



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the December 15, 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
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero- joined at 20:15
Treasurer	David Broderick – joined 20:27		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November minutes will be approved via Facebook.

Officer Reports

President – Don discussed that he would like end of the year reports or feedback from the BOD. With this data, he will compile and end of the year report. There was some discussion about the future budget. Don discussed funds that are available through different committees need to have criteria established so that clubs know they are available and how to access these funds. Don further discussed that the BOD will need to evaluate the effectiveness of the Committees and make changes if necessary. There was discussion about changing the terms of the Board members terms so that a complete change of the Board doesn't happen every two years, but instead having an overlap of members.

Vice President – no report

Treasurer – Michon reported that there is \$25,890.73 in the Wells Fargo account and \$4300.15 in the PayPal account, totaling \$30,190.88.

Secretary – No report

Director at Large – Jake confirmed that Jill will be doing the agendas two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and it would be posted on the website one week before the meeting.

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee – Three people have been added to the Judges Program apprentice phase and one new judge completed the program and was approved in 2015. The Committee is

looking at mandatory continuing education and is looking at trying to create a system for the training. Don stated that he believes that FCI will require mandatory training, but this will be hard to require. Committee is also looking at a grant system that Judges can come to the National Championships for educational opportunities. Don also reported that the Committee has been having discussions about setting up training programs for US judges when a foreign judge is brought in to judge a club trial.

Decoy Committee – Jake reported that there are 4 new decoys and a few decoys leveled up. He feels that there needs to be more done on the Committee. He stated that some of the decoys have certification expirations coming up and has concerns about losing decoys. Jake further reported that the certification process has been going smooth; the written test is good and requires the rules to be known in order to pass the test. There was discussion about the decoy books as some of the decoys do not have books. These were originally made by OJ. Jake will find out how to get more books made. Jake will get books to the current decoys that do not have books. Michon nominated David Broderick to be a member of the decoy committee.

Membership Committee – Don discussed having the Membership Committee monitor the progress of a club requesting to have a trial. This monitoring would begin a month out to help hold the club accountable for all trial requirements.

Education Committee – David reported that the Committee will be putting out grant information in January for 2016 opportunities. There was discussion that the Decoy Committee could use the same type of criteria for their available funds. Don asked the Education Committee to look at the data on the website for clubs that want to put on a trial. He would like the information consolidated so that it is easier to access and understand. There needs to be a check list to make sure that the clubs are completing all required things for the trial, such as field set up, etc.

Auditing Committee – Jill reported that she has not heard back from Lynn regarding the audit.

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

Board of Inquiry –Nothing to report

Business

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – There have been some 2016 Club renewals that will be discussed and approved during the January meeting. It was discussed that current clubs that renew for 2016 will not need additional approval as long as they are still meeting all the required criteria. If a Club is not meeting the requirements, the Board will need to discuss and approve.

New Business

Bite Incident Report – Discussed the circumstances of a recent bite incident involving Fonvielle's Original Syn of Flp", AKC Number MA3903001, UKC #P688-792, USMRA Scorebook #112515-01-U, "Mixed" Breed, owned by William Clay Fonvielle, USMRA Member #684, during open field at the World Ring of Dallas event on Friday, December 4, 2015. As

stated in the bite report completed by Don Lee, this incident occurred where there was no bite work going on and no bite equipment was on the field.

There was discussion that this same dog was involved in a past bite incident with Dave Kroyer in where Dave was bit in the face.

It was moved by Jake, second by Jennifer that “Fonvielle’s Original Syn of Flp”, AKC Number MA3903001, UKC #P688-792, USMRA Scorebook #112515-01-U, “Mixed” Breed, be banned from all sanctioned USMRA activities, trials and events for the lifetime of the dog. Motion carried unanimously.

Don will contact Member William Clay Fonvielle to discuss the situation and lifetime ban of his dog from all USMRA events.

There was discussion about forming a Special Committee that will decide how to go about fixing the issue of temperament test requirements for USMRA. It was further discussed that a onetime test, that is currently required, it no adequate to evaluate the current temperament of a dog. Don recommended that Jennifer participate in the Special Committee. Don will talk with some European Judges to find out what other Mondioring Organizations do. Sean Reed informed Don that he is interested in participating on a Committee to address the temperament test issues. Don will talk with Sean and will find a Judge and Decoy to participate on the Committee. David recommended having members of this Committee be required to have experience with dealing with aggressive dogs such as Todd Dunlap and Sean Reed.

Decoy Committee Funds – There was discussion that before money will be awarded from the Decoy Committee for funds to assist clubs with paying for decoy expenses, criteria will need to be in place.

There was additional discussion that all the Committees will be evaluated and reviewed for effectiveness and changes if necessary.

There was discussion about adding a question on the Membership Applications and Scorebook Applications whether the applicant or dog has ever been banned or suspended from a dog organization. This will be added to the applications by Michon.

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

No member’s concerns presented.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting –January 18, 2015 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 2217 hours (10:17 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
Approved 1/28/2016