



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the August 15, 2016 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2121 (or 9:21 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 - absent
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - July minutes were approved via Facebook on August 16, 2016

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – PayPal total is \$2570.02 Wells Fargo \$30,031.11 Total: \$32601.13

Secretary – No report

Director at Large – No reports

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Committee had a meeting on July 26th. Discussed and recommended the Judge’s training reimbursement for the judges that attended Nationals, Don, Aida and Ann, not to exceed \$500.00 each.

The Committee discussed non-FCI registered dogs competing in USMRA. Frans Jansen doesn’t want to say one way or the other or giving guidance on a direction for us to take, other than referring that it’s an FCI rule that dogs must be FCI registered.

Committee discussed and is agreement in allowing non FCI dogs to compete in USMRA events. They further discussed allowing the non FCI registered dogs to compete in Nationals but they would not be allowed to win the Championship. Committee also discussed reviewing

scorebooks prior to the trial. The trial secretary needs to verify that the competitors are current USMRA members and that the dogs have an approved sociability test prior to competing.

On trial sheet, a couple days before trial, hosting club will contact the judge to discuss the non FCI registered dogs.

There was discussion that there may be implications from FCI if USMRA allows non FCI registered dogs to compete.

Decoy Committee – Board of Directors needs to vote on grants and decoys wanting to attend the Selective.

Scott Dunmore wants to re-write a portion of the Decoy Grant criteria. The goal is to get decoys that need trials.

Education Committee – No report

Membership Committee – No report

AWDF Update – No report

Nationals Committee – Two clubs have shown interest for 2017 Nationals

International Committee – No report

Unfinished Business

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

Update from Jill on the document she prepared for the members to have input. Jill discussed if we go to a staggered election, there will be elections annually. If Regional Directors are decided, should there be a methodology for selecting Regional Directors?

- Brief discussion about a process where half of the BOD is elected on even years and half elected on odd years
- 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

Discussed that a survey should go out the members to see what direction the members want to go regarding regions. Discussed some generalized questions to include on a survey.

Discuss Membership Survey – Michon and Jill will work on survey questions to submit to the members.

Discuss Educational Grant Status for Budget – Brief discussion for reallocating the grant money to something that is more beneficial to all members. Tabled until September meeting.

Discuss Club Insurance – Should USMRA pay for membership club insurance to defray costs to make club trials more affordable? – This goes with the Educational grant discussion. Tabled until September meeting.

Vote on Decoy Committee Grant Recommendations

- **Decoy Certification Grant**
 - Steel City Working Dog Club – July 9-10 – This club qualified for the grant and was recommended by the Decoy Committee.

- **Trial Decoy Grant**
 - Heartland Mondioring Club – Oct 28-30 – This club is using Carlos, but the grant will provide for a newer or decoy needing a trial. Jake would like to wait on sending the grant until decoy is determined.

Decoy Committee recommends Steel City Working Dog Club receive \$400.00 and Heartland Mondioring Club receive \$300.00. Heartland's grant award will be pending until decoy is booked. The motion carried unanimously.

Review USMRA Standard Trial Entry Form – There was discussion about having a trial cut off day of Wednesday before the trial. This would insure that everything could be verified and sent to the appropriate club. Further discussed that there still could be day of trial entries, but that the form must be filled out and all information is available for verification. Michon will add the ability to submit membership card and sociability test to the trial form.

The purpose of this form is to create a database to make sure that sociability tests and rabies vaccines are current for all dogs competing in USMRA.

Discussed day of trial entries will need to be verified by the Judge or Trial Secretary prior to competing, but competitors would be encouraged to enter the Wednesday prior to the trial.

There was discussion about grandfathering in dogs having sociability tests that were prior to the new form taking place, July 2016.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – none

New Business

Discuss AKC accepting USMRA Titles through AWMA – If this is approved, these titles will be recognized only for Malinois as this is a joint effort with AWMA and AKC. If other breeds want the AKC recognition, they would have to get their perspective Breed clubs to get approval with AKC.

Election Process for 2017 – Jake will ask Membership via Facebook for volunteers that would like to participate on the Election committee.

Discuss/action for approval of the decoys wanting to attend the World Championship Selective.

Discussed that there is no criteria to the number of decoys we can recommend. All the decoys have dogs lined up for the selective. The Decoy Committee recommends John Lugo, Kevin

Bain, Jimmy Vanhove, Francois Massart and Carlos Aguirre be selected to attend the 2016 Super Selective at the Mondioring World Championships. The motion carried unanimously.

Member's Concerns – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have – none discussed

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – September 19, 2016 at 9:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 2126 hours (1026 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
October 13, 2016