



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2010 (or 8:10 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 – 2023		

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – The April minutes were approved via Facebook unanimously. Todd was absent

### Officer Reports

**President** – Don thanked Gail for her efforts in getting the survey completed. Don reported he will be out of the country in June and will be meeting with Frans Hansen in Holland. He will discuss where USMRA fits in with FCI and any other details that would be helpful with the direction USMRA should take.

**Vice President** – No report

**Treasurer** – No report

**Secretary** – YTD numbers: 196 members and correction from last month’s report, there are 25 clubs not 27.

**Director at Large** – No reports

### Committee Reports

**Judge’s Committee** – Committee is working on Judge’s Committee Criteria.

**Decoy Committee** – No report

**Membership Committee** – No report

**AWDF Update** – No report

## Nationals Committee – No report

### Survey Committee –

– Discuss Survey Results and future from outcomes

Results:

1. Do you think Nationals should be hosted and paid for by (USMRA does contribute \$4000 to hosting club):

A Nationals committee appointed by the USMRA Board of Directors.	<b>51.33%</b>	58
A Club (with the assistance of a USMRA Nationals committee).	<b>46.90%</b>	53
A Club.	<b>1.77%</b>	2

2. Would you like to see the USMRA Nationals Championship held at:

A location chosen by the hosting club.	<b>13.16%</b>	15
Purina Farms Every year.	<b>38.60%</b>	44
Rotated between the Western US, Central US, Eastern US.	<b>48.25%</b>	55

3. Would you like to see Nationals held the same weekend each year?

Yes	<b>82.61%</b>	95
No	<b>17.39%</b>	20

4. What time of year would you prefer Nationals be held?

In the Spring	<b>48.65%</b>	54
In the Fall	<b>51.35%</b>	57

5. In preparation for the future need for "regions", would you like to see the USMRA Regions to be:

East of the Mississippi, West of the Mississippi.	<b>10.71%</b>	12
Eastern, Central, Western	<b>57.14%</b>	64
Chosen according to geographical boundaries (Ex.: West of the Rockies)	<b>8.04%</b>	9
I do not want to have regions	<b>24.11%</b>	27

6. Regarding the "Team Selection Procedures" to qualify for the world team requiring trial fields to be 250 miles apart:

I like the current 250 mile rule.	<b>35.09%</b>	40
I prefer a 100 mile distance between trials.	<b>32.46%</b>	37
I prefer a 50 mile distance between trials.	<b>12.28%</b>	14
I prefer a 25 mile distance between trials.	<b>20.18%</b>	23

7. Should USMRA Nationals be a requirement to qualify for the USMRA World Team?

Yes	<b>51.30%</b>	59
No	<b>7.83%</b>	9
I would like to see an alternative in case someone is sick or a dog is injured.	<b>40.87%</b>	47

Allison reported feedback she received regarding the survey. She stated that some members stated that the survey was very confusing and ambiguous as there was no background listed as to the purpose of the questions. Todd reported feedback he received regarding the survey. He stated that that members were happy with the survey.

There was discussion about holding the National Championship the same weekend every year. There was concern about being rigid and sticking to only one weekend and it was discussed that there should be some flexibility in the date to accommodate for location or venue since the membership would like to see the Championship rotated between the Western, Central and Eastern regions.

It was moved by Todd, second by Paul that the USMRA National Championship be held the second weekend of April every year, unless that weekend falls on Easter weekend, then it would be held the first weekend of April. Motion carried by majority. Yes votes: Todd, Gail, Paul, David No votes: Allison, Michon

There was discussion about whether the USMRA National Championship should be hosted by a Nationals Committee or by a Nationals Committee with the assistance of a club. There was also discussion about how the championship would rotate between regions. If a club(s) was not interested in assisting the Nationals Committee in the region it was scheduled for, the location could then be forfeited to the next available region that has a club(s) willing to assist was also discussed. There was consensus that it is necessary to have club assistance in the region that the championship will be held as knowledge of the local area is important and necessary to make the championship successful.

Paul will look into information to change the status of USMRA to a 501c3 Nonprofit so that donations could be tax deductible.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Motions via Facebook
  - The Board of Directors voted to add Allison Seghetti-Kehoe and Keven Bain to the Judges Committee from the recommendation of Donald Lee. Motion carried by majority. Yes votes: Gail, Paul, Michon, David, Allison (for Kevin nomination) No votes: None Abstain: Allison for her nomination only Absent: Todd

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

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**
  - None to discuss

### **New Business**

Paul wanted to confirm that USMRA has Directors and Officer Insurance. This was confirmed.

An Election Committee will need to be established soon as the election process begins in October.

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

- Concern about training techniques that may not be safe for decoys
- World Team Criteria

Discussed that members want to change the criteria for the World Team and have selection of the World Team based on scores from the National Championship and a World Qualifier Trial. There was further discussion about the criteria. This will be further discussed at the June meeting as no decision was reached.

- Membership Information on Website – a member suggested adding a section to the website listing all of the current USMRA members and the location they live. During the discussion the Board of Directors decided that was not a good idea as some members may want their information to remain private.
- Team Trophy from Worlds

Member would like to have a replica of the 2016 Team Trophy for the members of the 2016 World Team.

It was moved by Gail, second by Todd to spend additional funds in the amount of \$600.00 to purchase replica trophies of the Team Trophy from the 2016 World Championships. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – June 19, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 22:53 hours (10:53 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,  
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
June 12, 2017