

Idaho Retriever Club—01/11/2014—Board Meeting & Minutes
(*DRAFT*, pending approval at subsequent Board meeting)

President David Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., at the Gelato Café in Meridian, prior to the evening's annual membership meeting and banquet. Also present were Vice President George Rogers, Treasurer Mary Hanrahan, Secretary Brett Crow, and Board members Chris Merrill, Jeff Weber, Pete Eromenok, Jack Smith, and Rich Charrier. Board member Linda Harger, recovering from recent surgery, did not attend.

Discussion ensued about the evening's Bylaw amendment topic. George R. proposed that a more amenable amendment option might be changing the third word of Article XIII from shall to may, rather than deleting various hunt test references from the Club Bylaws. In particular, the primary sentiment expressed regarding currently proposed Bylaw amendments was one of flexibility. The word "may" permits the Club to provide any of field trials, hunt tests, or picnic trials in varying numbers rather than being required, respectively, to provide two, two, and four of each. The originally proposed amendment would have only provided flexibility for hunt tests, while also being potentially controversial.

Such a revised amendment could be presented and voted upon in the evening's general membership meeting, provided that a two-thirds supermajority votes to waive what is otherwise a two-week notification requirement. George moved (Jeff second) that the general meeting seek that direction, and a unanimous roll call vote of Board members present approved of that approach.

The Spring Field trial was briefly discussed. Brett has begun the process with both AKC and Entry Express (providing Marilyn Dahlheim and Jim Peterson as Open/Derby judges and Charlene Koeth and Don Graves and Amateur/Qualifying judges to AKC, while leaving all TBA with Entry Express until those particulars are firmed up). Brett provided the entire Board as the trial committee. Dina Perugini has agreed to be trial Secretary under Brett's tutelage, which the two of them will work out.

Mary has recently received the roughly \$600 insurance renewal bill and will see to its payment. Bird contracts have yet to be firmed up, pending the evening's vote and eventual event decisions.

Picnic trial host duties were allocated: Chris Merrill volunteered for the first one on 2/15, Mike Wheeler for the second on 3/1, Rich C. for the third on 3/15, and Pete Eromenok for the last one on 3/29. Chris is investigating grounds near but north of the Stage Stop for 2/15, we hope to hold the 3/1 event near Barbara Young's, and we plan to hold the last two at Pete's near Fruitland.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.