

Idaho Retriever Club 5/02/2016 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 all Board members (Willie Alderson, Mike Wheeler, Cheri Shanahan, Chris Merrill, Jack Smith, and Pat Kilroy). Blaine Hyde and Laura Nordberg also attended.

Laura N. moved, and Jack S. seconded, that the reading of minutes from the 03/14/16 Board Meeting be waived. A voice vote affirmed the motion.

Chuck Kiehn presented a draft financial summary of the April Hunt Test and O/H Qualifying. Income of about \$6300 and expenses of about \$4300 produced net income of about \$2000, which was welcome news.

Pursuant to approvals at the last meeting, the Club has purchased six new chairs and two new canopies.

A discussion of possibly holding a July Hunt Test in the McCall area, following the July TVHRC doubleheader test, was tabled for a later date.

George raised the possibility of changing the pay arrangement for bird throwing help at Club events to an hourly rate of \$10 based on half hour increments. Throwers would receive and complete simple time sheets and have them verified by an event official (stake marshal, gun captain, event chair) on a daily basis, prior to submission for payment. George expects the total cost to be little different, expects a fairer pay structure when Sunday comes (since throwers from a late stake will get more pay), and hopes that the hourly rate will make it a bit easier to get help. After discussion and an approval motion (Ben E. motion, Jack S. second), the proposal was adopted, to begin with the upcoming spring trial.

The next agenda item concerned feedback from the recent Hunt Test and O/H Qualifying. In particular, Dina Perugini submitted her resignation as Event Secretary, effective after completion of the upcoming trial. Two specific items of concern were handlers overhearing and wondering about a potential rules violation, in connection with a Club member comment about completing the Master Stake in one day, and having a shorthanded event committee, when the Event Secretary is obligated to truthfully report committee attendance to the AKC upon event completion. The Board accepted Dina's resignation, expressed its willingness to avoid such problems in the future, and thanked Dina for her years of service.

Finally, George worked through his planning for various work assignments at the upcoming spring field trial. Help is proving to be a challenging task, perhaps in part because of limited (a total of 11) entries by Club members. All who can assist were invited to step up and volunteer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.