

MINUTES from General Board Meeting of USMRA Board of Directors  
Dec. 6, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Augusta Farley called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM PST.

Present:

President: Augusta Farley  
Vice President: Tim Bartlett  
Secretary: Ann Putegnat  
Treasurer: Vacancy  
Directors: Sharon Novak  
Donna Matey  
Matt Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 2.1 Sharon Novak moved to accept the minutes from Nov, 2009.  
Donna Matey seconded the motion.  
All in favor.

3. OFFICER REPORTS:

- 3.1 President – Augusta reports that no one has responded to her request for interest in Treasurer's position. We still need a Treasurer. Augusta will handle the duties in the interim. Augusta also reports that we have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with Michel Weiss for the promotion of the DVD's of Superselection and previous championships.
- 3.2 Vice President – No report.
- 3.3 Treasurer's report – No report. Vacancy.
- 3.4 Secretary – Will report under Membership Committee.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 4.1 Judge's – Aida Flick was approved by Committee as an Apprentice Judge. The next Judge's Committee project is to establish a means to verify that our 'end result' of the apprenticeship program, ie the exit evaluation, is sufficient to produce certified judges.
- 4.2 Membership Committee – Ann - The Membership Committee recommended the following dues structure:

\$60.00 for new members, with a packet being provided to new members. \$50.00 renewal for old members until January 31st. All dues will be \$60.00 after Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ann also reports that she is looking for a volunteer to serve as “Club Mom”, overseeing the various issues that surround keeping clubs informed, etc. It was suggested that a Club button be added to website.

- 4.3 Decoy Committee - Tim  
Next Monday is the deadline for submission of requests to be considered as decoys for National Championships.
- 4.4 MR3 Club – Matt – The criteria for the MR3 Club has been approved. We need administrative details. Matt will have this by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd of January, 2010.
- 4.5 National Events Committee –  
Augusta reports that the contract has been sent to Atlas K9, and that we are waiting for a signed copy.

5, ACTION ITEMS:

- 5.1 Treasurer’s position – Augusta is still seeking a person to fill this position. Her question is “Shall we pay an accountant to do this?” She will pursue this avenue and report back.
- 5.2 Discuss Logo standards. – Discussion tabled.
- 5.3 MOU – Has been signed between Michael Weiss and USMRA.
- 5.4 Checklist for events – Augusta will put changes out. It will then be posted on website. .
- \*5.5 Approve Judges Committee mini college at Championships. All judges, apprentices and members of judge’s committee are invited to attend.

Donna moved, Ann seconded, all in favor.

We will coordinate with R. Wademan regarding time to conduct this event.

- 5.6 Revisions to rules. – Sent to Augusta to translate, but she cannot open document. Will send to Sharon and Aida for translation. Valeer will review document in January/Feb. in Texas.
- \*5.7 Patches – Sharon moved, Ann seconded to pay \$500 out of next year’s budget for patches. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 5.8 Question regarding adding a Canadian club to USMRA for one year. Decision tabled pending a consultation between Augusta and Al Govednik of the AWDF regarding scorebooks.
- 5.9 Newsletter – Sharon is beginning to work on a newsletter for the spring. It will highlight the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USMRA, She is seeking ideas for content. Send ideas to Sharon.

Director's Forum:

Would be better if minutes were posted sooner.

6. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PST.

Next meeting on Jan. 9, 2010