

Idaho Retriever Club 03/01/2017 Board Meeting & Minutes

President Rich Charrier called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at his home in Nampa. Also present were Secretary Brett Crow and Board members Willie Alderson and Blaine Hyde. VP Ben Echevarria, Treasurer Chuck Kiehn, and Board members Chris Merrill, Cheri Shanahan, Dale Langhorne and Pat Kilroy were absent. George Rogers and Linda Harger also attended. Meeting topics primarily involved the beginning of organizational matters for the Club's spring events.

Picnic trial payments were discussed. The Board clarified last year's \$10/hour rate for event help as similarly applicable at picnic trials. That is, picnic trial bird throwers procured and approved by a Saturday picnic trial organizer will receive \$10/hour for their Saturday efforts. A hat will be passed for donations at the event, and Club funds will make up the difference to achieve the hourly rate. This is limited to not more than three (3) such helpers. The Club will also compensate landowners for such use, via in-kind gifts such as meal or similar gift cards, or direct payments of up to \$100.

Budgetary effects were also discussed in this area. Picnic trial receipts have been in the low \$400s this year. Very rough costs are \$90 (toilet rental), up to \$100 (landowner), perhaps \$50 per worker after passing the hat, \$100 plus for birds, and smaller sundry amount (ammo, for example). Raising entry fees was not viewed as a palatable option; other ideas such as a dedicated fund-raiser were viewed more positively.

The May field trial was discussed. All stakes have judges, some travel plans are known, and Brett will handle motel and toilet arrangements. Rich will seek out a pre-trial land and landowner visit. Rich will also pin down the field trial committee, and those present (Blaine, Linda, George, Brett) volunteered to serve. Brett will pass the event secretary baton to Diane Kiehn as soon as the committee is known, in order to complete the Club's application to AKC. We will seek to obtain 6 to 8 thrower/workers for the event.

The April Hunt Test and Owner/Handler Qualifying was discussed, and time is extremely short for that event. Rich will contact Dale Langhorne and Allyn Foster about their hunt test judge status. Brett volunteered as a Qualifying judge, although one more is needed. Rich will pursue other needed volunteers posthaste.

Finally, Linda Harger queried those present for their thoughts on an AKC idea for possibly developing a National Derby Championship, to be held in October and modeled after the other two national-level events. The consensus was that the idea seemed unlikely to benefit the field trial sport.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.