



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the April 25, 2016 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2110 (or 9:10 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Jake Schneider
Vice President	Jill Fryling - absent	Director	Jennifer Marshall
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero
Treasurer	David Broderick – 20:44		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Jake, second by Lisa that the BOD approves the March minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – No report

Secretary – No report

Director at Large – No report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Don reported that David Broderick was approved for the Judge’s Program by the Committee.

Decoy Committee – No report

Education Committee – No report

Membership Committee – No report

Auditing Committee – No report

AWDF Update – No report

Sociability Committee – No report

Nationals Update – No report

Unfinished Business

Discussion about Judging Status for Nationals - Don expressed his apologies as he assumed that the discussions about having a US Judge and a European Judge on the field during Nationals would be the same format as Worlds meaning that there would be two judges on the field in a scoring capacity. Michon also expressed that she assumed the same thing. There was extensive discussion and Jake stated that he never thought there would be “Co-judges” but that there would be two judges on the field, with the US Judge on the field for educational purposes only. Jake stated that his objection with having the US Judge on the field in a scoring capacity is because there have been concerns and complaints from members about the US Judges being fair.

There was further discussion about having random judge and decoy selections for club trials. Jake discussed that the decoy committee is working on the criteria for available money for decoys and that the club would have to accept the decoy that was randomly selected for the club trials.

There was discussion about the 2010 Nationals and Jake made accusations that Don made mistakes with the calculations of scores that influenced the outcome of the trial. Jake stated that he didn't want history to repeat itself with mathematical errors due to co-judging. Jake further stated that he did not trust US Judges, as he felt many of them have made mistakes with score calculations and felt that USMRA Judges are not ready to judge on a National level. Jake also stated that he felt that European Judges are much more trustworthy, do not make the mistakes that USMRA Judges make and do not miss things that USMRA Judges miss.

Discussion ensued that the USMRA Judges will be on the field during the National Championships for educational purposes and will not be on the field in a scoring capacity.

It was moved by Michon, second by David that “Aida Flick will be the Judge's Secretary for the Level 1 and Level 2 competitors and Don Lee will be the Judge's Secretary for the Level 3 competitors and will have no input on scoring at the National Championship”. The motion carried unanimously. Jake abstained from the vote.

Discuss options for Treasury Audit – possibly having an outside entity conduct the audit and determine/recommend a software program for the USMRA Treasurer. Tabled

Discuss possibilities to create regions within USMRA, possibly setting up Regional Championships and regional training seminars to help increase USMRA growth.

Don reported that he has discussed this concept with members while at trials and has received good feedback. He discussed having Regional Directors on the Board instead of Director's at Large so that all regions of the country are represented. Don also suggested that two judges could be used at Regional Championships and that judges and decoys would be selected by random draw. Discussion ensued with benefits and drawbacks to this concept. This will be further discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Discuss By-Law Change for election of USMRA BOD Officers

- Having a process where half of the BOD is elected on even years and half is elected on odd years – this will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.
- Possibly creating three regions within USMRA, and changing the By Laws to allow the three (3) BOD Directors at Large to be replaced with three (3) Regional Directors - Tabled

Discuss / Vote adding David Wright to Decoy Committee – David Wright was approved as a member of the Decoy Committee via Facebook on April 11, 2016.

Discuss / Vote adding David Broderick to Decoy Committee – David Broderick was approved as member of the Decoy Committee via Facebook on March 23, 2016.

Discuss By-Law Changes – Possibly create a committee to recommend changes. Voting will be done via electronic program, open to the entire membership - Tabled

Discuss / Vote on Sociability Test – Recommendations from Committee. FCI may only be accepting BH – The video is not available yet. This will be discussed further at a later time.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – Since there was not a quorum present during the March meeting, the BOD had to revote on the club status for Empire State Ring Club. It was moved by Jake, second by Michon to “approve Empire State Ring Club USMRA club status”. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Discuss the Complaints from Recent Trial held in New York -

- **Decoy work on the Level 3 during DOH, Face Attack over obstacle and Guard of Object.**
- **Judging during the Guard of Object and DOH (MR3) and Decoy evaluation**

Discussed concerns regarding an email that was sent to the Board of Directors by an active USMRA member concerning judging and decoying. This was not a formally issued complaint. There was further discussion about professional decoys decoying trials immediately after hosting training seminars.

Discussed the possibility of having World Qualifier trials that would have randomly selected Judges and Decoys. Making this change could eliminate having Club trials counting towards the World Team selection. It was further discussed that a Committee should be formed discuss this matter further. There will be further discussion about this at the Annual meeting.

Don would like the BOD to send agenda items to him for the Annual Meeting.

Discuss Club Insurance – Should USMRA pay for membership club insurance to defray costs to make club trials more affordable? Tabled

Member's Concerns – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have.
Jake discussed that the agendas need to be posted timelier before the scheduled meetings.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – May 16, 2016 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

It was moved by Jake, second by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2336 hours (11:36 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
May 15, 2016