



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes from the April 20, 2015 Board Meeting

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2012 (or 8:12 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 – joined at 2021 hours
Treasurer	David Broderick - joined at 2100 hours		

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March 16, 2015 USMRA BOD Meeting were electronically approved unanimously and posted on April 13, 2015.

#### Officer Reports

**President** – Judges Dinner for Nationals will be on Friday night. A room has been reserved for the Nationals Annual BOD meeting at Residence Inn on Saturday night. Don would like to have BOD reports discussing what we are doing and where we need to go with USMRA. Don wants to show the members that the Board is looking to do what the membership wants and that we are trying to go in a positive direction. Don reported that a few trials have occurred since the last meeting. There was brief discussion about an incident that occurred at the Steel City Club trial. There will be a formal complaint filed regarding this issue. Don reported that one decoy passed the most recent certification, David Broderick.

**Vice President** – Jill discussed that Dave Kroyer wants to know how he will be official as a judge as he has completed his apprenticeship. All of his information needs to be sent to the Judges Committee for approval or denial. Kroyer mentioned that he has had requests to judge upcoming trials.

**Treasurer** – David reported that the PayPal account has 3211.23 and the USMRA bank account has \$31609.96. David discussed that all checks have been sent to OJ for Nationals.

**Secretary** – There are currently 221 members, 28 clubs (2 need waivers), approval of two prior clubs that are renewing.

## **Committee Reports**

**Judge's Committee** – Don reported that Margaret is doing a two day Judges College working on field work, rules and policies/procedures. Charley will not be able to attend.

There was discussion about Judges judging their own club trials. It was further discussed that this rule was possibly passed by the former BOD, in November 2014, in which judges would not be able to judge their own club trials. As of this date, the BOD has been unable to locate the motion stating the passing of this rule. Jake will continue to discuss this with Lisa to see if the motion can be located. The current BOD does not feel Judges should judge their own club trials. Discussed Lisa Geller's complaint to the Judges Committee regarding the barrage/face attack and opening up verses letting the dog in. This will be further discussed in the Judge's Committee as it was presented by Josh to the Committee. Discussion ensued about the definition needing to be clarified regarding opening up verses letting the dog in; possible training for the decoys regarding what is proper for level one verses level three at club trials.

**Decoy Committee** – David Broderick passed at the last decoy certification. Jake discussed that there are a number of level one decoys wanting to move up to level two this year.

**Education Committee** – The Committee is in the process of putting together the criteria for grant funding.

**Membership Committee** – Lisa reported that the Committee is still working on the MR3 list. Committee would like a centrally located area for "Hosting a Trial" on the website so that all information regarding a trial is in one location.

**Auditing Committee** – Don has communicated with Emily but does not know the status of the audit. Jake reported that Emily stated that the audit will be completed by Nationals. She will still need to talk with David.

**Code of Conduct Committee** – Jill reported that the Code of Conduct committee is working on finalizing the Code of Conduct. Once completed, the Code of Conduct will be brought back to the BOD for approval.

**Board of Inquiry** – Don reported that the BOI has been notified of the upcoming investigation regarding an incident at the Steel City Trial.

**AWDF Report** – Nationals were the 15<sup>th</sup> of April for AWDF. Don reported that in order for USMRA to maintain membership, there must be a representative every other year attending the Nationals. Otto Strum attended for USMRA. Don reported on the new members that were voted on for AWDF. Vice President Ann Camper, Secretary Karen Stafford, Director at Large Dyan Harper.

**Nationals Committee** – Jake reported on the entries for Nationals: 8 level 3 dogs, 7 level 2 dogs and 10 level 1 dogs. Jake is helping with promoting the event and sales of shirts. There will be a bite suit raffled off. Donations and sponsors have been positive.

## **Business**

**Annual BOD Meeting at Nationals** - Meeting will be Saturday, after the trial. Room is booked at Residence Inn. The meeting should last approximately 1-1 1/2 hrs. There will be a section to discuss new business and/or member concerns.

### **Vote on Sportsmanship of the Year**

There was extensive discussion about the nominees for the Sportsman of the Year.

It was moved by Lisa, second by Michon to “Nominate Todd Dunlap as the 2014 USMRA Sportsman of the Year”. Yes – Michon, Jill, Lisa, Don No - David, Jake, Jennifer Motion carried by majority.

There was discussion about a separate award for Sarah Keegans to recognize her for her work on the website. Jill will work on wording for the award.

It was moved by Michon, second by David to “recognize Sarah Keegans with an award for her work she does on the USMRA website to be purchased by the Board of Directors”. The motion passed unanimously.

**Evaluate / Discuss Funding for the Nationals** – David reported on the financials for Nationals. He has sent \$3615.14 to OJ for Nationals not counting the \$500.00 for trophies. There was discussion about allocating the remaining \$400.00 to OJ for funds that he has spent and whether he needs to submit receipts for the additional \$400.00. It was determined that receipts for all money spent need to be submitted for reimbursement.

### **Evaluation the status of USMRA Clubs**

#### **Discuss / Approve New Clubs**

**Club Approval** - It was moved by Michon, second by Jake to “approve New Heights Mondioring Club status for USMRA”. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed that Redwood Bite Club renewed using a new name from Redneck Bite Club.

There was discussion about Wicked Smart still needing to submit bylaws. Michon will send Scott a copy of the sample bylaws. It was discussed that Wicked Smart must have bylaws completed by next BOD meeting.

#### **New Business**

#### **Member’s Concerns**

**DCSW Ringers** - discussion about loss of money for the DC Ringers club that lost money on their most recent trial. Assistance for clubs that lose money hosting their trials was discussed. Jake will take this issue to the Decoy committee first and then bring back to the BOD at the next meeting.

**Announcements**

Annual BOD held in conjunction with USMRA Nationals

- Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM PST at Residence Inn by Marriott

Next Regular BOD Meeting – May 26, 2015 at 8:00 PM Central Time - Rescheduled

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Jill, second by Jake to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2203 hours (10:03 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,  
USMRA Secretary

**Approved (Approved as Corrected)  
BOD Electronic approval**

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
May 24, 2015