

Idaho Retriever Club 12/11/2018 Board Meeting & Minutes

President Rich Charrier called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at his home in Nampa. Also present were Secretary Brett Crow and Board members Ron Borton, Grant Settle, and Chris Merrill. Treasurer Chuck Kiehn and Board Member Barbara Young were delayed until about 7:00 pm. VP Dale Langhorne and Board members Blaine Hyde and Larry Hill were absent.

Meeting topics included the January banquet, topics concerning the Club's 2019 dog events, officer candidates for 2019, and Hall of Fame nominations.

Regarding the banquet, Rich Charrier has volunteered his Nampa home for the evening of Saturday, 01/19/2019, for a potluck style banquet catered by the membership. Thank you to Rich. The Club's most recent similar banquet, at Blair and Anne Clark's home, was a great success.

Regarding officers, the Board terms of Barbara Young (who replaced Cheri Shanahan earlier in the year) and Chris Merrill are completed, and Larry Hill has submitted his resignation. Chuck Kiehn has also indicated that he will retire from service as the Club's Treasurer. The Nominating Committee of Diane Kiehn, Linda Harger, and Grant Settle has been pursuing candidates.

Rich Charrier is willing to continue as President, and Brett Crow is similarly willing to continue as Secretary. Dina Perugini is willing to serve as Vice President. The Treasurer search continues. Chris Merrill and Micah Duffy are willing to assume new three-year Board positions. Barbara Young is willing to complete Larry Hill's unexpired term.

Saturday picnic trial dates in 2019 were chosen: 2/16, 3/2, 3/16, and 3/30. Locations are currently TBA, and Barbara Young will ask about using land near her Nyssa, OR home for the first picnic trial. Given the large proportion of entrants who participate for training purposes, there was some discussion of changing the event format to a training only structure for one or possibly more dates. The idea was not extensively pursued because amended Bylaws within a tight time frame would seemed indicated.

Dale Langhorne will chair the Club's April 20-21 Hunt Test and Owner/Handler Qualifying event, and Dina Perugini has volunteered to serve as the event Secretary. Rich will chair the field trials, and Diane Kiehn has volunteered to serve as event Secretary. Two judges are currently confirmed for the May 3-5 trial (Robin Christensen and Andy Kahn in the Open), with other judges still being sought.

Treasurer Chuck Kiehn provided a financial report. The Club has about \$37,900 total: \$11,300 in checking at US Bank, \$17,500 in the BlackRock investment account, \$10,600 in the Invesco investment account, and about \$1500 in currently uncleared checks. The investment accounts have lost about \$2300 this year and the Club's overall financial position has deteriorated.

In particular, Chuck has noticed a substantial increase in expenses for paid throwing help. In addition to carefully watching event expenses generally, therefore, Chuck especially encouraged efforts to keep labor expenses down.

Finally, Rich and the Board will undertake a qualification review for two Hall of Fame nominees: Brett Crow and his now-retired dog Ivy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.