



United States Mondio Ring Association

Board of Directors Meeting

January 4, 2015

Minutes from the January Board Meeting

Call to Order

This Special Meeting of the USMRA BOD was called in order to conduct the special business of filling the open BOD position, and to fill the Standing Committees. The Special Meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 1903 (7:03 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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| President | Donald Lee | Director | Jake Schneider |
| Vice President | Jill Fryling | Director | Lisa Lucero |
| Secretary | Unfilled Position | Director | Jennifer Marshall |
| Treasurer | Michon Mills | | |

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

This is the first 2015 - 2016 USMRA BOD meeting. There were no previous minutes to approve by this Board.

Officer Reports

President

Don discussed that the Sturgis Parliamentary Procedure is used for our Board Meetings, and further discussed the procedure for approval of the minutes and dissemination of the minutes once approved by the Board of Directors.

Don discussed an idea of developing training seminars through the use of the Education, Judge's, and Decoy Committees to further education for Judges and Decoys. The idea is for USMRA to sponsor training seminars around the country. The Education Committee currently has a budget that could be used for this purpose. The seminars would include a Judge to set up a "mock trial" for training, and Decoys to practice skills. The focus would be on preparing handlers to better understand trial rules and dogs to be better prepared for trial conditions. The Decoys would be able to practice skills, but with the betterment of the dog in mind. Certified Decoys would also receive credit towards their maintenance requirements same as working trials (currently, Decoys can receive credit by attending a Decoy Camp).

Vice President – No Report

Treasurer – No Report

Secretary – No Report



Committee Reports

No committee reports at this time.

Business

Discuss and Fill the Open BOD Positions.

It was moved by Jake, second by Lisa to “fill the open secretary position with Michon Mills which included her vacating the position of Treasurer”. Michon Mills abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Michon, second by Lisa “to fill the open Treasurer position with David Broderick”. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Fill Standing Committees

A list of potential Committee members was submitted by President Don Lee.

Judges Committee

There was discussion about the suggested members for the Judge’s Committee which included Charley Bartholomew, Donald Lee, Keith Jobe, Aida Flick, Josh McCleary (decoy) and Lisa Geller.

It was moved by Lisa, second by Jake to “appoint Josh McCleary to the Judges Committee”. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Jake, second by Lisa to “appoint Keith Jobe to the Judges Committee”. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Michon, second by Jake to “appoint Charley Bartholomew to the Judges Committee”. Yes – Jill, Michon, Lisa No – Jake, Jennifer. The motion carried by majority.

It was moved by Jake, second by Jennifer to “appoint Lisa Geller to the Judges Committee”. Yes - Jake, Jennifer No – Jill, Lisa, Don Abstain – Michon Due to an initial tie in the voting, Don was required to vote. The motion failed by majority.

It was moved by Jake, second by Jennifer to “appoint Aida Flick to the Judges Committee”. The motion carried unanimously.

It was further discussed that the Committee chair will be determined once Aida Flick has been talked to about whether she would be interested. In the event that Aida declines, Charley will be appointed to the Chair position.



Decoy Committee

There was discussion about the suggested members for the Decoy Committee which included Scott Dunmore, Jake Schneider, Isai Rodriguez, Keith Jobe, and Kevin Bain. There was discussion about adding a decoy from the West Coast area so that all areas are represented. Oscar Mora from California was suggested to replace Kevin Bain on the list.

It was moved by Jake, second by Michon to “appoint Scott Dunmore (Chair), Jake Schneider, Isai Rodriguez and Keith Jobe to the Decoy Committee”. The motion carried unanimously.

The BOD requested that Don contact Oscar Mora to determine whether he would be willing to serve on the Decoy Committee. If Oscar agrees, this will be voted on at the next BOD meeting.

Education Committee

There was discussion about the suggested members for the Education Committee which included Debra Parker-Hawkins, Jennifer Marshall, Marie Skello, David Broderick and Elissa Cline.

It was moved by Jill, second by Michon to “appoint Debra Parker-Hawkins (Chair), Jennifer Marshall, Marie Skello, David Broderick and Elissa Cline to the Education Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership Committee

There was discussion about the suggested members for the Membership Committee which included Ann Putegnat, Lisa Lucero, Shawn Reed, Thomas Barriano and Al Vinjamur.

It was moved by Jill, second by Lisa to “appoint Ann Putegnat (Chair), and Lisa Lucero to the Membership Committee. Yes – Jill, Michon, Lisa, Jennifer No – Jake The motion carried by majority.

It was moved by Jill, second by Jake to “appoint Al Vinjamur to the Membership Committee pending him accepting that role.” The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Inquiry

There was discussion about the suggested members for the Board of Inquiry which included Gail Marit, Andrew Ramsey, Al Vinjamur, Nicholas Rempp, Dewon Fields, Brian Reynolds, and Allison Seghetti.

It was moved by Jake, second by Jennifer to “appoint Gail Merit (Chair), Andrew Ramsey, Nicholas Rempp and Dewon Fields to the Board of Inquiry. The motion carried unanimously.

There was further discussion about Lisa talking to Brian Reynolds and Jake talking to Allison Seghetti about being appointed to either the Board of Inquiry or Auditing Committee. The BOD agreed that if one of them accepts, they will be appointed to the third position of the Board of Inquiry moving Nicholas Rempp and Dewon Fields to the Alternate positions.



Auditing Committee

There was discussion about the suggested members for the Auditing Committee which included Emily Morrison and Kimberly Futch.

It was moved by Jake, second by Jill to “appoint Emily Morrison and Kimberly Futch to the Auditing Committee.” The motion carried unanimously.

It was further discussed and agreed by the BOD that the third position would be filled by either Brian Reynolds or Allison Seghetti upon their acceptance.

There was discussion about filling the other committees, not required by the By-laws, such as the International Committee. This will be placed on the agenda for the upcoming meeting scheduled for January 19, 2015.

There was discussion about social media issues such as excessive postings, inappropriate language, and derogatory comments made by members of USMRA on Facebook. There was further discussion that the new rules for social media were posted on the Official United States Mondioring Association Members Group Facebook page. The Board will follow up with any consequences for violation of the rules by USMRA members. Further consideration for social media will be considered during future meetings.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – January 19, 2015 at 8:00 PM Central Time (3rd Monday of the Month).

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 2141hours (9:41 P.M. CST)

Michon Mills,
USMRA Secretary

Approved
BOD Electronic approval

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
January 9, 2014