



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

June 19, 2017
Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – May minutes

Officer Reports

President –

Vice President –

Treasurer –

Secretary –

Director at Large –

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee –

Decoy Committee –

Membership Committee –

AWDF Update –

Nationals Committee –

- Club Criteria to hold Nationals
- Discuss selection process for the 2018 National Championships

Unfinished Business

- Discuss the specific regions for the location of the National Championships
- Discuss the rotation of the National Championships, including if a region has no club willing to assist the National Committee in the scheduled region, does that region forfeit for the year, and the next available region is selected.

- Discuss the non-profit status of USMRA. Follow up from May meeting
- Determine an election committee as the election process begins in October

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

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

New Business

- Discuss videotaping/photographing at USMRA sanctioned events
- Discuss increasing the fee amount for submitting a formal complaint due to certified mail requirements
- Discuss filling vacant Director at Large position (1-year term, ends 12/31/2017)

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

- World Team Criteria
 - There is a member wanting to know why it is so hard to be on the World Championship Team
 - A member would like to know if a member can compete with 2 dogs at the World Championships.
 - Reopen discussion per a member's request, regarding the World Team Criteria regarding requiring different decoys and the 250 miles distance between trials.
This was discussed and voted on June 27, 2016. Discussion/action for approval from the June 27, 2016 meeting states: Based on membership input, there was discussion about changing the World Team criteria to specifically define the meaning of two fields. Discussion ensued that adding a specific number of miles separating the fields would be best to meet the intention of trialing on two different fields. The Board of Directors discussed and decided that 250 miles would be a reasonable amount to separate the fields. There was also discussion about the use of the same decoy in multiple trials. The Board of Directors discussed and agreed to add to the criteria that the same decoy(s) cannot be used for the two trial scores submitted. Michon will get the new criteria on Facebook for Board approval. The Board of Directors agreed unanimously that these additions should be made.
 - A member would like to see the World Team Criteria changed to allow selection of the team based on rankings of the scores from the National Championship and a World Team Qualifier Trial.
- A member expressed concern on how BOD members who do not compete, make decisions on competitions and World Team Criteria.

- A member expressed concerns whether a board member can have a criminal record? If yes, how does that look to other members and countries?
- A member expressed concern that there are no rules passed out or rules to copy that include rule changes and amendments.
- A member expressed concern why OB and OBJ not included in the National Championships to help improve attendance.
- Reopen discussion from February 20, 2017, regarding USMRA paying for club trial insurance as members would like to see USMRA pay for club insurance.
The motion from February 20, 2017 states: It was moved by Gail, second by Todd that USMRA will not cover costs for insurance policies for clubs. The motion carried unanimously.
- Reopen discussions from March 13, 2017, regarding the FCI Variance, as a member would like this looked at again as there was information heard that Switzerland received a variance allowing all dogs to compete in their country, including mixed breeds. There were also members wanting rescued and mixed breed dogs to be able to compete in Mondioring.
- A member expressed concerns that the results of the survey that were posted to the membership via Facebook on May 24, 2017, are not being followed by the Board of Directors. Specifically, this member had concern that the Board of Directors voted to hold the National Championships in the spring every year, on the second weekend of April, but the survey results stated that the majority of the members selected to have the championships held in the fall.
The motion on May 15, 2017 stated: 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
- A member expressed concerns that there is no affordable accessibility to training and would like to see that change.
- There is a member that would like to see more opportunities for club members to be educated in basic suit work
- A member expressed concern that while attending a recent trial, he was not afforded any type of decoy or training availability, prior to the trial, without needing to pay the club.
- A member expressed concern that a club refused to communicate the trial start times prior to the trial and then the club contact person blocked the member from Facebook, which limited communications further.
- A member expressed concern and would like to see a minimum requirement of 25 miles between the home locations of clubs to prevent any clubs having adjacent fields.
- A member expressed concerns about comments being made on Facebook by a Board Member that stated that they Board of Directors argue and do not agree on decisions.
- A member expressed concerns about the rules stating that male dogs must be unaltered. The member has competed in 2017 with an unaltered male, but has since been altered due to medical reasons.

- A member has requested that all financial transactions are printed out monthly and presented to the membership.
- A member expressed concern that scores are not being posted on the Facebook page after a trial.

Announcements

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

Adjournment