

Idaho Retriever Club—03/04/2014—Board Meeting & Minutes
(*DRAFT*, pending approval at subsequent Board meeting)

President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at his home in Meridian. Also present were Secretary Brett Crow, and Board members Chris Merrill, Ben Echevarria, Pete Eromenok, Jack Smith, and Linda Harger. Vice President Rich Charrier and Board member Mike Wheeler did not attend. Tom Shanahan, Dina Perugini, and Blaine Hyde also attended.

Reading of the prior Board meeting's minutes was waived on a voice vote (Linda motion, Jack second).

Tom Shanahan provided an update about website matters. He said that new software and other updates are probably needed. A portion of the current year \$70 expense may be forgone, as well as having the annual expense increase slightly to about \$85. But the site will then be more easily managed and updated by someone with at most a moderate skill level. Pete observed that the TVHRC site does get regular traffic. Linda discouraged the use of a chat option and offered to investigate using one of her allocated sites for the purpose, which might decrease the expense.

With a voice vote (Linda motion, Pete second) the Board approved updating the site per Tom's advice. A brief discussion of sponsor mentions on the site then occurred. It seems likely that a sponsor banner on the home page will be preferred to a sponsor page elsewhere on the site.

In matters of general business, the former club trailer remains at the Pete C. property in Fruitland. George was granted permission by the Board to seek and accept an appropriate price in his best judgment. Pigeons for the picnic trials will run \$3.80 each. George has the bird contract with Collingham's and will see to its execution. George will also get judge gifts from Cabela's (\$50 gift cards).

Field trial ribbons and trophies were discussed. We will make sure that JAM ribbons from Entry Express come without dates, so that extras can be used at later dates. Jack and Dina will investigate sources for trial trophies.

We worked through a list of items for the April Hunt Test. George believes we are set for gunners, but we must continue to seek out bird boys and volunteer help. Brett will take care of motel rooms and the toilet delivery. Linda said the front ponds at the Pete C. Fruitland property are currently unusable due to goatheads (puncture vine). Both a work day and the (Linda) idea of paying a local farmer for certain work were discussed. George and Linda will proceed with further investigation, since work day timing and sufficient help are both difficult.

The Event Advisory Committee (Chris Merrill chair, Dina P., Cheri S., Diane M., Blaine H., for Hunt Test purposes) has no report to date. Linda observed that there are no clubs nationally that do as many events as we do, so some event reduction may be appropriate. Pete commented on the difficulty of getting organizers and gunners. George made clear that he will not chair a June test (and is already the chair of the April test and the May field trial). No chair volunteers were forthcoming.

Accordingly, the Committee will meet and draft an email letter to the membership, in pursuit of volunteers. If sufficient volunteers are not forthcoming within a reasonably strict time frame, then no June test will be held. The membership should expect such a letter reasonably soon.

Finally, Brett reported on a recent bank visit concerning the Club's checking account at US Bank and Mary Hanrahan's recent move to California. Brett was informed that removing Mary's name as a person with signature authority would require minutes to that effect from the Club's Board.

The Board then voted (voice, after a Linda motion, Chris second) to accept Mary Hanrahan's resignation as the Idaho Retriever Club's Treasurer, to proceed with removing Mary as a person with signature authority from the Club account at US Bank, and to elect Brett as the Club's interim Treasurer (until a new volunteer is found and accepted by the Board).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.