



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the August 17, 2015 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2006 (or 8:06 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		

Arrived 20:20

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes will be electronically approved via Facebook.

Officer Reports

President – no report

Vice President – no report

Treasurer – David reported on the Financials. There was \$27,076.00 in the Wells Fargo account, \$5454.34 in the PayPal account. David will transfer \$3454.34 out of PayPal to the Wells Fargo account. The total is \$32530.34 for both accounts.

Secretary – no report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Nothing to report

Decoy Committee – Nothing to report

Membership Committee – Lisa reported that the electronic score sheets are available for the clubs to use at trials.

Education Committee – Working out recommendations to the Board on the Grants

National Committee – Jake reported that two clubs have put in to host the 2016 Nationals – Utah Protection Sports and Steel City Mondioring Club. Committee will make a choice and submit recommendation to the BOD at their next meeting.

Auditing Committee – Nothing to report

Code of Conduct Committee – Nothing to report

Board of Inquiry – The member that was investigated by the BOI requested to speak with the Board of Directors regarding the completed investigation. The member will be allowed to talk with the BOD at 9:00 p.m.

Business

Unfinished Business

Discuss Finances for the 2015 International Team – It was reported that there was an anonymous donation for \$3000 for the 2015 World Team. Rocca Sports donated the vests but the logo will cost \$50.00 for each vest. The shirts are \$30.00 and pants are \$40.00, approximately \$150.00 total per uniform. David reported that it was \$400.00 to ship a dog each way to France. There were two members that were not going to ship their dogs in cargo but would travel as a service dog.

It was moved by Michon, second by Jake to “increase the 2015 World Team budget an additional \$600.00 for a total of \$3600.00. These funds will include payment for uniforms, entry fee and \$250.00 for each team member that was shipping their dogs” The motion carried unanimously. David abstained from the vote.

International Teams for the future World Cup / FMBB – continued from July meeting and discussions of FB Group – Discussed whether FMBB or FCI trials should substitute for USMRA Nationals. The FMBB trial score can be counted as a regular trial score towards the World Team Selection.

It was moved by Jake, second by Jill to “allow the FMBB competition to substitute for the USMRA Nationals competition in regards the USMRA World Team Selection. Yes – Jake, Jennifer No – Michon, David, Jill Abstain – Lisa. The motion did not carry by majority vote.

Discussed that Jill will finish the final version of the new World Team criteria so that it can get posted to the Website and out to the members.

Code of Conduct – continued from July meeting and discussions on FB Group – There was discussion about the Code of Conduct. Jill will finalize the Code of Contact and will get it out the BOD for approval.

USMRA Insurance for Sanctioned Events – carried over from July meeting - This will need to be looked at further. Discussed possibly taking this issue to the membership for discussion. Tabled.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs - No new clubs

Discussed that a waiver from Wicked Smart for extending the Club trial requirement was still needed. Jake will talk with Scott about this.

New Business

The Board of Directors included a USMRA member into the meeting for discussion about the investigation by the BOI. The member discussed her version of the incident and apologized for her actions. There was further discussion about the call and investigation by the BOD after the member completed the phone conversation and was excused from the call.

Discuss Utilizing Funding from the Decoy Committee for Clubs to Host Decoy Certifications –

The BOD discussed that there currently was not criteria for funds for clubs to host decoy certifications and this opportunity hasn't been made public as being available to other clubs. The BOD needs to approve the use of these funds. It was discussed that approval of these funds to clubs should require selection criteria before funds will be allotted. The criteria should include a statement that there must be a benefit to the USMRA members and should state what funds are available to the Clubs. Jake will discuss this further with Scott to have criteria written and Club/Member notifications occur of the benefit. David suggested looking at the education committee criteria for grants to assist with developing criteria for this benefit.

Discuss Options for Treasury Audit – Discussed possibly having an outside entity conduct the audit and possibly determine / recommend a software program for the USMRA Treasurer to utilize. Having something like this may save some money on taxes. David will contact the USMRA tax person to get assistance with this.

Approving Lisa Geller and Jake Schneider to the USMRA Judge's Program

It was discussed that the Judges Committee has approved Jake and Lisa for the USMRA Judge's Program.

It was moved by David, second by Lisa to "approve Jake Schneider and Lisa Geller into the USMRA Judges Program." The motion carried unanimously. Abstain – Jake

Discuss the Judge's Program / November 2014 BOD Minutes – There was a discrepancy in last year's BOD minutes. The November 2014 BOD minutes do not accurately document what the former BOD stated they had voted on. *This needs to be corrected and clarified.

Don discussed and read some prior minutes regarding the "New Judges Criteria". He also discussed some important points per "Sturgis". He discussed Sturgis states that minutes are vital importance to the organization and need to be accurate. Members are responsible for approving reviewing the minutes. These can be corrected at any time but should be done in a timely fashion. When a vote is taken, the number voting on each side is entered in the minutes".

Don reported that this process was not followed in some of the prior year minutes. Don explained that a one page document was actually listed in the November 2014 minutes as approved for the “New Judges Committee” and not a multi page “Judges Criteria” which was supposed to be posted per concerns by Lisa Geller.

After discussion and clarification about the correct document, it was moved by Jake, second by David to “Approve the New Judges Criteria as presented in the meeting discussions by the prior BOD to include the grammatical revisions completed by Michon”. The motion carried unanimously.

Member’s Concerns – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have.

None discussed

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – September 21, 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 2233 hours (10:33 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
October 8, 2015