



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the May 16, 2016 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 2106 (or 9:06 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 – 2114 hrs		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports

President – Don gave a summary of the National Championships including discussing the change of location for the level 3’s due to extremely high winds, making it impossible for the trial to be held outside. Once the props for the trial were moved, 13 teams competed. Don also discussed the difficulty of the search and object guard scenarios.

Don discussed that he would like to get a survey out to the membership regarding Regionals, World Championship selection, Bylaw changes including splitting the election for the BOD, etc.

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – No report

Secretary – Michon discussed that she has concerns that members are unable to make the monthly Board meetings.

Director at Large – No report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Don gave a summary of the 2nd Annual Judge’s College which occurred on Thursday before Nationals, stating it went very well. It was discussed that during this training, Jos went over all the rules of Mondioring, rules for the decoys, decoy management, field setup. There were a few changes made during the FCI meeting regarding some of the rules but the changes have not been approved yet. Max height for the hurdle for Level 1 will be one meter, max height for Level 2 will be 1.1 and max height for Level 3 will be 1.2. Don further

discussed the education they received during the actual trial while being on the field. Don stated that he learned a lot about GA points being taken during the trial.

Decoy Committee – Jake reported that the Committee has been working on the criteria for the grant money to be awarded from the Decoy Committee. Jake sent the criteria to the BOD to review. There was further discussion and explanation about the purpose of the money to help move decoys around the country and to use decoys that are not being used.

Education Committee – No report

Membership Committee – No report

Auditing Committee – No report

AWDF Update – Don discussed that AWDF is doing a survey so that they can gather information as they would like to make some bylaw changes. Don also discussed that AWDF is considering dropping Sportsman's Insurance.

FCI discussion – There was some discussion about non registered dogs competing in USMRA. We are waiting on a decision from FCI regarding this so no changes will be made until then.

Sociability Committee – No report

Nationals Update – No report

Unfinished Business

Discuss a process for a By-Law change, to stagger the elections of USMRA BOD Officers

- Work on details for a process where half of the BOD is elected on even years and half is elected on odd years
 - There was discussion that survey monkey is an option to get membership input. George Manley is willing to assist with this project.
 - Discussed the upcoming election would be for one year for some positions and that other positions would be for two years. After this year, all positions would go back to two year terms.
- Jill will help coordinate the survey and develop a process to get information and input to the membership.
- Develop a plan and set a time frame to complete this before our upcoming elections
- Discussed also having questions on the survey to determine the World Team Selection.
- Different categories could be on the survey
 - Bylaw changes – terms for BOD
 - World Team Selection Criteria
 - World Team Qualifier Trials, Point systems, Regional Championships, FMBB, Random selection of judges, decoys, etc.
 - 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
- Possibly create a committee to recommend changes
- Voting will be done via electronic program, open to the entire membership

- Don stated that the first survey will include approximately 20 questions. He would like the BOD to send questions to Jill.

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 / vote on Sociability Test – Recommendation from Committee

There was discussion about the Sociability test recommended from the Sociability Committee. This will be voted on via Facebook. The reason for changing the sociability test is because our current test requires 5 of 7 areas passed, but FCI does not want a test that allows areas of failure.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – None to discuss

New Business

Discuss and vote adding Aida Flick to the National’s Committee

There was discussion about the current members of the National’s Committee. David Broderick, Tiffany Giessen, Tony Mooney, Jake Schneider and Jake Scott are the current members. There was discussion about creating criteria for clubs to meet while hosting the National Championships. This would help keep the hosting club on track so that things are not forgotten or missed for the championships. Don suggested adding Aida Flick to the committee as she had some good ideas after this year’s championship.

It was moved by Jake, second by Michon to “approve the recommendation to add Aida Flick to the National’s Committee”. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and vote on criteria for Grant funding through the Decoy Committee

This was discussed by Jake during the Decoy Committee update.

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

Jake stated that he was not prepared to discuss this topic so it will be tabled until the next meeting.

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

Jake discussed that the agendas need to be posted timelier before the scheduled meetings.

Michon questioned whether there were any members complaining about the current World Cup criteria. It was discussed that there were no current complaints. Jake stated that he did have a few members that complained to him privately but did not want to make the complaints public or official.

Announcements

There was discussion about whether the Monday dates for the meetings will worked for the Board of Directors. Everyone agreed that Monday's still worked.

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 2237 hours (10:37 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
July 7, 2016