

Idaho Retriever Club—12/02/2014—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. Also present were Vice President Rich Charrier, Secretary/Interim Treasurer Brett Crow, and Board members Chris Merrill, Ben Echevarria, Jack Smith, Mike Wheeler, Pete Eromenok, and Linda Harger. Blaine Hyde also attended.

Brett Crow provided financial information. The Club has \$12,000 in its checking account with two items outstanding (a June hunt test scratch refund not yet cashed, the A-Company 2014 restroom usage refund not yet received). Investment accounts remain unexamined since Mary Hanrahan's departure in January. Brett has the item on his to-do list.

George has shopped around for four holding blinds, whose purchase was approved at the last meeting. Four will be ordered. The Board also approved the purchase of two Ghillie blind covers, at about \$100 each.

The Club's equipment trailer needs its license plates renewed. Brett will see to that, and will investigate paying for a long term registration rather than annual. Pete Eromenok noted that plates on the bird trailer are valid for three more years.

George has the Collingham's (Northwest Game Birds) contract for 2015 and noted a price increase. Danny Kaiser can supply picnic trial pigeons at \$3.80 each. Ben Echevarria may also be able to help with pigeons.

Pete Eromenok will continue as bird steward but advised the Club to prepare for a possible change at the fall trial. Land issues may force Pete to make an undesired change. Brett will handle the Club's Idaho Fish & Game permit in January, and Dina Perugini will address AKC event approvals.

Brett will check on the Club's liability insurance, which comes up for renewal shortly. This is another item retained from Mary's departure.

George will see to landowner end-of-year thank you gifts. The Board authorized an expense of up to \$100 per gift. Brett will see to trophy engraving for the 2014 picnic trial season.

George asked Chris Merrill for a report from the Hunt Test Committee of Chris, Diane Mazy, Cheri Shanahan, Blaine Hyde, and Dina Perugini. Chris said the Committee has yet to finalize its discussions into a 2015 recommendation, but suggested that the wind is blowing in the direction of not holding the second (late May/early June) test. In particular, Chris noted the event's dicey financial outcome and low entry count. Only the fortunate circumstance of local judges and very low judging expenses allowed this year's 46-dog entry to provide a small (about \$400) profit. In addition to Club volunteer fatigue, the weekend does not seem to be a good one for entries.

Ben Echevarria reported from the 2015 nominating committee (of Ben, Dian Mazy, and Barbara Young). George is willing to continue as President, Rich as VP, and Brett as Secretary. Linda wishes to depart the Board, due to other obligations. Chris is willing to either continue or pass the torch. Chuck Kiehn is willing to assume the Treasurer's position. And the Committee is in discussions with several possible Board volunteers—Willie Alderson, Blaine Hyde, and Pat Kilroy. A slate will be chosen in time for appropriate member notification.

Hall of Fame nominees were discussed: Jack Ellis, and Jim Smith's FC AFC Shoot Scootn Paddy ("Paddy"). Both were approved upon Board review of the needed qualifications (Linda motion, Chris second, voice vote).

The meeting then turned to planning for the January 2015 banquet and annual meeting. Saturday 1/17 was selected as the date (Jack Smith motion, Chris second, voice vote). Chris Merrill will seek details on using the same space (next to the Gelato Café in Meridian) and catering as for the past several years. Dina Perugini was suggested as a possible raffle coordinator. George will monitor the process so that Brett has time to mail invitations.

The next Board meeting is planned for 17 January, just before the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.