



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes from the October 19, 2015 Board Meeting

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2005 (or 8:05 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

#### Members Present:

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

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were approved via Facebook on October 8, 2015

#### Officer Reports

**President** – Don discussed his experience when he attended the 2015 Mondioring World Championship in France. He attended three International meetings regarding Mondioring. FCI President Frans Jensen discussed Mondioring as being an official dog sport within FCI. This recognition gives us additional status, starting with changing the World Cup to Mondioring World Championship. FCI will be standardizing Mondioring regulations, similarly to the way they have standardized IPO. There are plans to have the first official FCI Mondioring meeting in March 2016. FCI will be taking a look at current Mondioring programs in different countries. They will go through current rules and regulations from countries that have current Mondioring programs and create consistent rules for all member countries within FCI. Mondioring titles are now recognized for CIT, from the 2015 World Championship forward. Mondioring Judges from all countries will need to be recognized by FCI through their Utility Dog Commission. FCI will create minimum standards for the decoy certification program and the Judges Program. AWDF is USMRA’s access to FCI. AWDF will be required to issue Judges’ cards to show that USMRA Judges have met certain criteria yearly and this will need to be sent to FCI. FCI will also institute minimum requirements and minimum standards for dog / handler teams to compete at the World Championship. They also want to develop a standard criterion for Mondioring Sociability Test for dogs. USMRA will have to be compliant with all these minimum standards. Don believes that our current standards are above what will be initially required by FCI; but may need some minor adjusting. These changes will require USMRA to be more involved with AWDF.

**Vice President** – no report

**Treasurer** – David reported that there is \$6120.40 in the PayPal account and \$25412.26 in the Wells Fargo account, total \$31,532.66. There was discussion about the World Team expenses and it was confirmed that only members that shipped their dogs would receive the extra \$250.00 that was approved by the BOD.

**Secretary** – There was discussion about verbiage for photography/videography releases for the National Championships. Jake will work on the National contract and will post for approval on Facebook once completed.

Michon discussed that USMRA Memberships would begin for 2016 on November 1, 2015 and the new membership links for the website would be posted on this date. There was discussion about possible incentives to get members to renew their membership early.

**Director at Large-** Lisa discussed an issue regarding a “dangerous dog” at their most recent trial. The dog did not target while biting, causing a dangerous situation for the decoy. There was also a separate situation off the field, not at the trial, where the same dog tried to bite someone. It was discussed that this situation should have been dealt with at the time by the Judge. Situations like this should be handled by the Judge as the Judge can determine whether the dog should be dismissed for dangerous situations.

## **Committee Reports**

**Judge’s Committee** – A training meeting for current judges is being set up. They are reviewing the judges program and looking at criteria for National’s Judges and International Judges criteria, which will be required by FCI.

**Decoy Committee** – The National decoy selection is being discussed within the Committee. A few decoys have already submitted their requests. There was discussion about Francois Massart being a USMRA decoy. It was discussed that he should attend a decoy certification even though he is already a French certified decoy, especially if France withdraws his certification. The decoy committee will probably need to make recommendations on how to handle his certification since he was selected at the World Cup.

Jake and Scott have discussed developing criteria for the money that is available for decoy certifications but nothing has been finalized yet.

Jake discussed upcoming decoy certifications at the Santa Clarita Mondioring Trial in January 2016. There was a certification at the Colorado trial but the decoy did not pass.

FCI is looking at passing a requirement for decoys have current Tetanus vaccinations. USMRA currently does not require the vaccination and only requires a doctor’s release to participate in a “contact sport”. The decoy committee should look at this further.

**Membership Committee** – There was discussion about the use of the electronic score sheets. The status of the use of them is still unknown.

**Education Committee** – Nothing to report

**Auditing Committee** – Nothing to report

**Code of Conduct Committee** – Code of Conduct was approved via Facebook and has been posted on the USMRA website.

**Board of Inquiry** –Nothing to report

**Business**

**AWDF Update** – nothing to report

**Unfinished Business**

- Discussion options for Treasury Audit – possibly having an outside entity conduct the audit and determine/recommend a software program for the USMRA Treasurer. David will check into having this done.

**USMRA Insurance for Sanctioned Events** – carried over from July meeting - This will need to be looked at further. Tabled.

**Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs**

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – no new clubs to approve.

It was moved by Jake, second by Michon to “increase the USMRA Membership fees to \$70.00 for members that renew their membership after January 31<sup>st</sup>, renewals prior to February 1st will remain \$60.00 and all new membership fees will remain \$60.00.” The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about changing the date for membership requirements for voting rights to August 1<sup>st</sup> of a voting year. It was further discussed that this change may require a bylaw change as there is not a date specifically mentioned in the bylaws as to when a membership must take place to be able to vote.

**New Business**

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

None discussed

**Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – November 16, 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 2122 hours (9:22 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,  
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
November 25, 2015