



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the February 20, 2017 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2002 (or 8:02 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Gail Marit
Vice President	Allison Seghetti-Kehoe	Director	Paul Anthony
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Todd Dunlap
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – January minutes were approved electronically via Facebook on February 16, 2017.

Officer Reports

President –

Vice President – no report

Treasurer – David was out of town and unable to report on financials.

Secretary – No report

Director at Large – No report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Don discussed changing the Judges Committee and recommended Ann Putegnatt as the Chair. There was discussion that the Committee will be looking at training requirements to maintain Judge’s status. Don reported that the Committee will be looking at updating the Judges Criteria. Don will have Ann post to the membership that there is an opening for a member on the Committee.

It was moved by David, second by Gail to approve the recommendation from Don to appoint Ann Putegnatt as the chair of the Judge’s Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by David, second by Allison to approve Dave Kroyer as a member of the Judge’s Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Todd, second by Gail to approve David Broderick as a member of the Judge's Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Decoy Committee – David reported there will be a certification at Nationals run by Scott Dunmore. The physical will be done in the morning on Sunday. The Decoy Committee will be recommending that all level one decoys moving to level 2 will need to certify at Nationals, not at club trials, beginning next year. David will make sure a recommendation for this comes from the Committee.

Education Committee – No report

Membership Committee – Don will be working on replacing the chair for this Committee. Don reported that the Committee has posted for nominations for Sportsman of the Year. There was discussion about having the Membership Committee take on the responsibilities of education for the members and not have a separate Education Committee.

AWDF Update – Don reported that AWDF is dealing with IPO issues and not Mondioring related.

Nationals Committee – David reported on the entrants for Nationals. It was moved by Gail, second by Paul to set the schedule for Nationals with the Level 3 competitors on Saturday and the Level 1 and 2 competitors on Sunday. The decoy certification will also take place on Sunday. The motion carried unanimously.

FCI Update – Don reported that the variance for USMRA to allow non-FCI dogs to compete was not discussed at the FCI meeting and was not on the agenda. It was further explained that the variance may be an executive board decision not something decided in a general meeting. There was extensive discussion about the ramifications of not following FCI rules. Don will be having a follow up meeting with Valeer Linclau.

Unfinished Business

- **Follow up for creating regions and having Regional Directors in lieu of Directors at Large.**
 - ❖ **Don to propose draft**
 - Don would like Gail to help with this and would like to obtain direction from the membership
 - There was discussion whether the membership is large enough to have regions.
- **Follow up to discussions about USMRA paying for Club Insurance coverage for sanctioned events.**

It was moved by Gail, second by Todd that USMRA will not cover costs for insurance policies for clubs. The motion carried unanimously.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**

- Infinite K9 Sports Club – It was moved by Michon, second my Allison to approve USMRA Club status to Infinite K9 Sports Club. The motion carried unanimously.
- RedDirt Ringers was approved via Facebook on January 17, 2017
- There was discussion about the club requirements for Nevada Protection Sports. Allison and Michon will contact the Club President to find out member status for the club.

New Business

- Discuss dates for 2018 National Championships
 - There was discussion to move the National Championships to later in the year such as November, beginning in 2018. This will be a topic to include in a membership survey to determine the direction the membership would like to go. This will be further discussed at the Annual BOD meeting at Nationals.
- Discussed whether there is a contingency plan if a member cannot make it to Nationals but wants to attend the World Championship. It was further discussed that if the team is not filled with the World Team Criteria, members can be selected from interested competitors by the Board of Directors.

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

- Member would like to propose a Bylaw change that clarifies where the majority vote comes from regarding USMRA Bylaws Article IX: Policies. “Policies can be adopted by the Board with a simple majority vote. They can be reviewed and amended as needed.”

It was discussed that this is very clear in the bylaws and no need to change the verbiage as the Board of Directors is elected to make these decisions with majority vote.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – March 13, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time
 Annual BOD Meeting – March 18, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 22:07 hours (10:07 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
 USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
 USMRA Secretary
 March 13, 2017