

Idaho Retriever Club—11/03/2015—Board Meeting & Minutes
(*DRAFT*, pending approval at subsequent Board meeting)

President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., at his home in Meridian. Attendees were Secretary Brett Crow, Treasurer Chuck Kiehn, and Board Members Jack Smith, Pete Eromenok, Willie Alderson, Mike Wheeler, and Pat Kilroy. Vice President Rich Charrier was absent.

Jack Smith moved, and Mike W. seconded, that the reading of minutes from the 08/13/2015 planning meeting for the fall field trial be waived. A voice vote affirmed the motion.

Chuck provided a financial update, centering on a checking account balance of approximately \$14,000 and investment account balances that total about \$26,000. Chuck provided a detailed year-to-date profit & loss statement showing that the club is ahead of expenses by about \$2,850. For individual events (with minor errors noted that will be corrected) the approximate tallies are: picnic trials (+\$1080), April HT/FT (+\$160), May FT (+\$160), May/June HT (-\$1160), and September FT (+\$2980).

George provided an updated equipment inventory and proposed two purchases. One is a chest freezer for birds, which Pete Eromenok, as bird steward, will keep at his home and kennel. After discussing the use, possible size, and new vs. used aspects of such a purchase, Jack S. moved and Mike W. seconded a motion to proceed with the purchase of a new freezer (approximately 25 cubic feet). A voice vote approved. Chuck and Pete will take care of shopping, purchase, and set-up.

George also suggested buying another half dozen holding blinds. This should permit the retirement of the Club's oldest and worst blinds, together with providing a total of 18 usable blinds. Pat moved and Mike seconded a purchase motion, which was approved by a voice vote. George will handle the purchase.

George raised the subject of nominations for the Club's Hall of Fame, with the nomination period closing mid-month. One nomination was discussed and approved by the Board. None have yet been received from the membership.

The next agenda item was the annual nominating committee. George expressed a desire to not be President in 2016, although he has had discussions with a possible successor and is willing to serve on the Board. The remaining officers (VP Rich C., Secretary Brett C., Treasurer Chuck K.) are all willing to continue. The Board terms of Ben Echevarria and Pete Eromenok are expiring at the end of the year. George proposed a nominating committee of Chuck, Mike W., and Blaine Hyde, which was approved by the Board.

During the discussion, George informed the Board that field trial judges (excepting some minor stakes) are lined up for 2016 and for about half of 2017.

Discussion turned to the annual meeting and banquet in January. The Treasure Valley club has already set a 30 January date, and the Board proceeded to select Saturday the 23rd. George will contact Chris Merrill to pursue the subject of having the banquet in the same venue as the past several years.

George has raffle item contacts with Zamzow's, Cabela's, and Gun Dog Supply, and hopes for good participation from club members. Chuck Kiehn volunteered to send an email to club members in that regard.

Christmas gifts to landowners were discussed, with George being willing to handle the arrangements. The Board approved this plan, with an approximate expense of \$75 per landowner.

The status of the Club's Hunt Test stakes was discussed, after several years of difficulty with the second test, in particular. That test occurs on a poor weekend and consistently loses money due to low entries (absent extraordinary efforts to keep judging local). After considerable discussion and a motion (Brett moved, Pat seconded), the Board approved a 2016 hiatus for the late May/early June test. The date, in which the Treasure Valley Club has expressed no interest, will remain the Club's as long as it is used again in 2017.

Also in Hunt Test news, Pete Eromenok will consider being Chair of the Club's April test.

Aside from the next meeting date, which was tentatively set for Wednesday 09 December, those topics completed the prepared agenda.

Pat Kilroy then raised the subject of Club outreach, perhaps by way of a mid-spring 2016 retriever demonstration at Eagle Island State Park or a similar venue. After some discussion of various pros and cons, the Board thought it worthwhile for Pat to investigate aspects of the idea a bit further and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.