

Idaho Retriever Club 2026 Annual Meeting  
January 17, 2026

President Wayne Dorband called the 2026 annual meeting of Idaho Retriever Club members to order at 7:20 p.m., at Fiesta Guadalajara in Meridian and welcomed the evening's dozen attendees.

In particular, we welcomed new members Don and Jill Boline (relocating to Emmett) to the Club. Related to that, on a membership note, was a Board decision reached earlier this day to grant honorary free lifetime membership status to members at least 75 years old. Longtime members Jack Smith and Raleigh Hawe are now the first such honorees, with the Club's thanks and congratulations.

Brett Crow provided a financial update that included both good and bad news. The Club's checking account balance fell by about \$2,600 (from \$8,879 to \$6,282), due to event losses, trailer maintenance, insurance and other expenses (such as National club dues and picnic toilet rentals). The April hunt test lost \$1,240, and our two field trials approximately broke even (\$210 ahead in May and \$180 behind in September). We will need to again increase entry fees and keep a close eye on event expenses.

On the plus side, the Club's two investment accounts gained about \$7,300. Specifically, the Invesco account went from \$18,175 to \$20,945 (up \$2,770), and the BlackRock account went from \$23,362 to \$27,889 (up \$4,527).

Brett also noted the Club's upcoming spring training days (Saturdays 2/21, 3/7, 3/21 and 4/4, with locations currently TBA) and spring event dates (April 18-19 for a Hunt Test and May 1-3 for a Field Trial). The field trials have an event chair (Wayne) and secretary (Brett), with judge slates partially completed. The hunt test has only a secretarial volunteer (Brett), which presents the clear prospect of not having an April test this year. Please contact Wayne or Brett ASAP if you would like to chair the test (first need) or obtain judges (second need)—time is very short.

There was also discussion of property work days in the months ahead, and we will seek to accomplish that as well. That might include working with the local HRC club at the Pete Ciraulo property near Fruitland, and there is a need to work with the Emmett pond landowners on foxtail control.

We are planning to participate in a K-9 booth at the March Sportsman's show, and Laura Nordberg hopes to soon have update information on that topic. Additionally, new member Don Boline volunteered to help the Club with advertising.

Dale Langhorne is the Club's Master National delegate, and Dale provided an update of recent developments. In particular, the MNRC has recently passed bylaw changes that will allow professional trainers to judge at the Master National, that will disallow a numerical limit on Master National entries, and that merge the previous regions 3 and 4 into a single region.

Dale noted that the merger and numerical limit changes are likely to mean long trips for future Master National qualifiers from our part of the country, because the nearest regional locations with grounds sufficient for a Master National total entry count that is well over 1000 dogs are likely to be in Texas.

The Nominating Committee of Laura Nordberg, Cindy Huff and Dale Langhorne had submitted the slate of Wayne Dorband (President), Diane Mazy (VP), Brett Crow (Secretary), Blair Clark (Treasurer), and Linda Harger and Briedi Gillespie (renewing Board members, starting new three-year terms). A motion was made (Micah Duffy) and seconded (Dale Langhorne) that the slate be accepted, and the motion was passed with a voice vote.

We then adjourned the meeting and raffled various member-donated prizes.