

Idaho Retriever Club 04/09/2018 Board Meeting & Minutes

President Rich Charrier called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm at his home in Nampa. Also present were Treasurer Chuck Kiehn, Secretary Brett Crow, and Board members Ron Borton, Chris Merrill, Grant Settle, Larry Hill, and Blaine Hyde. VP Dale Langhorne and departing Board member Cheri Shanahah were absent. Diane Kiehn and George Rogers also attended.

Much of the meeting was devoted to organizational matters for the upcoming May field trial. George R. and Blaine Hyde will be gun captains for the Open, and both Blaine and Rich are searching for throwers and helpers. Diane K. will be the marshal. Chris M. will throw the flyer on Friday.

Chris M. will be gun captain for the Amateur, with Dina P. and Terri S. on marshal and traffic duty. Chris will seek gunners. Grant S. will be gun captain for the Qualifying.

Brett has arranged for toilet deliveries and has lodging set up for the judges. Rich will take care of drinks. Blain will check into having Tom's Cabin café provide lunches, and Rich will check with Laura Nordberg about delivery of same. Chuck K. is arranging judge gifts, probably again with Brenda Neal, and Chuck and Diane are handling stake awards. The judges' dinner will be at the Mexican restaurant in Ontario, with at least Rich and Brett attending. Pete Eromenok will again be our bird steward, and Rich, Blaine, George, and possibly Grant will be available on set-up day. Hopefully a burning and grounds day can be set up at the long pond on Pete Ciraulo's property for the Amateur.

Chuck K. provided a brief treasury report: about \$13K in the US Bank checking account, \$18,500 in the BlackRock investment account, and \$11,800 in the Invesco account.

That led to a discussion of the spring picnic trial season. These events barely broke even, even with a generous paid help donation by Rich on 3/3. (In particular: \$540 income and \$530 expenses on 2/17; \$505 income and \$410 expenses on 3/3 with Rich donating the paid thrower expense; \$385 income and \$490 expenses on 3/17; 3/31 data not yet summarized).

Various concerns and opinions emerged during the discussion: the notion that the Club should at least break even on these events; that a higher entry fee for non-workers might be considered; that working throwers definitely earn the \$10/hour payment; that an inert tip jar for throwers is less effective than personal contact; that TVHRC experiences may be useful; that the long-term health of Club finances is important; and that an entry fee increase might be discussed.

Brett noted that structural changes to picnic trials will be a Bylaw amendment matter. Chuck expressed concerns about land use payments—that they be transparent and Board-approved, and that their size may be out of sync with picnic trial revenue. Potential

concerns about Club and landowner liability also arose, with Grant suggesting that an ad hoc committee to examine the various concerns might be useful.

Rich discussed the still-planned Jerry Patopea and Pat Burns seminar to be held in and near McCall on July 6-8, and read the apparently full list of dog-handler teams. Cost will be \$600 for each dog/handler team, with a limited number of participants, and \$175 for observers. Dave Alexander continues to work on grounds in the area, and a future planning meeting is likely.

The meeting's last agenda item was to accept with great thanks the resignation of Cheri Shanahan as a Board member, as she plans to leave the area. A unanimous voice vote affirmed Barb Young as Cheri's replacement for the duration of the calendar year (Rich motion, Chris second).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.