



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

### April 17, 2017 Board Meeting

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2013 (or 8:13 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** – The March minutes were approved via Facebook unanimously. Todd was absent

#### Officer Reports

**President** – Don discussed the direction of membership survey and would like the survey sent out by May. There was discussion about survey topics such as hosting of Nationals, World Team Criteria, FCI status, Regions within USMRA,

**Vice President** – No report

**Treasurer** – David reported the YTD financials: PayPal - \$2,349.45 Wells Fargo - \$36,743.84  
Total - \$39,093.29

**Secretary** – Michon reported that there was a formal complaint made from a member against another member. The complaint will be sent to the Board of Inquiry following the process outlined in the USMRA Bylaws.

Michon reported on the YTD membership and club numbers: 185 current members and 27 clubs

**Director at Large** – No reports

#### Committee Reports

**Judge’s Committee** – Don reported that Judges training occurred during the Nationals weekend with Judge Iris Remund. Don further reported that this was a great form of gaining experience and should continue. Don further stated he would like to see mandatory training for all USMRA judges. Ann P, Lisa G and Don L attended the Judges College for 2017.

**Decoy Committee** – Discussed the process of the decoy certification that was held at the 2017 National Championship. There was discussion that the future process would be to mimic the European Super Selective for the level 2 certifications, which would also determine the following year National Decoys.

**Membership Committee** – No report.

**AWDF Update** – Don reported that the IPO Championship was held last month. Discussed planning to do a Mondioring demonstration at the IPO championship next year. Group would need to include a narrator, decoys and dogs for each level, including OB/OBJ.

### **Nationals Committee – Discuss issues good and bad**

Michon discussed the feedback received from the members regarding the 2017 Nationals as she had requested feedback from all members that attended or competed in the event. Only a few members responded giving feedback.

Feedback included:

- The Board members needed to communicate more with attendees and be more open and introductory to new members.
- Some BOD members were rude and unfriendly to the club members that were assisting with Nationals.
- There wasn't enough appreciation and thankfulness to the club members that were assisting with Nationals
- Some members commented that Nationals should be held at Purina Farms every year
- Event was good overall, no issues but would like to see more supplemental events such as a handler seminar and decoy seminar, not just Judges training. Member would like for the Judges College to be open to all members so that they can learn alongside the Judges.
- Training field being readily accessible was good
- Dinner banquet was great
- Travel costs were very expensive and probably couldn't be done every year
- Facebook live was great since there was no live feed
- Scoresheets were completed and available in a timely manner
- Some disorganization for the awards ceremony at the end of the event. Better communication would have been beneficial
- Communication leading up to the event could have been better. Items were discussed on different Facebook pages, including the Official USMRA page, the Nationals page, etc. All information should be accessible in one location
- Recommended having a professional photographer available so that photographs are available for purchase for all members
- Make sure we know where the hospital, emergency vet and first aid kits are located
- More direct flights for the European judges/decoys

Discussed picking the future year's Nationals Judge from the prior year FCI Championship and decoys from the Super Selective.

Discussed having a veterinarian and EMT present at the next Nationals Championship.

Discussed hosting a handler's seminar at Nationals. Further discussed that the European Judge probably won't have time to conduct a seminar, but this may be a good idea for a USMRA Judge to host. This could be a lecture type of seminar, not a working seminar.

### **Survey Committee –**

- Discuss status of Membership survey – Discussed having a Survey Committee which would be a sub-committee of the Membership committee, which consists of the following members: Karen Shivers, David Broderick, Nicolas Rempp, Elissa Cline and George Manley.

It was further discussed that the BOD would put together the initial survey and will send it out to the members. Gail and Allison will put together the survey questions and the link for the survey will be sent to the members by Michon.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Discuss FCI/USMRA future after expiration of variance

Discussed a new committee will need to be established, with at least 3 members having longevity with USMRA, and a total of 4-5 members. The committee members with longevity should be willing to attend the FCI Meetings in Europe. FCI Committee will need to look at where USMRA fits in with FCI protocol, FCI Structure, how do we want to proceed, etc. Don discussed that USMRA may never be officially recognized as a member of FCI. This committee will need to be put together in the next few months as a final determination for solutions should be developed by year four of the variance. It was further discussed that USMRA should send a representative to the FCI meetings in Europe.

### **Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs**

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**
  - No new clubs to approve
  - Discuss trial requirement for clubs – Discussed that there is a current club has not had a trial since 2013. Michon will contact the President of the club to discuss club requirements.

### **New Business**

- Discuss 2017 National Championship Financials
  - Total of \$11,242.00 incoming funds (donations, sponsorships, dinner expenses, t-shirt sales) (Not including budgeted \$4000.00)
  - Total monies spent for event \$10,793.56
  - Total surplus \$449.00 plus \$4000.00 budget for Nationals
- Discuss/action for approval of the 2017 National Championship Budget Disbursement

It was moved by Michon, second by Allison to award the three clubs that assisted with hosting the National Championship, Evolution Dog Sports, Mid-West All Breed Mondioring Association and Utah Protection Sports, \$1000.00 each. The surplus of \$1449.00 will be retained in the USMRA budget. The motion carried unanimously. Yes votes: Gail, Paul, Todd, Michon Allison Abstain: David

David will send the \$1000.00 award to the three clubs.

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

- Member would like to see the ability to obtain a Level 3 Decoy status in the United States

There was extensive discussion that currently Level 3 Decoy Status is only achieved by going to the FCI World Selective. The Board will recommend to the Decoy Committee for them to come up with level 3 decoy certification criteria/process for a United States certification. It was also discussed that the level 1 decoys will need to start leveling up to level 2 at the National Championships. David reported on the NARA criteria to achieve Level 3 Decoy Status which is the winner of the selection for the NARA Championship.

- There was discussion about timeframe requirements for applying for a trial and when the trial takes place. It was further discussed that members should have time for planning to attend the trial and have time to make travel arrangements.

It was moved by Paul, second by Todd that “Beginning July 16, 2017, there must be a 60 day minimum between the submission for request for a trail and the date of the trial. The motion carried by majority vote. Yes votes: Gail, Todd, Paul, Michon, David No votes: Allison

### **Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – May 15, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Michon, second by David 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  
May 9, 2017