

MINUTES FROM General Board Meeting of USMRA  
February 10, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Augusta Farley called the meeting to order at 8:16, PST.

Present:

Augusta Farley, President  
Ann Putegnat, Secretary  
Tammy Doherty, Treasurer  
Directors at Large: Matt Moore, Tim Bartlett, Lisa Geller.

Absent:

Scott Thomas, Vice President

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Approval of corrected minutes from Dec. 16, 2007. No vote due to delayed arrival of Lisa.
- 2.2 Approval of minutes from January 13, 2008. No vote due to delayed arrival of Lisa.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

- 3.1 President's Report:  
See attached President's Report.
- 3.2 Vice President:  
No report.
- 3.3 Secretary:  
\* Due to a paypal glitch in the last quarter of year (2007), 2 members did not receive cards. These persons have been contacted to clarify the missing paypal info. Two others paid in late October but were not processed in a timely fashion. Ann will pay their dues for 2008 as a courtesy.
- 3.4 Treasurer:  
See attached reports.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 4.1 Decoy Committee:  
\* Decoys have been notified that they must have dues current to continue their certifications.  
\* Decoy books are finished. Old books will be recalled, information

transferred.

\* There will be a decoy certification in Amarillo in conjunction with trial in March.

\* Decoy committee is discussing ideas regarding a decoy camp.

4.2 Membership Committee:

\* Task has been given to this committee to come up with a dues statement. An official letter 30 days after lapse of dues is suggested.

\* A clarification of bylaws is necessary in the area of dues and membership dates. Suggestion of committee: After November 1<sup>st</sup>, new members will be considered current for that year plus the subsequent year. Current members will be considered current for that year if competing in Nov. or Dec., but not for subsequent year.

4.3 Insurance Committee:

No report.

4.4 Championship Committee:

No report.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1 Approval of minutes for January 13.: (Quorum present due to arrival of Lisa)

MOTION: Tim moved to accept minutes from January. Tammy seconded. Vote unanimous to accept minutes.

5.2 Approval of minutes from December 16.

MOTION: Ann moved to accept corrected minutes from Dec. Tammy seconded. Vote unanimous to accept minutes.

5.3 Championship contracted signed. See attached.

Tickets are purchased for judge and decoys.

5.4 Question presented as to need for Board insurance in the area of liability and also for liable and slander. Discussion followed.

Ann will contact Nina Iwashko, attorney, for legal advice regarding this question.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Room rental for members meeting approved under events and training section of budget.

6.2 Matt – Will present updates of schematics for jumps at next meeting.

6.3 Assigning of tasks to Board Members from USMRA  
Annual Plan:

Short Term Goal #1.1: Develop DVD's on training, trialing for educational purposes: **ANN & LISA**

Short Term Goal #1.2, a: Include video clips on website for training and trialing.: **ANN & LISA**

Short Term Goal #2.3: Contact club presidents at least 2 times a year for information and feedback.: **ANN**

Short Term Goal #2.4: Reward clubs that hold more than one trial within a calendar year. : **MATT**

Short Term Goal #2.5: Via bylaws, give full member clubs more access to decision making process.: **TAMMY, AUGUSTA**

Short Term Goal #3.1: Publish a list of judges that have judged in USA.: **ANN**

Short Term Goal #3.2: Develop USMRA's Judge's program to certify 2 apprentice judges and 1 full judge: **AUGUSTA**

Short Term Goal #4.1: Develop decoy certification DVD: **TIM**

Short Term Goal #4.2: Increase # of certified decoys in areas not yet served geographically.: **TIM**

Short Term Goal # 4.3: Develop decoy training program to increase both number and expertise of decoys: **TIM**

Short Term Goal # 7.1: Explore possibility of hosting World Championship in 2012.: **MATT & ANN**

Short Term Goal # 7.2: Explore possibility of creating a Championship of the Americas in 2010: **ANN**

7. Motion to adjourn: Ann  
Second: Matt  
Unanimous vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:08PM, CST.

Next meeting: March 10, 2008

Attachments:

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Signed Contract with Midwest Ringsport