

## Idaho Retriever Club 12/07/2024 Board Meeting & Minutes

President Dale Langhorne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held over Zoom and concentrated on judging and nominating committees. Also present were VP Diane Mazy, Treasurer Blair Clark, Secretary Brett Crow, and Board Members Mark Rombal, Jan Holshevnikoff, Briedi Gillespie, Linda Harger, and Scott Hayes.

Brett provided an overview of the Club's finances for the year to date. The 11/30/2024 checking account balance of \$8914.19 is down \$1964.97, which includes \$1850 spent on repairs and maintenance for the equipment trailer. The Invesco investment account is up by \$2759.14, to \$18389.60. The BlackRock investment account is down to \$23,869.36. That reflects a gain of \$2478.76 being offset by a \$3000 redemption that was allocated to the owners of the Emmett pond property for grounds purposes. The Club lost \$435.46 on the April Hunt Test, lost \$561.20 on the May field trial, and gained \$1662.82 on the September field trial.

Turning to committees, Linda stated that field trial judge selection is already in hand or under way. Jan and Mark volunteered to seek April Hunt Test and Owner/Handler Qualifying judges, with Jan taking the lead. Please consider volunteering to help Jan and Mark, by joining their effort, providing the names of possible judges, or perhaps even volunteering to judge.

The annual Nominating Committee was also discussed, initially in terms of finding Club members who will serve on the Committee. (Club bylaws call for a committee of three Club members, charged with seeking officer and Board nominees for the upcoming year, with a vote on nominees held at the annual banquet and meeting.) Mark and Jan volunteered to start the Committee, with Mark taking the lead and a first task of finding a third Committee member.

A more extensive discussion followed, concentrated on the perennial difficulty of finding Club members willing to serve. Past years have always yielded volunteers, and the hope is that this year continues that string of successes by finding Club members who generously decide to contribute.

Calendar-wise, the April Hunt Test is scheduled for the weekend of April 19-20, 2025, with the May field trial set for two weeks later, beginning on Friday May 2. Counting backwards from the Hunt Test date, per recent past practice, the Saturday picnic trials are tentatively set for 4/22, 3/8, 3/22, and 4/5, so the last one lands two weeks before the Hunt Test.

A tentative banquet and annual meeting date of Saturday January 25, 2025 was set. Dale will proceed with further arrangements, and details will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.