

Idaho Retriever Club 2023 Annual Meeting
January 28, 2023

President Dale Langhorne called the 2023 annual meeting of Idaho Retriever Club members to order at 7:40 p.m., at Louie's Restaurant in Meridian. He extended a warm welcome to the evening's approximately 30 attendees, who had just enjoyed a combination of Italian dishes, pizza, and dessert.

Dale first asked Secretary Brett Crow to give out the Club's annual High Point Awards from the spring picnic trial season. Winners were Jan Holshevnikoff with Lloyd for Junior Puppy, Mike Wheeler with Otto for Senior Puppy, Micah Lankford with Coal in the Derby, Larry Hill with Carbon in the Qualifying, and Larry Hill with Camas in the Open. Congratulations to all.

Dale then thanked Larry Hill for his extensive efforts with the Club's April Hunt Test event, which went well.

Terri Sanders, Club Treasurer, was unable to attend, so Dale reviewed the Club's financial position and results from 2022, which were poor. The Club has \$21,710.51 in its BlackRock investment account (down \$5,373.30 in 2022), \$11671.72 in its Invesco account (down \$5,562.81 in 2022), and \$3,830.63 in checking. The checking account balance is down considerably from a year ago, due to various event losses in 2022 (about \$630 from the April Hunt Test, \$4,080 from the Spring Field trial, and \$3,666 from the Fall Field trial).

Dale cited a variety of factors that probably played a role in these results. These include fuel costs, a low Spring entry with a cancelled Derby stake, and the expense of paid help. This led to discussion of the need for increased Club member participation (and especially event participation by Board members), the need for the Board to plan and budget very carefully (given the very small cash cushion), and the need for improved communication between the Board and the membership (which may in turn help with member and Board event participation). Unfortunately no easy fix (such as changing a trial date to some new weekend) has presented itself. Dale encouraged everyone to send ideas his way.

In more pleasant news, Brett then presented Hall of Fame recognition to two members and one dog. George Rogers was recognized for his service to the Club, as a Board member and past multi-year President, along with his judging experience and canine accomplishments with his current dog Drake. George's dog AFC Blue Moon's Sir Francis Drake was recognized for his outstanding career and year (28 Derby points, three All Age wins and over 40 All Age points, along with being one of the nation's top 2022 Amateur dogs). And Barbara Young was recognized for her many years of Club service (Board, President, event worker, etc.) and extensive achievements (in particular being a National Amateur finalist). Congratulations to all.

Brett presented the nominees for 2023 Officers and new Board members. This led to some discussion of the nomination process and the relatively late nominee information. Dale observed that the nominating committee process this past year had not worked out as planned, which produced a last minute need to complete a slate of nominees.

The nominees are: Dale Langhorne as President, Diane Mazy as Vice President, Blair Clark as Treasurer, Brett Crow as Secretary, and Linda Harger and Briedi Gillespie as new Board members with three-year terms. Dale moved to accept the slate, with Linda Harger seconding the motion. The slate was approved with a voice vote.

Dale then thanked the outgoing officers for their effort, Larry Hill and Terri Sanders, as well as the outgoing Board members, Diane Mazy and Garret Visser. Additionally, Brett noted that Randy Frager has recently resigned his Board position, citing family reasons. The Board will undertake its charge of seeking a new member.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:30 pm, followed by the evening's raffle of varying prizes donated by Club members. Of particular note is Renee Nutter's donation of her late husband's training equipment. Together with a wonderful variety of framed art, the Club had a very nice selection of silent auction items.