

Idaho Retriever Club—08/18/2014—Board Meeting & Minutes
(*DRAFT*, pending approval at subsequent Board meeting)

President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., at his home in Meridian. Also present were Secretary Brett Crow, and Board members Chris Merrill, Ben Echevarria, Jack Smith, Mike Wheeler and Linda Harger. Vice President Rich Charrier and Board member Pete Eromenok did not attend. Diane Mazy, David Morrison, Dina Perugini, and Blaine Hyde also attended.

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

The Board reviewed a financial summary of 2014 licensed events to date. Certain shared expenses were not shown (toilet rental, ammo, MAPP gas, Pete C. Fruitland land use honorarium). Otherwise, the report showed income exceeding expenses in all three events, by approximately \$1300 in the April HT/FT (65 HT entries, 21 FT entries), \$3200 in the May FT (197 entries, nearly \$1700 in scratches due to pro truck kennel cough), and \$650 (46 entries) in the June HT.

George suggested that the club purchase an additional four holding blinds, at approximately \$100 each. Given the year's event success and a current checking account balance of approximately \$10,000, a poll of Board members present approved the purchase.

A nominating committee for 2015 officers and new Board members was selected: Barbara Young (who had expressed her interest to George), Diane Mazy, and Ben Echevarria from the Board.

George asked that the current Hunt Test Committee (Chris Merrill, Diane Mazy, Cheri Shanahan, Blaine Hyde, and Dina Perugini) continue its work and deliberations in the fall months. In particular, George and the Board seek study and deliberations that will provide early information for the Board and the membership about 2015 IRC hunt test(s). Jack Smith suggested that the Club investigate hosting a 2015 hunt test judges seminar. No particular progress was made on that suggestion, on the basis that the topic exceeded the current charge to the committee.

The meeting then turned to planning for the fall field trial in Cascade. Minor stake judges have been secured (Anna Calvert & Camron Allen). Other judges are Ron Foley and Jim Petersen for the Open, and Sally Foster with Jared Snarr for the Amateur.

We have gun captain and marshal volunteers for each stake but the Derby (Open: Rich and Jodi Charrier, respectively; Amateur: Ben and Heather Echevarria; Qualifying: Blaine and Diane). George has an ample list of likely gunners that he will confirm, and the same is true for bird throwers.

Details will need confirmation, but a catered tailgate party of moderate expense (around \$10 each) will be held on Friday in lieu of a judges' dinner. Diane Mazy will contact Gramma's in Cascade for that project, Dina will provide amended premium and catalog language, and catalog inserts will provide final details to contestants on Friday of the trial.

Brett has arrangements with the local firm J&R Septic for toilet rental. David Morrison will again donate worker and judge beverages. Pete Eromenok will be bird steward. We will need one or two volunteers willing to drive an additional vehicle or pull a light trailer, in order to have four-wheelers available. Linda and George will also seek preventive measures (a spray, burlap rather than onion sacks) to help keep bees/hornets/wasps off of the birds during the trial.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.