

Idaho Retriever Club 2016 Annual Meeting
January 22, 2016
(*DRAFT*, pending approval at subsequent member meeting)

President George Rogers called the 2016 annual meeting of Idaho Retriever Club members to order at 8:00 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.

Reading of the 2015 minutes was waived after a voice vote (Chris Merrill motion & Sarah Nott second).

New members Sarah Nott and Jim Hassman introduced themselves. We wish them well in their retriever pursuits.

Treasurer Chuck Kiehn presented the Club's financial position. The checking account balance is approximately \$12,670, the Invesco account holds about \$9,640, and the Blackrock account holds about \$15,800 (figures rounded). For the calendar year the Club took in about \$40.4K and spent about \$38.7K, for a gain of about \$1,700. Investment losses of about \$400 mean that the club gained about \$1,300 for the year. Picnic trials and field trials were the bright spots financially while each hunt test lost several hundred dollars.

George spoke about Club events for the upcoming year. First up was the picnic trial schedule of Saturday's 2/13 & 27, and 3/12 & 26, with the respective event chairs and locations of George R. and Chuck K. in Adrian, OR, Pat K. and Pete E. in a TBA location, Willie Alderson in a TBA location, and Ben Echevarria at his property south of Kuna (weather permitting). Brett will notify the larger membership via regular mailings.

A single AKC Licensed Hunt Test is set for the weekend of 4/23-24, together with an Owner/Handler Qualifying. Chair Pete Eromenok reported that hunt test judges have been found; Blaine Hyde and Chuck Kiehn will judge the O/H Qualifying. The Club's second Hunt Test (late May/early June) will be on hiatus this year.

The Club's AKC Licensed Field Trials will be held on the first weekend in May (5/6-9), near Fruitland and New Plymouth, and on the first weekend in September (9/9-11) in Cascade. George will chair both events.

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

The next business item concerned the officer and Board slate. The Nominating Committee of Chuck Kiehn, Mike Wheeler, and Blaine Hyde had developed the slate of: George Rogers as President, Rich Charrier as Vice President, Brett Crow as Secretary, Chuck Kiehn as Treasurer, and Cheri Shanahan & Ben Echevarria to begin Board terms

for 2016-18. At its meeting earlier in the evening, the Board was notified that Rich would be unable to continue as VP. George had already secured a VP commitment from Ben E., and from Chris Merrill to occupy the Ben E. Board nomination. George submitted the slate to the membership, and a voice vote approved the slate.

The Club then recognized the winners from the 2015 series of picnic trials. Those winners are: Junior Puppy to Ford (Ben Echevarria), Senior Puppy to Wiz (Mike Wheeler), Derby to Gump (Pete Eromenok), Qualifying to Breeze (Cheri Shanahan), and Open to Blue (Blaine Hyde).

Pat Kilroy reported on progress by the committee seeking to hold a retriever demonstration day. A date has been set (Sunday, April 3rd) with demonstrations intended at Eagle Island State Park in both late morning (10 to noon) and early afternoon (12:30 to 2:30). At the evening's earlier Board meeting, a budget of \$500 was allocated to the project. Pat hopes to secure the same amount from the Treasure Valley Hunting Retriever Club, as well as local sponsorship from Zamzows.

George then proceeded to the Club's Hall of Fame awards, with congratulations to both recipients. Jim Smith's dog FC AFC Paddy Kate's Slick Mick "Mick" was inducted, on the strength of 10 Derby points, 49 All-Age points, and three National Qualifications. Linda Harger was inducted, having started in retrievers in 1972, trained professionally from 1985 to 1995, earned multiple National qualifications (Open and Amateur), been a 2006 National Open judge, judged 83 All-Age stakes, served the Idaho Retriever Club as President and Board member for many years, being the current American Chesapeake Club president, and being the 3rd Vice President of the National Amateur Retriever Club.

The evening concluded with the raffle and a 9:00 p.m. adjournment.