



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 15, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2011 (or 8:11 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 December minutes were approved

Officer Reports

President – Don reported that there will be an FCI meeting in February. Committees will be restructured and ready for discussion and approval by the next meeting. Don will reach out to the membership for more committee volunteers as he only has 5 that responded to his last request. Don discussed surveys for the membership to determine direction and stated that it is not possible to conduct a membership survey for every decision that USMRA needs to make. There was further discussion about the use of surveys to gather information on large decision topics.

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – Michon reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$30,856.74 PayPal \$10,313.88
Total: \$41,170.62

Secretary – Michon reported the following: 2017 YTD numbers: 247 members and 29 clubs. Renewals have begun with 100 members, 19 new for 2018 and 14 clubs. Michon further reported that election results letters have been mailed to the membership.

Director at Large – Karen reported that her club tested out the new trial program. The program is a free option for USMRA clubs to use. There is one glitch with printing but this will be fixed before out to other clubs.

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee –

- **FCI Regulations for Mondioring Judges**
Don reported that the new FCI regulations were stricter than they expected so the Judges criteria will need to be further updated. Some of the changes include confirmation training. The Committee is also looking at the feedback from the BOD. Karen stated that she can provide training on confirmation. Don also reported the new regulations stat that if a judge has not had activity in 5 years, they will need to attend some refresher training.
- Don reported on the Hurdle/Whistle return issue. If a whistle is declared, a whistle should be used for the hurdle as well. In the past, this has not been enforced routinely. A close up recall is one meter or less as stated in the rules. Don stated that this rule will be enforced as FCI has stated that this is a rule and should be followed. Gail suggested that the General Membership be informed of this so that all handlers are aware. This rule has already been enforced at the Texas K9 trial.

Decoy Committee –

There was discussion that decoy scorebooks are still needed by a few decoys.

There was discussion that the 2017 Decoy Committee Grant money was not made available to the clubs in 2017. It was discussed that this money should still be allocated to the clubs that hosted a trial in 2017.

It was moved by Todd, second by Gail to make the 2017 Decoy Grant Money available to the membership for any clubs that hosted trials in 2017. The motion carried by majority. David was absent for the vote.

Michon will create a request form and post it for the membership for submissions with a deadline of February 15, 2018. The Decoy Grant money requests will be approved by the BOD after the deadline.

There was further discussion for future grant money about awarding any remaining unused decoy grant money for the current year to clubs that hosted a trial for that year. The extra money would be awarded at Nationals via a lottery system. This will be discussed further.

Membership Committee – Karen reported above

AWDF Update – Don updated the BOD about the status of the direction that USCA is taking with AWDF and wanting to split away from AWDF and creating their own organization.

Nationals Committee – Jake Scott is organizing the 2018 National Championship with everything on schedule and going smoothly.

FCI Committee – No report

International Committee –

- Discussion/action for approval of Patti Phillips to attend the 2018 FMBB

It was moved by Michon, second by Todd to approve Patti Phillips to represent USMRA and attend the FMBB. The motion carried unanimously.

There was further discussion that another member wanted to attend the FMBB but does not meet the International Team criteria for this year.

Unfinished Business

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

David will follow up with information for next meeting.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

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

New Business

- **Facebook Business**

- January 4, 2018

It was moved by Michon, second by Allison to approve waiving the USMRA Membership fee for Sarah Keegans. Motion carried unanimously. – Todd absent

- 2018 USMRA Budget

The budget worksheet was sent to all Board Members for review.

Don reported that the budget was pretty close to the budget figures from last year. Michon explained that \$300.00 more was allocated to the World Team for any extra costs separate from the team member's costs. Don confirmed that no other changes were requested by the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Allison, second by David to adopt the 2018 Budget as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- FMBB Selection Process Discussion – It was discussed that a member wanting to attend the FMBB must meet the International Team Criteria to be considered.

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

Member requesting to attend FMBB – It was discussed that the member requesting to go to the FMBB did not meet the International Team Criteria.

Ethics complaint of a USMRA Member – It was discussed that at this time this is not a USMRA issue.

Obedience Only Program - Karen discussed the possibility of holding Obedience Only trials since the Obedience Only Program is only recognized by USMRA. There was further discussion about changing the jump heights based on the size of the dog. It was suggested that Karen get more information on how the jumps would be determined.

Bylaw Change Proposal – there was a member that would like to change the bylaws so that the election results are emailed to the members and not sent out by postal mail. The change would save USMRA money and time.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – February 19, 2018 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 2054 hours (8:54 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
February 20, 2018