

USMRA Board Meeting April 28, 2013

Call to order by Pres. Lisa Geller 6:05pm PST

Present: Lisa Geller, OJ Knighten, Rich Damico, Aida Flick, Sharon Novak, & Kyle Sprague

Absent: Marki Barta (excused due to work scheduling)

Motion by Aida to Approve March Minutes

2nd by Kyle

Motion Carried Unanimously

Reports – [Nationals Committee Report](#), [Secretary Report](#)

Action Items:

Motion by Aida to replace Kyle w. Geoff Byram at National's Committee Chair, w. Kyle as member, not chair.

**2nd by Aida**

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Kyle to add Dave Kroyer to International Committee

2nd by Aida

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Sharon to use the yahoo BOD 2013 lists poll function to choose Sportsmanship Award Recipient. Sharon will set up poll- vote until May 5th

2nd by Rich

Motion Carried Unanimously

Non members doing trials Sharon reported that in addition to the (2) @ LoneStar Trial, there are another 2 non-members (defined by dues being current) at St Louis Trial.

Motion by Rich to set policy that "If a person trials and is not a member (defined by being current in dues) then the Secretary will contact them and inform them that they have two weeks "grace period" from contact date to pay dues. If dues are not paid within that two weeks, an additional \$25 will be added as a late fee. If the person trials again without payment, they may face additional fines and possible sanctions as determined by the BOD." -effective April 28, 2013

2nd by Kyle

OJ Abstained

Motion Carried

Motion by Kyle that in cases of past membership non-payments, there will be no retro-active penalties.

2nd By Sharon

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Rich to Change location of adding Sociability test to "Other Disciplines section" with other monitoring scores.

2nd by Aida

Motion Carried Unanimously

Aida will inform Judges of policy

Motion by Sharon to use a SIMPLE Trial evaluation form she has made to get feedback and log irregularities and incidents.

Motion Tabled pending BOD feed back on form that Sharon will send to BOD yahoo list

OJ reported that thus far, no 2012 National's Decoys have submitted documentation for reimbursement for unpaid travel/expenses to Nationals. Tabled pending documentation by decoys.

#### Discussion

Lisa reported that AWDF **is considering to have** organizations that issue AWDF scorebooks to start to issues books to non-members. General consensus was this would not be something that USMRA would necessarily want to do.

Kyle reported that they had Nationals Committee meeting and that the 2013 event is coming along just fine. He also reported that this group would work on working on various "how to" /manual information as well as various national's policy. He also stated that the National's committee recommended that policy be set to 1)Allow the same player only enter one dog per level at the National's to deter unfair advantage. 2) Amend International Criteria so that somehow players who play/qualify at National's, get priority for spots on WC/FMBB teams.

Sharon reported that she has the package of Dave Kroyer's Judge Apprentice Application. Lisa **asked** her to mail to Don Lee, Judge's Committee Chair

Policies – Sharon expressed a desire to have a clear and comprehensive grouping of USMRA's various policies to avoid further misunderstandings and problems. BOD agreed to review and input as and before policies are found and posted.

Discussion of FR3 dogs playing at MR1. OJ reported that his understanding from judge, Valeer Linclau, was that a dog **MUST** cross over directly. Sharon stated that she believed that was only for when the dog had played at a National/International/Selectif Event.

Motion by Kyle that a FR3 may play at MR1, but would not have an official score.

Motion tabled pending verification/clarification of policy.

Discussion of Mohamed Kamal's letter of complaint/s sent to BOD. OJ reported that he contacted Mohamed and explained that he was working on decoy certification process. As far as complaints for past bureaucratic/administrative problems, Sharon reported that to her knowledge, all was current.

Meeting adjourned by President Geller at 9:05 PST