



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the June 15, 2015 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2015 (or 8:15 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Jake Schneider
Vice President	Jill Fryling	Director	
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero – joined at 2040 hrs.
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Jill, second by Jake to “Approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Board of Directors meeting”. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

President – Don discussed the possibility in the future of dividing the County into three (3) regional areas, each with their own regional directors. The directors would be responsible for setting up two trainings in their region and host a regional championship. Making a change like this would require changes to the bylaws. This would help create some unity and competition throughout the regions. Anyone could compete in the regional championships. It was discussed that the breakdown for regions would need to be determined not only geographically but also determined by the number of clubs and the number of members in each club, so that there is balance within the regions. This topic will be discussed further in the future.

There was some discussion about future selection of decoys for the National Championships.

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – David reported that there is \$30,106.56 in the Wells Fargo account and \$1348.90 in the PayPal account.

Secretary – Michon reported there are 232 current members. She also reported that all forms have been uploaded to Jot Form, replacing the Adobe Forms.

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee – Don reported that the Judges Committee did not meet the deadline for approval of Dave Kroyer as a Judge. He completed his apprentice requirement on April 12, 2015. There was discussion about the BOD approving Dave Kroyer as a Judge.

It was moved by Michon, second by Jake to “Approve Dave Kroyer as a new USMRA Judge”. The motion carried unanimously.

Decoy Committee –

Membership Committee – Don reported that the Membership Committee would like to be able to work with Sarah directly to have the MR3 club information added to the Website. Don will contact Sarah to get her approval to add a member to the Website Facebook group. The Education Committee has been reaching out to members to see if they want to be included on the website under the MR3 Club.

Lisa reported that the Membership Committee has been working on developing electronic score sheets. There was discussion about how these would be used by clubs hosting trials. Michon will talk with Nick to see if the sheets are ready to be emailed out to clubs for upcoming trials. This is an excel spreadsheet and does not require Wi-Fi.

Education Committee – It was reported that there are two submissions for the Educational Grants.

Auditing Committee – Jake talked to Emily about the audit. Has reached out to the other two members and they didn't know what to do with the audit.

Tammy Dougherty, a former secretary, who is not involved with Mondio anymore, would like to help Emily with how to do the audit. Don will speak with her about this.

Code of Conduct Committee – Jill reported that version three has gone back to the Committee for review. The code of conduct describes the progression of discipline but different actions are listed broad and not specific. If she does not receive any further responses from the Committee, she will bring it to the Board.

Board of Inquiry – No report

Business

Evaluation the status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve New Clubs

Club Approval – No new clubs

New Business

Corrective collars for DIW and/or dogs on the trial property – there was discussion about using e-collars during trials during sanctioned events. Further discussion ensued about the use of corrective collars during open field the day prior; discussed that open field should be considered a club day with club “sponsorship” as open field is not part of the official trial event, nor required, therefore training methods during open field are at the discretion of the trainer.

Electronic Trial Score Sheets – Don will get with Nick to see how the score sheet can be disseminated to all the clubs.

Discuss a way to keep track of policies and procedures - tabled

USMRA Insurance – Discussed the current insurance premium cost - \$3000.00. There was discussion about USMRA providing insurance for the club trials. No decision was made at this time on this.

2015 International Team Selection – World Cup – Discussed the process for calculation of weighted averages versus the calculation based on intention of calculating the average by 2 trials with a 25% bump in score for Nationals. Discussed information submitted to Don regarding weighted averages and an attorney opinion on past precedence. Discussed the current rules for the World Cup selection. Further discussed the intent of the explanation from Lisa Gellar regarding the selection rules.

Criteria for choosing the International Teams in the future –

There was discussion about coming up with options to vote on so that a new criteria can be developed. Discussed examples of new criteria for teams wanting to participate in the World Cup such as needing to compete in 4 trials, with 3 different judges, with Nationals as a requirement. There was extensive discussion about how to develop the new criteria. The BOD decided to select three different options to vote on throughout the month prior to the next BOD meeting. Member comments and desires on Facebook regarding this topic were discussed.

Member’s Concerns

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – July 20, 2015, 2015 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 2152 hours (9:52 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

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

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USMRA Secretary