



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the February 16, 2015 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2004 (or 8:04 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Jake Schneider
Vice President	Jill Fryling	Director	Jennifer Marshall
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 19, 2015 USMRA BOD Meeting were approved on February 4, 2015 and posted on the USMRA website.

Officer Reports

President – Don reported that the committees are moving forward with their assigned tasks. The first trial of the year is coming up this weekend in North Carolina – Carolina Working Dog Club. We will have an Annual Board Meeting at the USMRA Nationals, as is required within the By-Laws. Don requested that each BOD member prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.

Don thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work during the first two months. The BOD is staying on task, communicating well, and keeping business moving in a positive manner.

Vice President – No Report

Treasurer – David gave the financial report. There was a discussion about paying the AWDF dues, which David will take care of. The Wells Fargo account has a balance of \$26177.14 and the PayPal account has a balance of \$8692.86. There was discussion about transferring the PayPal balance to the Wells Fargo account to lower the PayPal balance to \$2000.00.

The BOD discussed secretarial funds for purchases such as mailing fees and supplies. It was agreed that the Secretary can spend up to \$100.00 without approval from BOD. All expense receipts will be sent to the Treasurer.

Secretary – Michon reported that as of this date there are 191 total 2015 membership renewals, twenty five total club renewals, and two new club requests. Five of the twenty



five clubs are still not fully compliant with requirements which will be addressed by the Membership Committee.

Elissa Cline and Michon are looking for replacements for Adobe FormsCentral which will be retiring June 22, 2015.

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee- The Judge's Committee has started a FB Group page to communicate and discuss business. They are currently working on the following items:

- Reviewing proposed changes to the Judge's Program
- Discussing a process to track the training / trials of Judge's
- Planning Judge's College @ the Nationals with Belgium Judge Margaret McKenna

Decoy Committee – USMRA has two Decoy Certifications scheduled with the following persons to conduct the evaluations at each location:

- March - DC Swingers – Donald Lee / Scott Dunmore / Geoff Byram / Spencer Bowman
- April - West Penn – Jos Helsen / Scott Dunmore / David Wright

The Decoy Committee made a suggestion for Decoys whose certification has expired. The decoy will be required to submit an application at least one month prior to their expiration; and the decoy must be “active” in a sanctioned club. Each request will be looked at on an individual basis and can be granted for up to 6 months. The Decoy Committee is still discussing the USMRA Training Seminars with considerations about allowing decoys who participate to gain credit (possibly ½ credit), as if participating in a trial.

Education Committee – David reported that the Committee met and discussed last year's business and discussed having two opportunities for grants instead of having just one deadline. The Committee requested feedback from the BOD on this. Currently there is a \$3000.00 budget for Education. David stated the Committee suggested that the first deadline would be in June and the second in September or October.

Membership Committee – Lisa reported that the Committee has been working on contacting independents to make sure they meet the requirements. The Committee also contacted all the clubs that haven't renewed yet to encourage them to do so. Lisa also reported that the MR3 club has been a little controversial. They have been discussing what constitutes a handler owned and trained dog. The Committee wants to make a distinction between handler owned and trained by others while still acknowledging the MR3 status.



Business

Discuss and add members to the Committees

Code of Conduct Committee – There was discussion about Patience Kabwasa being added to the Code of Conduct Committee. Jill further discussed adding Otto Sturm, Al Vinjamur and George Manley. It was moved by Jake, second by David to “appoint Patience Kabwasa, Al Vinjamur, Otto Sturm and George Manley to the Code of Conduct Committee”. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditing Committee – Jill discussed Lynn Neben being a possibility to serve on the Auditing Committee. She will contact her to confirm she is interested and willing to serve.

International Committee – There was discussion about adding Marki Barta and Ann Putegnat to the International Committee. It was moved by Jake, second by Michon to “appoint Marki Barta to the International Committee”. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Michon, second by David to “appoint Ann Putegnat to the International Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Michon requested and was granted to be removed from the International Committee.

National Committee – Jake reported that the field has been selected and the insurance has been submitted for payment. He further discussed adding more individuals in the future and would like to have two more members. Lisa discussed that Patience Kabwasa may be interested in serving on the Nationals Committee. She will talk with her to confirm.

Insurance for USMRA / Clubs – Don discussed that OJ is willing to be the liaison for the insurance for the trials. It is confirmed that USMRA does have Directors and Officers insurance. It was moved by Jake, second by David to “appoint OJ Knighten as the liaison to work between the clubs and the insurance company to provide Certificates of Insurance for USMRA events”. The motion carried unanimously.

Evaluate the status of the USMRA clubs

There was discussion about the clubs that have renewed their membership fees but still are not compliant with the requirements of being a club.

- San Gabriel Ring Club – Needs Bylaws
- Wicked Smart Working Dog Club – Needs Bylaws and Trial
- Greater Rampart Range Ring Sporters – Needs Trial
- Endeavor Mondioring Club – Needs Trial
- Black Diamond Working Dog Club – Needs Trial

Lisa stated that Black Diamond would like to host a trial in September.



There was discussion that Endeavor has been actively training and doing seminars but their dogs are not ready to trial yet. It was moved by Jake, second by Lisa to “approve Endeavor Mondioring Club a trial waiver until December 2015 to schedule a trial or resubmit for an additional extension waiver”. The motion carried unanimously.

Black Diamond, Wicked Smart and GRRRS need to submit for a trial waiver. Don will discuss this with Scott Dunmore for Wicked Smart. Lisa will contact both Black Diamond and GRRRS to inform them to submit for a waiver.

Jill will contact Dave Kroyer with San Gabriel to get their bylaws.

There was discussion about the clubs that have not met the requirements for a club will still be listed as pending until the requirements are met.

Discuss / Approve New Clubs

Club Approval - It was moved by Jake, second by Lisa to “approve Lucky Louie’s All Breed Mondioring Club status for USMRA”. Motion carried unanimously.

Club Approval - It was moved by Jake, second by Lisa to “approve Big Apple Mondioring Club status for USMRA”. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Don discussed the Annual Board of Directors meeting at Nationals. He would like a report from all Board Members to be presented at the meeting. The report will need to discuss what each member is currently doing or where they see USMRA going in the future.

There was discussion about the archiving of USMRA paperwork. There needs to be a more functional way to store these records instead of having boxes passed on from secretary to secretary. Cloud storage was discussed but scanning of all the documents will be an issue. This will be discussed in future meetings.

Membership dues for Judges and Decoys were discussed. They currently are not required to pay membership dues.

Jake discussed Jake Brandyberry with the NARA wanting to get people to cross over with Mondioring and French Ring when listed on the Club or Independent websites. The hope was that it would benefit getting more people interested. Jake will discuss this further with Jake.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – March 16, 2015 at 8:00 PM Central Time



Adjournment

It was moved by Michon, second by Lisa to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2139 hours (9:09 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval

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USMRA Secretary
February 16, 2015