



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the January 18, 2016 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 - 20:09
Vice President	Jill Fryling	Director	Jennifer Marshall
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero - absent
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The December will be approved via Facebook.

Officer Reports

President – Don would like to put together a business plan to assist further Boards with structured growth. Don discussed the budget and stated that the Judges Committee budget was increased. He added \$250.00 to budget for the website and all other items remained the same.

Vice President – no report

Treasurer – David reported that Wells Fargo 25251.72 and PayPal 6938.01 totaling 32189.73

Secretary – No report

Director at Large – Jake reported that the Santa Clarita trial went very well. There were 7 level three dogs that competed.

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Not a lot of action within the Committee. Don talked with most of the Judges about participating in the National Championships. There was discussion about Lisa Geller doing apprenticeship under William during the Santa Clarita trial.

Decoy Committee – Don reported that Santa Clarita had a Decoy Certification with 4 participants. Carlos Aguirre upgraded to Level 2. Jake reported that there was a decoy camp with instruction from Judge William. David Wright, Chad Byerly, Carlos Aguirre and Jake Schneider attended. 4 people participated in the certification. Carlos got his level two, David

Wright also was attempting his level 2 but instead recertified at level one. Two others attempted the level one but did not certify.

Education Committee – Committee would like to do two sets of applications for grants, one early in the year and one mid-year.

Membership Committee – No report

Auditing Committee – Jill reported that she will connect David with Lynn to do an audit of the books. Lynn may have some ideas on programs for the audit.

Board of Inquiry –Nothing to report

Proposed Committee Chair Changes – Don would like to make changes to the Judges and Decoy Committees. He will need a little more time to make those changes.

Nationals Update – Props are being purchased, the venue invoice has been submitted, Jos and Tommy are working with David for dates to fly in. David is working on sponsors and a website. Hotels information will be coming this week. The theme for Nationals will be Camping.

Budget – There was further discussion about increasing the Judges budget to assist with educational opportunities for our Judges. It was discussed to increase the Judges and Decoy committee budgets to \$3000.00.

It was moved by David, second by Jake to “increase the budget for the Judge’s Committee and the Decoy Committee to \$3000.00 each”. The motion carried unanimously. Lisa was absent.

Discuss staggering the BOD election of Officers for continuity – There was discussion about the possibility of staggering the election of the Board positions so that certain positions are up for election on odd years and other positions are up for election on the even years. There was further discussion that this would require a bylaw change. There was discussion about single item changes to the bylaws so that they could be individually voted on by the membership. Don discussed putting together a Bylaws Committee and including Lisa Geller and Lisa Lucero if they were interested since they were involved in prior Bylaw Committees. Priority should be put on possibly staggering the voting years for the Board of Directors. Jill will work on putting this Committee together

Sociability Committee – they have had their first meeting and have been looking at different types of temperament tests to make changes to USMRA’s current requirements.

Business

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – It was moved by Jake, second by Jennifer to “approve He B Iron Mondioring USMRA club status”. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

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

Jake stated that Francois Massart has talked with him about wanting to participate in the Super Selection this year as a US decoy. It was suggested that he complete a USMRA Level 2 Certification.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – February 15, 2016 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 2103 hours (9:03 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
Approved February 16, 2016