

Idaho Retriever Club 2018 Annual Meeting
January 27, 2018

President Rich Charrier called the 2018 annual meeting of Idaho Retriever Club members to order at 8:10 p.m., at Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Meridian. He extended a warm welcome to the evening's approximately 45 attendees.

Treasurer Chuck Kiehn presented the Club's financial position. The Club begins 2018 in solid financial shape, although 2017 was a rough year. Investment earnings thankfully overcame event losses. Picnic trials were the only events in the black, with all three licensed AKC events losing money. In particular, the May trial suffered from many scratched entries off a pro truck, due to equipment problems, and the September field trial suffered from non-refundable losses when the event was cancelled. Still, the Club begins the year with over \$40,000 in cash and invested assets. Chuck provided more details in printed documentation, and details are available in the Board minutes of 1/25/18.

Rich asked Secretary Brett Crow to proceed with the Club's 2017 picnic trial awards. These went to Roo (handler Bob Burkett) for Junior Puppy, Zero (Grant Settle) for Senior Puppy, Blackjack (Scott Hayes) in the Qualifying, and Lee (Ron Borton) in the Open. Congratulations to all. Rich then thanked Brett for his many Club efforts behind the scenes in his capacity as Secretary.

The spring picnic trial was outlined, and members were informed that a scheduling update would be forthcoming. The events will be held every other Saturday, from 2/17 through 3/31.

Dale Langhorne will be chairing the April 21-22 Hunt Test with Owner/Handler Qualifying, and members were encouraged to both volunteer and participate. The dates and locations of the spring (May 4-6, likely in the Emmett and New Plymouth area) and fall (September 7-9, in Cascade) were presented, along with the hope that last year's floods and fires do not again interfere.

The Nominating Committee of Linda Harger, George Rogers, and Laura Nordberg has developed a 2018 slate of nominees: Rich Charrier (President), Dale Langhorne (VP), Chuck Kiehn (Treasurer), Brett Crow (Secretary) and Board members (Larry Hill and Grant Settle 2018/19/20 and Ron Borton (2018/19, replacing Dale Langhorne). The membership approved the slate on a voice vote.

Rich extended the Club's thanks to outgoing Vice President Ben Echevarria and Board members Willie Alderson and Pat Kilroy. He also noted that Grant Settle has already established an IRC Facebook presence, based on a Board meeting discussion from two days earlier.

Linda Harger spoke about a July 6-8 seminar presented by Jerry Patopea and Pat Burns in and near McCall. Dave Alexander is seeking grounds and strongly encouraged participants to make early lodging arrangements. The event is specifically intended for

local retriever enthusiasts to receive personal training and assistance in dog handling for retriever tests, from nationally recognized experts. Dog/handler teams will be limited in number and prioritized for locals, so members were encouraged to sign up, with the price being \$600 for a dog/handler team and \$175 for an observer slot. The event was nearly filled in short order, which bodes well.

The evening concluded with a raffle of varying prizes procured by Club members. Once those items were distributed, all tickets went into a drawing for free dog/handler attendance at the July seminar. Terri Sanders was the delighted winner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.