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Chairman's message – Submitted by Brian O'Connor

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It is just me, or does time fly? Last time I sat down to write the newsletter opener I had a baby puppy zooming around the house, making all kinds of mischief. Now she's nearly a year old, still a little bit nutty, but we have decided to keep her – go figure.

As you may have imagined, the Board managed to pull together, coming from far away, to conduct the 2010 Annual meeting in Arizona this past January, and we'll likely have the 2011 Board meeting in Idaho this October (hint, hint John). Somehow it's been working out an interesting bird or two is in season in the vicinity and timing of our meeting – this time it was the fabled Mearns quail, I'm not sure how it works out like that, but I'm sure Jim or John probably had something to do with it, I'm not that crafty. The minutes of our Board meeting will be covered in detail within this issue. So far we have done a reasonably good job of knocking out the deliverables we decided upon at this past meeting. But, we need your vote on the Breeding Appeals Program proposal described on page 4. Please e-mail your vote to dpnca.gundogs@gmail.com by 1 July 2011. As always if you have questions, comments, or suggestions about the minutes or proposal, please contact anyone of the Board members.

Before I get too carried away, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone of our first group of members up for DPCNA membership renewal. We are rolling into our third year with a full retention rate. I know you'd all heard me say it before and I'm probably not close to stopping – every little bit counts! It does, and we thank each one of you for your continued support!



Jorja, just chillin'

This coming April John, & Marsha and Nikki & I will attend de Vereniging's spring breeder's day. For a Drent fancier, the breeder's day events should be considered premiere must do events. Where else will be able to see upwards of two-hundred Drents in one place on one day, get to meet some of the most influential breeders, and of course get to hobnob with Dutch Drent owners and members of de Vereniging? Nowhere else, that's where.

This summer promises to be full of action, since my wife and I will be relocating back to the good ol' U.S. of A. this coming May. International moves are always interesting... We are already excited in anticipation of getting all of our dogs back under one roof! Also with our relocation to Idaho, the Pacific Northwest region will officially have the highest Drent population in North America.

Well it's time to charge up the Garmin and head out, again thank you one and all for your support!

Sincerely, Brian

All but one board member were present
Brian O'Connor – President
John Lambregts – Vice President
Jim Millington – Secretary
Nicolle O'Connor – Treasurer (not present)

Two members were in attendance:

Scott Itami
Diane Millington

And an observer:

Marsha Lambregts

The meeting was called to order by President:
2009 minutes were reviewed

Old business:

Issue 1) regarding Dutch imports without pedigrees was closed. Following discussion at last meeting it was agreed all imported Drents would be required to fulfill the same registry requirements as any other potential applicant. No changes to current policy or procedure. (CLOSED)

Issue 3) Computer Pedigree program has been acquired, 174 Drents are on record currently. All DPCNA pedigrees due out have been produced and mailed. (CLOSED)

Issue 6) Paypal account will be available soon. (OPEN, OPR Treasurer)

Treasurer's report by President: We currently have \$827.03 in DPCNA bank account.

New Business:

1) Discussion of a need to revise Hunt Test/Trialing rules in by-laws; specifically Section 8 paragraph 1-A should be reviewed and possible changes may be needed. It is felt more clarification is needed and which standard (s) to use. Also it was agreed the rules and guidelines used for Dutch hunt tests and trials should be translated, to be considered for use. The intent is to better approximate the hunting test/trailing evaluation process used in The Netherlands. (OPEN, OPR Vice President)

2) Proposal was made by President (Brian) to create an award (Distinguished Service Award) John seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote. Consequently two individuals were nominated, their approval was carried by unanimous vote. (Names to be released after presentation). Award type remains to be selected, and ordered – expected delivery date April 2011. (OPEN, OPR President)

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Fowler & Brooke with their new friend the pheasant

3) Registries and Titles accepted by DPCNA: After discussion it was decided because of the DPCNA's AKC affiliation, that until further consideration is required, for now the DPCNA will accept and formally recognize the registries of and titles bestowed by the AKC, and NAVDHA. But not the UKC. The VHDF has no registry function and is independent of the AKC and UKC, until further consideration is required titles earned/bestowed by the VHDF will be formally recognized. As a side bar; the DPCNA will however celebrate any and all Drent Accomplishments via the club's web page and when appropriate via the newsletter. The web page is currently being adapted. (OPEN, OPR Webmaster)

4) Creation of a Formal Breeding Commission: Discussion about need to create a formal breeding commission. It was decided that until a formal Breeding Commission is established the current Executive Council will function in the capacity as the Breeding Commission. (OPEN – see below)

A). John will discuss with the Dutch club and/or selected breeders about setting up a formal Breeding Commission during his up and coming visit to the NL in April 2011. After John's report further action to take place. (OPEN, OPR Vice President)

B). Additionally, it was discussed by members of de Vereniging that the DPCNA should consider adopting a Breeding Appeals Program with Guidelines. Details on page 4.

5) Forming partnerships, affiliations or federations with

other breed clubs: Discussion about importance and need to form federation with other breed clubs, further action to take place as need arises. (OPEN, OPR: Executive Council)

6) Newsletter: Discussion about need to increase participation from our members to our newsletter. Very time consuming endeavor for one person (Brian) to do on their own especially considering his time needed for his various other duties involved with his office of President. We want to take this opportunity to encourage any and all members to at least contribute to the newsletter.

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned by the President.

We all had a great time getting together in Patagonia, AZ chasing the ever elusive Mearns quail and of course having our board meeting while there. It was great having some members other than board members at the meeting, the board enjoyed and valued their input and would like to encourage more members to take part in next year's board meeting. The success and growth of our (your) club is proportional to *all* our involvement.

Thanks Team for making the trip! r/ Brian



Kenzie en Isa the Gloucester, littermates exploring

Why? It has been come to the attention of the Board that the breeding the DPCNA breeding rules as outlined by the current by-laws are stricter than those of the Drentsche Patrijshond Club of the Netherlands (de Vereniging). First and foremost it has been and is the intent of the DPCNA to breed Drents of the highest quality; health, temperament and confirmation. However due to our rules being crafted before we knew and fully understood the rules of de Vereniging we may be unnecessarily eliminating Drents from the North American breeding pool, as pointing out by the Chairman of de Vereniging's breeding commission.

However one can read clearly that the DPCNA by-laws allow only for tightening controls, yet at the same time state the intent of the DPCNA is to continue the breed in North America as it is in its homeland the Netherlands, hence this proposal:

Breeding Appeals Program Guidelines: Any current member who has a Drent who has had their dogs eyes, elbows, and hips checked and their Drent doesn't meet the DPCNA breeding criteria in one area, yet still meets de Vereniging's breeding standards may petition the DPCNA Breeding Commission, at present this is also the DPCNA Board of Directors, in writing to request permission to breed the dog in question.

The written appeal must clearly demonstrate why the Drent in question should be bred and how the use of said dog is in the best interest of the DPCNA's breeding program. Ideally the member will present the dog in question at the Annual Meeting for the Breeding Commission to be evaluated first hand. If an in person presentation of the dog is not possible, the appeal should contain the following photos and information; head front & side as well as a full frontal standing and full standing profile. Height at the shoulder and weight must be recorded as part of the appeal.

The DPCNA Breeding Commission may allow the dog in question to be bred with Specific Constraints, with Provisions, or authorize full Certified Breeding Stock "CBS" status.

Specific Constraints: i.e. To allow a specific mating between two specific dogs only.

Provisional: i.e. A dog with a "C" graded hip may be bred, but only to dogs with "A" graded hips, other-



Just before the duck was taken under our bed...

wise the dog in question may be bred to any other Drent as long as normal DPCNA procedures have been followed.

Full CBS privileges: i.e. It has been determined the dog in question may be bred to any other Drent as long as normal DPCNA procedures have been followed.

The written appeal must be approved by the Breeding Commission by a majority vote. A Breeding Commission or Board member may submit his/her own dog, but may not vote. All members regardless of status or position may not be present during the voting process. It is important that the Board makes a decision based on fact and not on emotional appeal.

Breeding Appeals votes may take place at the annual meeting or by e-voting as the need arises.

In the case of a Breeding Commission or Board member being the member requesting the appeal the majority vote is the Board vote minus their vote.

Status: (OPEN, OPR: President: request membership to approve/disapprove this measure as written or with changes)

when you are hunting with a member of the Lambregts family? Two years ago when hunting for Mearns quail the first time Marsha Lambregts quite literally walked right through the first covey of Mearns any of us had ever saw, effectively out doing the small mob of Drents (pointing dogs) we had on the floor that day. Fast forward to mid-January 2011, I had only one day to hunt Mearns with John on this trip. We had a great start to the days hunt when Paxson located and actually pointed his first covey of Mearns barely 10 minutes away from the truck. My amazingly (ly bad) shooting left my bag empty again despite Paxson doing his job right for a change of pace. John and I spent a considerable amount of time trying to pick up singles to no avail, if memory serves me right I stepped on one, and Clio bumped one, but that is how it goes when you are working singled out Mearns... We finally began working our way up the coulee, a place ripe with Mearns quail habitat. The day began to heat up, the dogs both were working well, yet nothing. We hunted high, we hunted low. The dogs did well to work with us and away from us sufficiently, yet no quail. It has been said the 2010/11 Mearns season has been



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among the worst in recent years despite conditions being near ideal for the hatch. The day continued to heat up, and I was dizzy from the head cold I had which was continuing to worsen. We paused at the base of a small Southern facing offshoot of the coulee, where cool air was calmly flowing down to us, it felt magnificent to me. As I was watering Pax John quipped, “if I were a quail, that’s where I’d be”. I had to admit it did look as good, if not better than other areas. Tall thick grasses, shade, nice oaks, and of course that glorious cool breeze. Half jokingly we both sent our dogs up the coulee simultaneously without further thought. Immediately both dogs went to looking birdy, John and I both chuckled thinking they were merely humoring us – as you know Drents are known to do that. Within thirty seconds Clio was on point, a point anyone would recognize as a dog meaning business! Pax was sure they were birds there, but clueless as to where. Clio creped half a body length and froze hard again. In trying to better position myself, I stepped on the magic rock and the covey broke. All uphill, I had no shot; only dog and tree – (bleep)! Two birds broke to my right high and John made one of his grand haymaker overhead passing shots, the hen tumbled to earth. We both were chuckling like school kids. Who needs a pointing dog when you have a Lambregts?



Bowi the Gloucester

There's a Dutch word that describes Bowi the Gloucester perfectly. "Onstuimig". Exuberant, full of life. He was that, and more.

Life wasn't easy for Bowi. As a pup he was placed in a family that was involved in divorce proceedings within six months. Neglected, and I suspect more than a little abused, he was returned to the breeder as unmanageable. At a little under a year, we brought him to Idaho, and brought him home.

It took some time to get over his fears, but he mostly recovered, and became the dog everyone wishes they get to have once in their life, but has no right to expect. Even after he got under the back wheels of my pick-up and got run over, he recovered against expectations. After, he went on to point five straight covey's of huns and sharptails in a row, no errors, none at all. All he ever wanted was to hear me say "good dog", and he was sure to make me say it often. He sired two litters in his last year, six months before the diagnosis of cancer.

Life wasn't easy for Bowi. Yet he was a faithful daily companion, an admirable hunter, and my constant buddy. He was a good dog.



Most Drent owners would agree, “a tired Drent is a good Drent”. But just how do you get one tired is the question at hand. I know, you have limited time, you are injured and can’t run, or more likely your Drent can easily out run you, and, and, and – there are many reasons well intentioned Drent owners don’t get them out for adequate exercise. Well, I’ve come to learn dog powered sports can really help cover the bases and make everyone involved happy.

Probably the one dog powered sport you may have heard of besides “The Iditarod” is Skijoring, where the dog wears an appropriately designed harness, with a bungee tug line which connects him to his boss who is on Nordic skis wearing a skijor belt or harness. Adding the dog to the equation makes the basic activity of cross country skiing more fun, and allows you to go further and faster than otherwise normal. All other dog powered sports are, more or less, a variation on the same theme. Carting typically requires a team of dogs since the human adds little to no input. Canicross is essentially skijoring, but instead the boss runs while being pulled and in [Bikejoring](#) and [Scootering](#) the appropriate wheeled device substituted in... The commands and basics are all the same; just the stakes and speed are raised. Canicross is possibly the best dog powered sport to get started with since it requires the smallest investment in equipment, you probably already have a pair of decent enough running shoes laying in your closet now, plus you will have the greatest control over your dog for teaching him the essential commands of mushing. If you have more than one dog you will want to train them separately, and only after they are responsive, and you are fit should you try two-dog canicross.

To get started, the essential commands you will need can be found at the [American Dry Land Musers Association](#) or for more detailed information you’ll want to purchase a copy of: [Skijor with your dog, by Mari Hoe-Raito](#) (or possibly [Ski Spot Run](#)), and your equipment needs can be met via Howling Dog Alaska’s: [Skijoring Package](#).

Once you have a well oiled canicross team you should give wheeled dog powered sports a shot. Bikejoring is likely to be the most assessable of the lot since you probably

have a bike in your garage dusty and waiting for action. However before you hit the trail be sure the bike is fully functional, as you will need to peddle occasionally and be one hundred percent sure the brakes are working, and working well. In fact you may want to take a few runs without the dog attached just to practice feathering the brakes, as this will be your primary means to keep a fairly even tension on the tug line. Once you are ready, but before



Bikejoring in the Madrid campos

hitting an easy beginners trail you will either want to create a tug line safety device by making a trip down to the hardware store to buy about 24 inches of the smallest diameter PVC pipe your bungee line will pass through or buy this device: [the bike BAY-o-net](#) to keep your tug line out of the front wheel! Be sure your tug line is secured to the bikes frame (head tube is preferred), not by the handle bar or stem or you. Also be sure your connections do not interfere with the operation of the bikes controls. After each

bikejoring session be sure to check the bikes brake pads and rims for wear and damage, if you have a bike without disk brakes. You might be surprised the amount of wear a wet and muddy “jor” can put on your bike. It should go without saying you will also want to wear a helmet and safety glasses, your dog(s) will kick a lot of sand, dirt and mud into your face!

A few words on dog care. Please be aware of the ambient temperature before you start a joring outing, your dogs will be working much harder than if you were to go for a normal run. Also, foot care will become something you will need to be much more aware of; hard running mushing dogs will beat up their feet! After every run, be sure to check your dog’s feet for excessive wear and injury. [Tuf-foot](#) is a great product to use if your dogs are running on hard packed dirt, pavement and gravel. If that isn’t enough you may need to invest in booties for your dog.

A thirty pound dog just might produce a lot more pulling power than you might have thought possible, a pair of 75 pound dogs can provide you with an exhilarating experience! Most dogs will quickly learn the basic mushing commands and will revel in their new found “sled-dog” role. Most of all, just have fun!

Arroz caldoso con Perdiz (chukar) — a traditional Spanish dish

List of Ingredients:

4 partridges
1 onion
1 carrot
2 tomatoes
1 green bell pepper
3 cloves of garlic
1 cup of beef broth
6 handfuls of rice
1 bay leaf
1 glass of Spanish brandy
Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1tsp Thyme
1 tsp Pepper
Salt to taste

Directions:

1. After cleaning the viscera, quarter the partridges. Separate the wings and legs
2. Season the partridge with salt, pepper, thyme and bay leaf. Let rest.
3. Fine chop the vegetables, use skinless tomato with seeds removed.
4. In a pot, or Dutch oven(earthenware if possible), brown partridge in a little olive oil. The pan should be large enough to hold everything.
5. Once browned, remove the partridge from the pan and reserve.
6. Now sauté the vegetables in a little Extra Virgin Olive Oil. First the onions until translucent. Then the rest of the vegetables.
7. Prepare your beef broth (can be cubed) and set aside.
8. When the vegetables are at their best, add the partridges to the skillet, allow flavors to mix for one minute.
9. Add the broth and brandy and let simmer an hour and allow to reduce.
10. Then add a pint of water and the rice.
11. Wait for the rice to fluff and if necessary, put a little more water until the dish is to your liking.

Parting Shots



Left: the Perdiz rojo in the Madrid Campos.

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Right: Dirk the Gloucester making sure the friendly neighborhood Cheese-man has the order discrepancy free.



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