



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the November 28, 2016 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2109 (or 9:10 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Jake Schneider
Vice President	Jill Fryling	Director	Jennifer Marshall – 2121 hrs
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - October minutes will be approved via Facebook

Officer Reports

President – Don reported that he spoke with Valeer and Jos a few times about the FCI issues. Don emailed the BOD the email from Frans that stated the following: “Mr. Jansen refers to the Mondioring regulations adopted by the FCI General Committee. Rules which indicates that to participate at Mondioring trials all dogs must be in possession of an official recognized FCI pedigree. No national regulations can be contradictory with international FCI adopted regulations. By this he warned delegates that signing the worksheets - books of dogs without FCI pedigrees can have serious consequences for international judges. Mr. Jansen asked the delegate of Switzerland, M. Stéphane Huber, to stop this decision in his country and to inform the NCO of his Country from above. The delegate of the Czech Rep. Mr. Kellar asked if any measures are retroactive, the answer is no but now that everyone was warned it’s immediately in application”.

There was further discussion that FCI Judges have been told that they are not to judge non FCI dogs.

Discussion ensued about whether non FCI recognized dogs should be allowed to compete at the USMRA National Championships. There was further discussion about whether FCI would allow a variance for the non-FCI recognized dogs. Extensive discussion ensued about what dogs should be allowed to compete in USMRA events. IPO is not held under the same standards for FCI requirement as they have a variance that allows all dogs to compete. Protecting the majority of USMRA was also discussed.

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – PayPal total is \$5222.34 Wells Fargo \$26853.93 Total: 32076.27

Secretary – 2017 Membership renewal is underway. Dog ID cards are up to 42 dogs. The process is going well with obtaining sociability and rabies vaccination documentation.

Director at Large – No report

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee – The Committee is still working on selecting a judge for Nationals.

Decoy Committee – The Committee is still working on decoy selection for Nationals.

Education Committee – No report

Membership Committee – No report

AWDF Update – No report

Nationals Committee – Discussed adding Michon Mills and Otto Strum to the Nationals Committee. Motion by David, second by Jake “to add Michon and Otto to the Nationals Committee”. Motion carried anonymously.

Election Committee – the election is underway with voting closing November 30, 2016.

Unfinished Business

- **Discuss Educational Grant Status for Budget** – Follow up from October meeting.
 - **Reallocate money to another area**
 - **Keep grant and redesign criteria**

Don will contact Elissa and have her discuss this issue with the Committee to have an answer back to the Board before the next meeting.

- **Discuss Club Insurance – Should USMRA pay for membership club insurance to defray costs to make club trials more affordable?** – Follow up from October meeting discussion
 - **Discuss Sportsman's USMRA Insurance coverage**

Discussed that USMRA already pays for insurance for third party coverage and does not cover the club, decoys or participants. Currently there are 29 clubs with clubs paying \$75.00 administrative fee when hosting a trial.

There was extensive discussion about whether to continue with the administrative fee for insurance and increasing club dues and discontinuing the administrative fee. This will be further discussed at the December meeting.

David will contact NARA and find out what insurance coverage they provide for the \$35.00 cost.

- **Discuss status of Non FCI Registered Dogs Competing in USMRA events – Update**
 - **Purebred breeds not FCI registered**
 - **Mixed breeds**
 - **Nationals Participation**

The new minutes from the last FCI meeting discussed not allowing non-FCI dogs to compete in any Mondioring event. Margaret, Jos and Valeer agreed that mixed breed should not be listed in scorebooks. Mixed breed dogs should not be posted anywhere on anything as competing in USMRA events.

Don posted verbiage from the last FCI meeting stating that all non-FCI registered dogs are not allowed to compete nationally or internationally. There was discussion that USMRA does not want to jeopardize the status of USMRA with FCI due to the minority of dogs that are not FCI registered.

There was further discussion about USMRA decoys and judges being recognized with FCI.

Both breed clubs have agreed to list the breed on the scorebook if approved by the breed club under a “Working Privilege Listing”. Don and Michon will be meeting with AWDF to have this process voted on by AWDF. USMRA will need to determine how the processing fee will be paid to the breed club if the proposal passes.

Currently a person could become a member of the breed club and apply for a scorebook with a Working Privilege Listing through the breed club directly.

Participation in Nationals will be discussed in the December meeting.

There was discussion that we accept NARA Scorebooks but some of those dogs are also not FCI registered.

David will talk to Valeer at the next trial to see what direction he thinks we should go.

- **Discussion/action for approval to pay for the uniforms for the decoys attending the Selective at the World Championships**

This was taken care of by Scott Dunmore and payment is not required.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**
 - **Evolution Working Dog Club**

It was moved by Michon, second by Jill to approve “Evolution Working Dog Club as a USMRA approved club”. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Discuss 2016 Decoy Committee Grant money use for 2017 Nationals

Michon reported that she spoke with Scott about the Decoy Committee discussing whether to use three or four decoys for Nationals. Michon suggested to Scott the possibility of using the Decoy Committee grant money to pay for travel for the fourth decoy. \$400.00 was awarded for 2016 Decoy Committee grants out of an available \$3000.00. There was discussion about using the remaining \$2600.00 or a portion of the money to pay for a fourth decoy to attend Nationals. The fourth decoy would be a less experienced decoy that would benefit by the experience of decoying at a higher level of competition. It was also discussed that some of the Decoy Committee members didn't feel Nationals should be used as training for an inexperienced decoy. It was moved by Michon, second by David to "approve three decoys to be used at the Nationals Championship and no further money will be allocated from the Decoy Committee grant". Motion carried unanimously.

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

There is concern about spectators being told they can't post photos or videos taken at a USMRA public event. The BOD felt that this is not enforceable and that trials are considered public events and preventing photographing/videoing shouldn't be occurring. There was discussion that there is a media release on the standard trial entry forms.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – December 19, 2016 at 9:00 PM Central Time
The newly voted in Board Members will be invited to attend the meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at hours (11:23 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
December 20, 2016