

Idaho Retriever Club—12/09/2015—Board Meeting & Minutes

President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at his home in Meridian. Attendees were Secretary Brett Crow, Treasurer Chuck Kiehn, and Board Members Jack Smith, Willie Alderson, and Pat Kilroy. Vice President Rich Charrier was absent, as were Board Members Pete Eromenok, Mike Wheeler, and Ben Echevarria. Guests included Blaine Hyde, and Cheri and Tom Shanahan.

Jack Smith moved, and Chuck K. seconded, that the reading of minutes from the 11/03/2015 Board meeting be waived. A voice vote affirmed the motion.

George summarized the status of action items from the previous meeting. Landowner gifts are complete, with George delivering personally to local owners and arranging for delivery to Pete Ciraulo in California. The Club has six new holding blinds. A bird freezer has not yet been purchased, but Chuck is monitoring prices. George will follow up with Pete E. about April Hunt Test judges, and George still seeks Owner/Handler Qualifying judges for the coincident Qualifying stake. Chuck may judge, pending a check of other commitments. Finally, George will follow up with Dina about confirmation letters for field trial judges and about the sufficiency of our Hunt Test ribbon inventory.

Cheri and Tom Shanahan gave a website recap. Changes had been planned to improve the site, and access was withheld this fall due to a billing mishap. Cheri and Tom have rebuilt a temporary and more easily updated site at idahoretrieverclub.weebly.com, and we expect to regain access to the original domain name soon.

Brett will handle the Club's 2016 trial permit with Fish & Game, and trailer licenses are current. George has the bird contract set with Collingham's, who will also supply picnic trial pigeons this year. Two Hall of Fame nominations emerged—Linda Harger and Jim Smith's FC AFC Paddy Cake's Slick Mick, and the Board affirmed both (Chuck K. motion, Pat K. second, voice vote).

The Nominating Committee of Blaine Hyde, Mike Wheeler, and Chuck Kiehn continues its work. Lacking another nominee, George volunteered to serve as President for one more year. The committee will check with Ben E. about continuing his Board service, and Cheri Shanahan is willing to serve on the Board. Current officers and board members are otherwise willing to continue their service.

George has made progress with some raffle donations and encouraged Club and Board members to also solicit and provide raffle donations for the annual banquet in January. Brett will handle picnic trial trophies for the banquet.

Field trial trophies were discussed. Chuck will investigate a "something to use" idea such as monogrammed leather leads, and report back. Last year's successful engraved cutting board idea is another possibility. George will obtain Cabela's gift cards again as judging gifts.

2016 picnic trials will be on the weekends of February 13 & 27, and on March 12 & 26. Willie Alderson will chair the 3/12 event, and other Saturday chairs have yet to be set.

Board Members Pat K., Jack S., and Willie A. have continued to discuss the idea of an IRC-sponsored public retrieving event (a “who we are and what we do kind” of thing). We continue to think the idea has merit, so that committee will work on a thorough proposal that the entire Board can consider at a possible early February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.