

USMRA Board Minutes April 25, 2010

Present: Augusta Farley, Ann Putegnat, Tim Bartlett, Donna Matey, Sharon Novak, Kyle Sprague (Treasurer elect)

March Minutes - not read or approved – note to forward to May agenda

Pres.report - Augusta stated that she sent a letter to Matt pointing out his non-involvement and lateness in paying his dues. The letter asked him to communicate with her and if he did not, it would be assumed that he resigned.

VP report – no report

Secretary report -Ann stated that memberships are still coming and we are at ~120.
Treasurer– Augusta (interim) has sent financial info to Kyle for him to look at.

National Events – No report

International Team – Sharon reported that we have some teams interested in WC 2010.
Membership

– No report from Ann, but she requested for someone else to take over the chair of this committee.

Newsletter– Sharon reported that with the exception of Augusta's portion of the Jos Helsen interview, no one else has submitted any other articles. Tim said his article was 90 percent finished. Ann said she would do a nationals write up and that we could also use her other yahoo group trial posts (NV trial & ??.) Sharon says the newsletter will come together when there is more input.

Sharon made a motion seconded by Ann to appoint Kyle Sprague as Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

Electronic Scoresheet – Discussion of the possibility of using “electronic scoresheets” for trials. Agreed to give clubs the “option” of doing electronic scoresheets, but not making it a “requirement at this point.

As a result of some public comments re the nationals, Augusta has requested a policy statement from the Judges' Committee and the Decoy Committee for general guidelines for trial work. Also requested an update from the National Event Committee on the Nationals policies of trial decoys involvement in training competitors, neutral field, and presentation of preliminary contract BEFORE the board accepting host club and Nationals Host.

Ann expressed an interest in the possibility that Level 1 players at the Nationals be

required to have a qualifying score to enter. Majority opinion felt that this requirement was not necessary at this point in time.

Nationals De-Brief – Needs improvement – organization/ communication, hospitality, event check- list direct to organizers, contract from Host club BEFORE accepting bids, field terrain. Positive – good showing of teams and spectators, good flow of the many competitors, judge made challenging game, lots of video out there to promote Mondio

Budget/Annual Plan – Augusta reported that she fixed some of the Budget items pointed out by Donna. Otherwise, we are on track w/ budget thus far. Kyle agreed to look at the budget and the books and report back at the next meeting (May 9)

Website – Augusta said she noted we needed several updates on the website, and will forward those to Judy, Sharon, and/or Donna. Donna reported that she is still looking for the “new look” concept for the website “face-lift.” Augusta stated that she thought it would be a great idea for all of us to start learning how to use “Google Docs” and/or some other form of multiple-user document editor.

Discussion of Matt Moore's absence and the possibility of the board appointing a replacement. Sharon expressed her concerns about the fairness, legal ramifications and adherence of the by-laws by this action. Informal agreement that IF Matt came back, that he would be expected to attend the remaining meetings as well as chairing a committee, perhaps the membership? Augusta said that she would consult with a lawyer on this matter, and hopefully be able to report back next meeting.

New Committees for Upcoming Actions Needed

By-laws Nomination/Election Next Meeting: Sunday May 9th,2010