



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

### March 13, 2017 Board Meeting

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2006 (or 8:06 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

#### Members Present:

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

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – It was moved by Allison, second by Todd to approve the February minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Officer Reports

**President** – Don reported that he wants to get some things in place on what will be discussed at the annual meeting. Discussed that there are concerns that USMRA is not ready to create regions within the country. Further discussed that it may be important to create the framework of having regions. Discussion ensued that there should be a committee created to conduct a membership survey with questions for the membership about World Team Criteria, regions, bylaw changes and future FCI direction. Discussed possible members for the committee, G. Manley, J. Scott, K. Shivers and G. Marit. Don will talk with them about this. There was also discussion about forming a committee to work on the future of FCI involvement with USMRA.

**Vice President** – no report

**Treasurer** – Wells Fargo \$23,123.09 PayPal \$19054.70 Total - \$42188.79. David will be bringing the prior tax returns to Nationals so they are available to the members at the annual meeting.

**Secretary** – Currently USMRA has 171 members and 20 clubs

**Director at Large** – No reports

#### Committee Reports

**Judge’s Committee** – Committee will be working on changing the criteria for the Judges program. Committee is also working on creating some mandatory training for all judges. Additional members for the committee are also being looked at.

**Decoy Committee** – Decoy certification for new level ones and upping to level two will take place on Sunday at the National Championship. Discussed that the Committee wants to move towards Level 2 certifications occurring only at the National Championships performed in a similar manner as the Super Selective that takes place at the World Championships.

**Education Committee** – There was some discussion about the need to update the criteria for any future grants for seminars and educational clinics sanctioned by USMRA. Discussed that the current Education Committee members, D. Broderick and E. Cline will transfer to the Membership Committee if the committees were combined. It was moved by Michon, second by Todd, to combine the Education Committee into the Membership Committee and transfer the budgeted funds for the Education Committee to the Membership Committee for educational purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Membership Committee** –

- Vote on Committee recommendation for Sportsman of the Year
  - Membership Committee recommendation for Sportsman of the Year is Michon Mills. Todd, David, Gail and Don vote yes, Michon abstain

**AWDF Update** – ADWF is putting together the IPO National Championship, April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Discussed USMRA sponsoring a plaque or advertisement program page. There was discussion about putting on a Mondioring demonstration for future events. Discussed getting a USMRA banner done for advertisement purposes.

**Nationals Committee** –

- Everything is ready to go for Nationals.

**FCI Committee** –

- Status of Committee. Via Facebook, it was moved by Allison, second by Gail to dissolve the FCI Committee since USMRA was granted a 5 year variance. The motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

- **Follow up for creating regions and having Regional Directors in lieu of Directors at Large.**
  - ❖ This will be discussed at the annual meeting and will be included in a membership survey. Discussed that the framework for regions should be started.
- **Discussion about FCI Variance and plans for the future**
  - ❖ There was discussion about the FCI variance that USMRA received from FCI. It was further discussed that this is a temporary variance and a permanent solution regarding FCI compliance will need to be decided before the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year.
  - ❖ Discuss motions for documentation
    - Via Facebook, it was moved by Michon, second by David to rescind the prior Board motion on January 16, 2017 and allow all purebred dogs to place on the podium at all levels. Motion carried unanimously
    - Via Facebook, it was moved by Gail, second by Michon that the criteria for choosing the World Team be amended to clarify selection in the case of a non FCI recognized dog becomes National Champion. Motion carried unanimously

- Via Facebook, it was moved by Gail, second by Paul to recognize the Level 3 team with the highest score be declared the National Champion, regardless of FCI recognized status. All teams competing in the Championship will be allowed to place on the podium, ranked by score, regardless of FCI registration requirements. A non-FCI recognized dog will not be permitted to compete at the FCI World Championship per FCI rules. Motion carried by Majority. Yes – Gail, Paul, Michon, Todd, Allison No David
- Via Facebook, it was moved by Michon, second by Allison, to rescind the two prior motions moved by Gail, about allowing non-FCI dogs to win and the motion to clarify the World Team Criteria, due to USMRA being granted a variance that allows non-FCI recognized dogs to compete. The motion carried unanimously. Due to the variance, all dogs will be able to compete and place determined by highest score.

➤ **Bite Incident Status from Italy**

- Via Facebook, it was moved by Michon, second by Allison, to allow the member involved in this incident, to renew her USMRA membership and submit for a scorebook replacement for her dog. The motion carried unanimously.

**Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs**

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

- None

**New Business**

- Discuss adding Microchip Identification requirement for dogs competing in USMRA events
  - Gail discussed there are a few companies that had universal scanners that cost \$200.00-\$300.00. There was discussion about USMRA purchasing a couple scanners that would be available for clubs to borrow.
  - It was moved by Gail, second by Michon, “beginning July 16, 2017, all dogs competing in USMRA events will be required to have either a tattoo or microchip for identification purposes. All clubs hosting trials will be required to verify the identification of each dog competing in USMRA trials prior to the beginning of the trial. Dogs without verified identification will not be allowed to participate in USMRA trials after July 16, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussed future requirements for clubs to submit their trial schedule by a certain date at the beginning of the year so that a yearly schedule is put together for the members to know. This will help with scheduling judges and giving members time to attend the events. Discussed possible incentives for clubs that would submit a schedule early in the year. This will be discussed further. There was also discussion about making the National Championship a known date during the same timeframe, every year.
- Discussed the possibility of adding a “late fee” to clubs renewals if not completed by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- Discussed that Dog in White will begin on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. for level three and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday for level one.
- Reminder that corrective collars will not be allowed during open field on Friday.

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

- Member would like to see USMRA start a committee that reviews and verifies AKC registration paperwork for legitimacy and recommends that USMRA follow FCI in conducting DNA testing on dogs competing. Member stated concerns that dogs are competing in USMRA with “fake” AKC papers. The member would like to see a “Breed Credential Review Committee”.
  - The member rescinded his request for requiring DNA testing for USMRA dogs.
- Member requested to see USMRA financial data from January 2015 to current.
  - The member rescinded his request for seeing the financial data.
- A member concern was discussed about Board Members blocking other USMRA members from Facebook on personal pages which creates a situation where comments would be blocked from the USMRA members on the USMRA group page. It was discussed that USMRA Board members need to have a Facebook page that is visible to all USMRA members on the members only group page. This Facebook page can be an additional personal Facebook page and does not need to be the BOD members primary Facebook page.

**Announcements**

Annual Membership Meeting – March 18, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Next Regular BOD Meeting – April 17, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Gail, second by Todd to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 22:26 hours (10:26 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,  
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
April 17, 2017