



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 18, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2004 (or 8:04 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – The August minutes will be approved via Facebook

Officer Reports

President – Don congratulated the entire 2017 World Team for their accomplishments this year. Don discussed FCI meeting discussions. During this meeting there have been discussions about closing the World Team entries on July 5th, 2018 due to the 2018 World Championship being held in Russia next year. There will be some changes for attendees next year as a visa is required for all people attending, competitors, support personnel and spectators. An invitation from Russia must also be received. This process will take approximately one month. All names must be submitted to the Russian Kennel Club for approval. There may also be an additional separate fee for teams attending.

The FCI meetings have always had two meetings at the Mondioring Championships. Currently USMRA has a vote for the FCI Championship meeting. The two meetings for next year will be combined and won't be held in Russia. Don reported that there was discussion about separating Mondioring out of the Utility Dog FCI section so that Mondioring has a voice towards Mondioring and doesn't get lost within all the Utility Dog politics.

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – David reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$32021.23 PayPal \$6029.71 Total: \$ 38050.94

Secretary – Michon reported the following: YTD numbers: 227 members and 26 clubs.

Director at Large – Karen reported that the Membership Committee now has its own Facebook page for communications.

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee – Committee is working on a Judges Code of Conduct and a revised Judges Apprentice Program.

Don reported that Keith Jobe and Charlie Bartholomew have pulled themselves from being judges with USMRA.

Decoy Committee – David discussed the Committee is working on the decoy for Nationals and has suggested Kees Verbunt. The Committee is also working on the decoy selection for Nationals and what USA decoy to use for Nationals.

Membership Committee – see report above.

AWDF Update – No report

Nationals Committee – David reported that the Committee is waiting on a decision for the Judge's Committee approval for a judge for Nationals.

FCI Committee –

It was moved by Don, second by Todd to approved Dave Kroyer as the Chair of the FCI Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

David and Don will select the Committee members.

Election Committee –

– Addition of Sarah Bruske

It was moved by Michon, second Allison to add Sarah Bruske as a member of the Election Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

George Manley, Chair submitted the following report:

Dear USMRA Board Members:

The Nominating Committee would like to report the all club presidents have been emailed and 2 reminders were also placed on the USMRA Facebook page about nominations. At the time of this email the committee has not received any nominations. Another reminder will be sent out via Facebook about 24 hours before the deadline. I would like to report that I sent the email a couple days ago and that is way past the desired date of near or on October 1st. Hopefully this will not cause any issues with the membership and I am trying to overload them with reminders to offset my errors. Thank you

Unfinished Business

– Approve the World Team Criteria to include Step-Down Criteria

Further discussion and approval will occur on Facebook.

- USMRA Rankings update

Gail reported that the rankings will state a disclaimer that the rankings are unofficial. Discussed that the rankings will be put on the website.

- Disclosure requirements for financial data for a Non-Profit Organization

This will be tabled until the next meeting

- AKC Titling Update

Karen reported that she AKC was sent a letter regarding AKC titling. She reported that ABMC must be involved as the parent club and they would take the request to the Board of Directors. AMBC responded with a letter stating that AKC was not interested in acknowledging Mondioring Titles a few months ago. Karen has again sent a letter to get a response why AKC is not interested and has not received a response.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

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

- Approval of SoCal Coast Ringsport Club

It was moved by Michon, second by Gail to approve USMRA club status to SoCal Coast Ringsport Club. The motion carried by majority. Yes votes: Michon, Gail, Karen, David and Todd Abstain: Allison

New Business

Facebook Business

October 19th, 2017

It was moved by Michon, second by Karen to approve Ricardo Salazar as the Judge and Kees Verbunt as the European decoy for the 2018 USMRA National Championship. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There was a question from a member whether it would be okay to mail campaign buttons to the membership. It was discussed that home addresses and email addresses of the membership would not be shared publically and shouldn't be obtained by official USMRA documents.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – November 20, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 2120 hours (9:20 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval

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USMRA Secretary
December 18, 2017