

Idaho Retriever Club 2017 Annual Meeting
January 21, 2017

President George Rogers called the 2017 annual meeting of Idaho Retriever Club members to order at 8:05 p.m., at Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Meridian. He extended a warm welcome to the evening's 45 attendees.

Treasurer Chuck Kiehn presented the Club's financial position. The Club has approximately \$42,200 in its various accounts (US Bank checking, BlackRock and Ivesco investment accounts), which is up about \$4000 from a year ago. For the calendar year the Club took in about \$32.8K. Picnic trials netted about \$290, the April hunt test and Qualifying netted about \$1800, the May field trial netted about \$1400, and the September field trial (with an unfortunately absent pro truck) netted only about \$250. The Club begins 2017 in solid financial shape.

George spoke about Club events for the upcoming year. First up was the picnic trial schedule of Saturday's 2/18 (Dale Langhorne chairs), 3/04 (Willie Alderson chairs), 3/18 (Blaine Hyder chairs), and 4/01 (Ben Echevarria chairs). Locations, respectively, are set for Barb Young's property (2/18 and 3/04, snowmelt and weather permitting), Rock Hills west of Emmett (3/18), and Ben Echevarria's property south of Kuna (4/01). Brett will notify the larger membership via regular mailings.

A single AKC Licensed Hunt Test is set for the weekend of 4/22-23, together with an Owner/Handler Qualifying. One hunt test judge has been identified, per the committee of Allyn Foster and Dale Langhorne. Also, the idea of a preceding Friday 4/21 Derby/Qual, with the weekend hunt test, has yet to pass AKC muster. The Board will discuss the event at its next 2017 meeting.

The Club's AKC Licensed Field Trials will be held on the first weekend in May (5/5-7) on new grounds in Payette, and on the second weekend in September (9/8-10) in Cascade. Incoming President Rich Charrier will chair both events. Judges are nearly set, with one Derby judge needed in May and two Derby judges needed in September. Brett will begin to mentor Diane Kiehn towards the assumption of event secretary duties.

George next thanked Cheri and Tom Shanahan for maintaining the Club's website. Cheri will continue as webmaster and George encouraged Club members to submit photos and accomplishments.

The next business item concerned the officer and Board slate. First, George thanked Jack Smith and Mike Wheeler for their extensive Club participation and help, along with their recently completed Board terms. Both have been real assets.

The Nominating Committee of George, Chuck Kiehn, and Blaine Hyde had developed the slate of: Rich Charrier as President, Ben Echevarria as Vice President, Brett Crow as Secretary, and Chuck Kiehn as Treasurer for 2017 officers, and Blaine Hyde & Dale Langhorne to begin Board terms for 2017-19. George submitted the slate to

the membership, Allyn Foster moved to approve the slate, Dina Perugini offered a second, and a voice vote approved the slate.

Rich Charrier then began his term as President by thanking George for three years of consistent and successful efforts on behalf of the Club.

The Club then recognized the winners from the 2015 series of picnic trials. Those winners are: Junior Puppy to Fido (Pete Eromenok), Senior Puppy to Josie (Grant Settle), Derby to Wiz (Mike Wheeler), Qualifying to Camas (Larry Hill), and Open to Blue (Blaine Hyde).

Rich then proceeded to the Club's Hall of Fame awards, with congratulations to both recipients. Jim Smith and Jeff Weber were inducted, based on extensive experience and achievements together with years of Club service. Linda Harger's dog DC AFC Yakity's Shake Rattle 'n Roll (Comet) and Laura Nordberg's North Mountain Ripley were inducted on the canine side of the ledger.

The evening concluded with the raffle, a \$250 live auction (to George Rogers) of a custom made and engraved IRC duck call procured by Grant Settles, and a 9:05 p.m. adjournment.