

Idaho Retriever Club 10/18/2016 Board Meeting & Minutes

President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at his home in Meridian. Also present were Treasurer Chuck Kiehn, Secretary Brett Crow, and Board members Willie Alderson, Cheri Shanahan, Pat Kilroy, Chris Merrill, and Jack Smith. VP Ben Echevarria and Board member Mike Wheeler were absent. Blaine Hyde also attended.

Minutes of the 08/09/16 Board Meeting were approved by voice vote, after Willie A. moved and Cheri S. seconded that reading of the minutes be waived.

Chuck Kiehn presented a financial summary. The Club has about \$41,700 combined in its checking and investment accounts (\$15 K checking, \$16.4 K BlackRock, and \$10.3K Invesco). The Club is up nearly \$2500 for the year. The September field trial finished in the black by only about \$300. Judging expenses and a missing pro truck were factors.

George initiated a discussion of field trial entry fees, to remain in ahead of costs and in sync with regional norms. The discussion led to a motion (George moved, Jack S. second) that minor stake fees remain as is (\$83) and major stake fees rise to \$90. A voice vote approved the motion. Hunt test entry fees were not discussed.

The Board discussed the topic of help at field trials, with the possibility of using a Triumph School (Utah troubled youth, chaperoned) crew. The topic was tabled to a later meeting, thinking that the Spring trial is manageable. The Board will reconsider the matter in time to possibly get this crew on the calendar for next September.

George has cleaned the trailer and checked its inventory. Aside from a couple of missing or malfunctioning radios, all is well with equipment. We did, however, use a lot of popper loads at the fall trial, and George obtained approval to have repairs done on a club boat. On a voice vote (George moved, Chris M. second), the club will seek to obtain reload poppers from Ron Borton.

We will have new grounds for the Spring 2017 field trial. Our spring grounds have recently been limited and rife with foxtails in some areas. Willie Alderson has helped obtain permission for new grounds near Payette, without such problems and sufficient for an entire trial. TVHRC will use the grounds for their spring Hunt Test and IRC will use them for our Spring trial (\$250). IRC Spring Hunt Test grounds are uncertain.

The 2017 Nominating Committee will consist of George, Blaine Hyde, and Chuck Kiehn. Two Board positions are in play (currently held by Mike Wheeler and Jack Smith), and George will conclude his Presidency. Allyn Foster and Dale Langhorne will serve as a Hunt Test Judges Committee, and George suggested that the Field Trial Judge Committee consist of the Club President and Brett Crow. Willie A., Blaine H., Ben E., and George will serve as Grounds Committee.

Our Fall 2017 field trial judges are set. Spring 2017 needs almost a full judging slate, with only Ron Adlington on board as an Open judge.

We need a new annual banquet location, due to changes at the Gelato Café in Meridian. Various options were discussed regarding location and possible catering arrangements. George and others will pursue the matter. A date, however, was set: 21 January 2017.

The Board voted in favor of a proposed change in field trial rules, such that minor stakes may explicitly use a rotation method (already required in major stakes), provided that said use is stated in the event premium.

Certain other matters were loosely discussed: (a) the possibility of TVHRC including an Owner/Handler Qualifying with its spring Hunt Test, (b) the possibility of working with other dog clubs and Eagle Island State Park towards a dog-centric park segment, and (c) the possibility of helping the Wood River Club in some way, such that Wood River could sponsor a second annual field trial. No specific motions or decisions arose.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.