



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes from the July 20, 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	Jennifer Marshall
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero
Treasurer	David Broderick		

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Jill, second by Jake to “Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 Board of Directors meeting”. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Officer Reports

**President** – Don reported that there have been 3 decoy certifications and quite a few trials already this year. There will possibly be three more decoy certifications coming up. Don discussed concerns with keeping decoys certified, which is being looked at by the Decoy Committee. Discussed the possibility of having training seminars that the decoys can attend to help maintain their certifications. There was discussion about concerns with decoys training dogs and then decoying a trial within a small time frame. The concerns are whether the decoys are maintaining integrity and testing the dogs properly. The Decoy Committee is looking into this and looking at putting a timeframe on the decoys as to when they can trial a dog compared to when they train the dogs. Discussed further that this should also include club decoys not just paid decoys. Discussed that there is a conflict of interest with this practice.

**Vice President** – Jill reported on FCI questions by member John. Jill will forward the email to Don so that the questions can be discussed and clarified with Valeer Linclau.

**Treasurer** – David reported that there is \$29,537.62 in the Wells Fargo account and \$2053.80 in the PayPal account for a total of \$31,591.42 total. Some members paid prior to January 1, 2015. There were 109 members that paid their membership through PayPal totaling \$6,540.00. There was a total spent \$1320.06 towards Nationals and Aida from the PayPal account. There was \$5732.06 spent from the Wells Fargo account towards Nationals and other miscellaneous expenses, for a total of \$7052.12 spent. Total spent for Nationals was \$4600.00.

**Secretary** – Michon reported there are 237 current members.

## **Committee Reports**

**Judge's Committee** – Lisa Geller and Jake Schneider have applied for the program. The Judges Committee will need to approve their applications. The Judges Committee has clarified a few things and sent their responses to members with questions.

**Decoy Committee** – Jake reported that there was a meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed current trial work. Jake stated that Scott will be putting something together in writing. The Committee is also looking at insuring that there is integrity with the decoys that train and trial. The Committee is discussing the decoy selection for 2016 Nationals.

**Membership Committee** – it was reported that the electronic score sheets are being finalized and will be available to clubs to use for trials once completed. The Committee is updating the Trial Prep Documents listed on the website. One change discussed would be listing a closing date for trial entries so that the Judge can better prepare for the number of competitors. There is a 9 hour timeframe per day for the Judge so time management is important for trials with large numbers of entries.

**Education Committee** – David reported that there were 4 selections for the grants. They are discussing one of the submissions to see if it meets the Grant criteria.

**Auditing Committee – No report**

**Code of Conduct Committee** – The draft Code of Conduct was sent to the BOD via email. She explained that there are progressive levels of discipline, criteria for when the BOD needs to vote, when issues need to be sent to the BOI, individual Board Members taking action such as Facebook removal, etc. Jill will make some minor corrections and repost for approval by the BOD.

**Board of Inquiry** – No report

**Business**

**Evaluation the status of USMRA Clubs**

**Discuss / Approve New Clubs**

**Club Approval** –

**New Business**

**World Team Selection** – It was moved by Michon, second by Lisa “that the 2015 World Team will consist of Terrill Isbell, Level 1, Patricia Phillips, Level 2 and David Broderick, Al Vinjamur, Maya Conrad, Shawn Reed, Marie Skello and Paul Anthony (Alternate), Level 3, Ann Putegnat, Team Captain”. The motion passed unanimously. David abstained.

**Discuss finances for the 2015 International Team** – USMRA pays the entry fees. Ann is looking at uniforms, including training vest, pants and t-shirts. She is checking with Rocca Sports for the vest and pants. It will be approximately \$150-\$200 for each uniform. Discussed that last year Rocca donated the vests. Ann will check to see if they are willing to donate again.

The cost last year for the 2014 World team was \$3789.00. The BOD discussed increasing the budget and possibly paying a portion of the shipping costs for the dog, paying for uniforms and entry fee. Entry fee is 100 Euro per dog team. The BOD discussed paying for ½ the shipping costs, \$200.00. Once we have hard numbers on uniforms, we can vote on the total amount for the 2016 team.

**Criteria for choosing the 2015 International Team** – Don discussed the prior BOD minutes from 2013 that the BOD recommended giving a 50% bump for attending Nationals. There was no further discussion in the minutes on this topic until discussion about the 25% bump in Lisa’s President Report in December. Don further reported on an attorney’s option that we are liable for all decisions we make and that we need to be aware of making decisions based on knowing if processes are done correctly or incorrectly. It was further discussed that the prior BOD was confused with their own process for World Team selection and did not get any outside opinion when making the criteria.

**Criteria for choosing the International Teams in the future – World Cup / FMBB** - There was extensive discussion on new criteria for future World Team selection. Jill and Jake will work on the verbiage for the new World Team Selection criteria. There was further discussion that a contingency for a tie needed to be added to the new criteria. There will be a final vote on Facebook.

**Code of Conduct** – will be voted on Facebook after revision.

**USMRA Insurance for Sanctioned Events** - tabled

### **Evaluate the status of USMRA clubs**

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – Michigan Mondioring Club. They have 3 members, bylaws and paid dues. It was moved by Lisa, second by David to “Approve Michigan Mondioring Club status for USMRA”. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Member’s Concerns –

There was discussion about the current criteria for USMRA sponsoring a decoy for Super Selection. The current criteria states the decoy must be level 2 with no less than 10 trial entries in their book. Jimmy Vanhove has expressed interest in going to the Super Selection but does not meet the current criteria. USMRA will not assist financially with Vanhove attending but would consider sponsoring him so that he is able to attend. Discussion ensued that he needs to pass his level 2 certification, which he plans to do at the upcoming certification in August. This will be further discussed in the Decoy Committee and brought back to the BOD after a decision is made. Jake will have Jimmy submit a request for waiver of the current criteria. Don will contact Jimmy and send him the current criteria.

Jake discussed concerns that Lisa Geller had on the status of her application to the Judges Program.

**Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – August 17, 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 2208 hours (10:08 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,  
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
October 7, 2015