

MINUTES from General Board Meeting of USMRA
January 13, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Augusta Farley called the meeting to order at 8:15, PST.

Present:

Augusta Farley, President; **Scott Thomas**, Vice President; **Ann Putegnat**, Secretary; **Tammy Doherty**, Treasurer; **Tim Bartlett**, **Matt Moore**, **Lisa Geller**, Members at Large.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Approval of November 4, 2007 Minutes

Corrected minutes from Nov. 4 submitted. Tammy Doherty made a motion to approve, Ann Putegnat seconded motion.

2.2 Approval of December 16, 2007. Correction made by T. Doherty, minutes returned to Secretary for correction.

3. OFFICER REPORTS:

3.1 President's:

*Articles of Incorporation have been submitted and approved in the State of California and were sent to Secretary A. Putegnat and Treasurer, T. Doherty.

*Process has begun to file for tax exemption in California.

*Continuing to work on finalizing by-laws.

3.2 Vice President:

No report.

3.3 Secretary:

*28 renewing members so far.

*Reminder to Board members to pay dues.

*Pay Pay is up and working

*Members Only section includes minutes and Financial Policies and Procedures so far.

*New criteria for International Team Selection posted.

* Club renewal letters out.

*Members Only list updated.

*Three trials on calendar for Spring.

3.4 Treasurer:

*Tammy Doherty presented a Statement of Activities Report for

Fiscal Year 2007. See attached. She reports that decoys from the 2007 Championship have been reimbursed; that S. Thomas has been reimbursed; and that records have been requested from Isai but have not been received to date.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1 Decoy Committee

- * Tim Bartlett reports that the Decoy Committee will meet in two days.
- * On the agenda is a discussion of how to spend the \$2500 allotted for decoy training.
- * Decoy Books will be finished soon. Are being printed.

4.2 Promotion Committee

- * Activities on hold until Championship organization moved along.

4.3 Judges' Committee

- * Revisions of Judge's Program not completed.

4.4 Insurance Committee

- * Directors Insurance to be discussed in New Business. No other activity. Lisa Geller will continue to investigate pros and cons of Club insurance, and will report back to Board next month.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Annual Plan:

Motion to accept Annual Plan made by A. Putegnat.
Second to motion made by M. Moore.
Vote: Unanimous

5.2 Budget for 2008:

Motion to accept Budget made by S. Thomas.
Second to motion made by M. Moore.
Vote: Unanimous

5.3 Contract with Midwest Ringsport Club for National Championship:

- * Contract will be re-written to reflect the following changes:

- (1) USMRA will provide a link to the Championship website on the USMRA website.
- (2) USMRA will pay to provide a judge if the original judge is not able to make it to the event.

A. Farley will re-do the contract and send it to Midwest Ringsport.

5.4 Trial Policies and Procedures:

* The following changes (note italics) were made to the document:

Under 'Pretrial' add:

Secretary will approve the trial within one week *within the stated guidelines.*

Clubs within 500 miles of one another cannot have a trial on the same weekend.

Under 'The Field' add:

Six blinds (*one must be moveable*)

Under 'For the Judge's Selection' add a postscript to the following:

Objects made of wood.....must be (15 X 2 X 2).....
*** (dimensions are approximate, and objects can be made of round dowels)*

Revolversprovide with blank shot equal to 6-9mm.....
**** (22 cal. blanks are permissible if no 6-9 mm blanks are available)*

An addition of the specifications for the jumps will be added following Matt Moore's updating of the drawings for the jumps.

Motion to accept document as corrected made by T. Doherty.

Second to motion made by M. Moore.

Vote: Unanimous

5.5 Directors Insurance.

* Augusta will explore the issue of Liability vs liable and slander within the Board Insurance policies offered by Sportsmans Ins.

6. Next Board Meeting will be February 10, 2008 at 6:15PM PST.
7. Motion to adjourn made by M. Moore.
Second made by T. Bartlett.
Unanimous.