

## Idaho Retriever Club 8/09/2016 Board Meeting & Minutes

President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 7 pm at his home in Meridian. Also present were VP Ben Echevarria, Treasurer Chuck Kiehn, Secretary Brett Crow, and Board members Willie Alderson, Cheri Shanahan, and Jack Smith. Board members Mike Wheeler, Pat Kilroy, and Chris Merrill were absent. Blaine Hyde and Ron Borton also attended.

George first thanked Cheri Shanahan for her efforts in obtaining nicely designed IRC business cards.

Jack S. moved, and Willie A. seconded, that the reading of minutes from the 05/02/16 Board Meeting be waived. A voice vote affirmed the motion.

Chuck Kiehn presented a financial summary: about \$290 ahead from picnic trials, \$2100 from the Hunt Test with Qualifying, and \$1800 from the May field trial. The Club has about \$41,500 combined in its checking and investment accounts.

George is beginning to develop a 2017 nominating committee, which will minimally need to seek a President and one Board member. Both George and Jack Smith have indicated that they will retire at years' end. George and Blaine Hyde volunteered, and efforts will be made for at least one other person.

Various September trial matters were then discussed. Trophies, ribbons, toilets, judges' gifts, and lodging for judges are all handled. Ron Borton will be the bird steward.

The time sheet idea and hourly rate (\$10) approach worked well at the May trial, per Chuck K., so we will go that route again. The particular concern is finding actual paid help. George will pursue the matter. Triumph youth from Utah were discussed, along with the possibility that various Club members might know of interested persons or be able to help find them.

George is also continuing to seek adequate volunteer help from Club members, with the rosters for each stake being only partially filled at this point.

George is also seeking to create two committees, for trial judge selection and for future grounds. September 2017 is staffed but May 2017 still needs an Open judge, and judges will be needed after that. In addition, our grounds status in May is becoming quite iffy, in both quantity and in terms of foxtails. We need a resolution.

An October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was penciled in, and Willie raised the subject of TVHRC possibly adding a Qualifying to its April test. That discussion was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.