

Idaho Retriever Club 2015 Annual Meeting
January 17, 2015
(*DRAFT*, pending approval at subsequent member meeting)

President George Rogers called the 2015 annual meeting of Idaho Retriever Club members to order at 7:50 p.m., at the space adjacent to the Gelato Café on Fairview Ave. in Meridian (which catered a very nice prime rib dinner). He extended a warm welcome to the evening's 36 attendees.

Interim treasurer Brett Crow presented the Club's financial position. The checking account balance is approximately \$11,850, the Invesco account holds about \$9,860, and the Blackrock account holds about \$15,970 (figures rounded). For the calendar year the Club took in about \$41K and spent about \$38.6K, for a gain of about \$3,200. Brett also presented minutes from the 2014 meeting and banquet. Both reports were accepted by acclamation.

George welcomed four new members to the Club and spoke about Club events for the upcoming year. This began with the picnic trial schedule of Saturday's 2/14 & 28, and 3/14 & 28, with the respective event chairs and locations of Micah Duffy in Adrian, OR, Willie Alderson in a TBA location, Ben Echevarria at his property south of Kuna (weather permitting), and Pete Eromenok at his property near New Plymouth. Brett will notify the larger membership via regular mailings.

AKC Licensed Hunt Tests are scheduled for the weekends of 4/18-19 and 5/30-31. The second of these, in particular, has suffered from low entries in recent years. A Club committee (Chris Merrill, Diane Mazy, Cheri Shanahan, Dina Perugini, Blaine Hyde) this past year recommended that the event still be held. The Board has affirmed that recommendation, subject to timely and sufficient progress (event committee, judges, and AKC approval in place during March). Willie Alderson will chair the April test, with Dina Perugini as marshal. Both the April and May tests need to complete their judging slates, and an Owner-Handler Qualifying will be held in conjunction with the April test.

The Club's AKC Licensed Field Trials will be held on the first weekend in May (5/1-3), near Fruitland and New Plymouth, and on the first weekend in September (9/4-6) in Cascade. George will chair both events. Diane Mazy observed that our September weekend coincides with Labor Day, so that advance planning about such things as lodging for judges will be very important.

The next business item concerned the officer and Board slate. George began by thanking Brett for assuming Treasurer duties upon Mary's January departure, and by thanking Chris Merrill and Linda Harger for their long service on the Board. The Nominating Committee of Diane Mazy, Barbara Young, and Ben Echevarria proposed the slate of: George Rogers as President, Rich Charrier as Vice President, Brett Crow as Secretary, Chuck Kiehn as Treasurer, and Pat Kilroy & Willie Alderson to begin Board terms for 2015-17. Diane Mazy moved, and Anne Clark seconded, that the proposed slate be approved. A voice vote approved the slate.

The Club then recognized the winners from the 2014 series of picnic trials. Those winners are: Junior Puppy to Quinn (Mike Skinner), Senior Puppy to Tilly (Tom Bermensolo), Derby to Breeze (Cheri Shanahan), Qualifying to Blue (Blaine Hyde), and Open to Cache (Blaine Hyde). The winners received award plaques hand made by Tom Bermensolo, with the Club's grateful thanks.

George then proceeded to the Club's Hall of Fame awards. The first of this year's inductees is Jack Ellis, a Club member since the early 1950s. Jim Smith's dog FC AFC Shoot Scoot'n Paddy "Paddy", a National Finalist, was also inducted.

The evening concluded with the raffle and an 8:55 p.m. adjournment.