

Secretary Report

Members

Over 70 paid memberships processed. There has been some lag time for the member apps that have been sent to Kyle, as well as some memberships that have no paperwork sent to me. All complaints and mysteries are being dealt w. in a timely fashion and been documented as far as dates of receipt and reply. There are 28 members which fall into the judge/decoy comp category, causing a \$1,680 loss in revenue. Jake S. has volunteered to contact decoys and ask for them to get their app/info in to me. I have personally contacted the judges who have not filed.

Clubs

Of the 18 clubs listed on the website, 5 have paid club dues and have their 3 paid USMRA member minimum. The other clubs have been contacted to remind them. There are also 2 clubs waiting for approval - Nevada Protection Sports and DC Swingers. Both have submitted the proper paperwork, paid club dues and have at least 3 USMRA members who have paid 2013 dues. Additionally, there is interest with a few other clubs starting.

Events

4 2day trials scheduled

Scorebooks

Since we had orders for 4 scorebooks and only 3 left, I ordered and paid for 50 and have put in a reimbursement request to Aida.

Total scorebooks issued 8 with 2 pending additional info

Am working on creating a more comprehensive doc that explains what we except and what's needed for scorebook issue. Any help/advise w. this is greatly appreciated.

Scoresheets

While we would love to have these electronic, it looks like I need to order more asap. I was told by Ann that she rarely charged the org for this, but that arrangement doesn't work for me. The best price we found is ordering 60 bucks for getting 250 of an individual doc. We have 4 docs - brevet, 1, 2, & 3. Anyone who knows of a better price please let me know.

Web Forms

The web forms - member apps, club apps, MR3 club etc., have been updated to reflect new secretary address. Need to work with OJ on making relevant decoy forms asap. Please feel free to contact me with corrections and ideas on how to make our forms better.

PR/Damage Control

Member renewal reminder on yahoo list.

Member renewal reminder on Facebook page

Private messages answered from Facebook page - (except one in spanish -any volunteers for this???)

Fielded multiple complaints re yahoo list behavior. Offending members have been warned and/or moderated. Issue put on agenda - hopefully we can have a statement explaining what is "acceptable" behavior and the consequences of unacceptable behavior.

Complaint from member re USMRA sanctioned event. Per by-laws, this is not eligible to go to Board of Inquiry, but is serious enough that issue/complaint has been forwarded to BOD for discussion and action.

There have been complaints on the yahoo list about the dues not being pro-rated and arbitrary Jan renewal By-law change is the only way to address this IF the BOD and membership feels it is necessary. The positive of from date of joining to renewal one year later is that the membership may feel more value and, for clubs, as well since some do join late in the year and then are hit up again for \$\$ in January. The down side is that it requires more work from Secretary in notices (not so big a deal) and in verifying club members for events, insurance, decoy/judge status, etc.

Responded to list with by-laws explanation and welcomed all to comment on how to make our by-laws better.

Spoke w. one complainant who said while he joined in Sept, his check was not cashed for 3 months. Since he did play in Sept AND did vote, I told him I would go to bat at the BOD, but he had to come up with a more compelling argument since he did indeed enjoy some of the benefits of membership.

Have been working w. new Int'l Chair, Marki Barta on sending Mellisa Mims to FMBB. I have a deposit check from Melissa and need to know - deposit or hold? I believe USMRA/Aida has sent a check to AWMA for their required deposit.

Data Base - is being cleaned up, edited and re organized to show members preferences for renewal and card delivery as well as an emergency name and contact info. HOPEFULLY it should be done enough in 2-4 weeks so that it can be put on our "private page" online so that info can be shared w. the rest of the BOD as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Novak USMRA Secretary