as an organization. All of us--and we have a great team working now--will, I'm sure, want to continue the momentum and do whatever is necessary to maintain the organization vigorously so that we can accomplish our goals.

Several matters have come to my attention this week--some of which will need your immediate attention.

(1) Fall '78 Trial site. (See Enclosure). Bob Kerans informs us that the Green River site location will not be available in '78. Plans for '77 are finalized and approved. While the letter from Bob says "Terry Nusser has expressed a doubt on their part that Greenriver will be available. . .," a more communication with Bob indicates that the officials "feel that now is a good time for us to discuss making Greenriver the permanent home of the Fall NRS Championship after 1978." In essence, we can not have the grounds in '78 but may seemingly have them on a permanent basis thereafter. Thus, I will need your vote on the decision as to whether or not to use the Rend Lake Field Trial grounds for the Fall '78 NRS Championship by the first week in May so that I can communicate to Bob our decision so that he in turn can plan with the Rend Lake personnel. If I do not hear from you on or before May 5 then I shall assume a yes vote from those who do not respond.

(2) Following the running of the most recent Futurity event which was the most successful in many ways, there seems to be a need for us to generally review the operation of the Futurity. It is my opinion that the Futurity is especially well managed and has come to meet and probably exceed in terms of its popularity and performance the fondest expectations of those who were involved in initiating the venture. Nevertheless, even a good thing can be made better and the Board at the

Spring meeting directed attention to several aspects of its operation (Notably the guaranteed purse and the Futurity standards). I am therefore establishing a committee to review the operation and performance of the National Red Setter Futurity (including the present standard, copy attached) and to report to the Board of Directors with appropriate recommendations at the Fall '77 Directors meeting. The committee will be chaired by Paul Ober, Futurity Secretary/Director and include Dr. Roger Boser, past President during whose term the Futurity was initiated, and Directors Faunt Ekey, Clifford Foster, and Craig Opel.

(3) At the Directors meeting it was determined that a committee would inquire into the feasibility of eliminating the amateur shooting dog stake as a feature of our National trials. Previously this idea of eliminating whenever it was eventually feasible all of the supporting stakes putting the National Club in the business of running only the Championship and Futurity has been accepted by the Board of Directors. I am asking Director Norm Kolar to chair this committee which will study the feasibility of eliminating the amateur shooting dog stake and the feasibility of eliminating the other supporting stakes in the near future. I would suggest that there are a host of considerations involved in this beyond the obvious financial considerations. The remainder of the committee will consist of Bill Wittgan (Fall trial chairperson), Director Bill Cargo and Club Treasurer, June Eilers. I am also attaching for your use a complete listing of our present officers and directors.

As other Club matters come to my attention I shall keep you informed. I look forward to your reply on the Fall '78 Championship site matter and hope each of you are enjoying this spring.

Regards,

Bob
Bob Watts, President
NRSFTC

Enclosures Bob Kerans letter
 Terry Musser letter
 NRS Futurity Standard
 Officers/Directors listing

cc Dr. Roger Boser
 William Wittgan

Will have Kerans talk to T. Musser about using Green River as the permanent fall ch. site. Do you favor G.R. as the permanent fall trial site?