

Minutes of General Board Meeting July 29, 2012

Call to Order: 8:05 PM

Roll call:

Present: Lisa Geller President, Director Terrill Isbell Vice President Kyle Sprague Treasurer Ann Putegnat Secretary

Directors: OJ Knighten Dennis Bilik

Absent: Kim Galvez

Review of Minutes: April 15 minutes were tabled until the next meeting to give everyone a chance to read and review.

April 29 Minutes -Special Meeting Ann moved to accept the minutes as presented. OJ seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

May 27 Minutes Special Meeting Ann moved to accept the minutes as presented. Terrill seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Terrill aye Kyle aye Ann aye OJ aye Dennis abstain

Temperament Test Proposal: Ann moved to accept the Evaluation of Working Aptitude submitted by the Temperament Test Committee. OJ seconded the motion. Discussion: Ann noted that this evaluation will be included in the total time a judge is allowed to judge for one day.

Stated start date: Jan 1, 2013. Dogs titled prior to that date are grandfathered. a dry run will be done in the fall trial season, with feedback given to judges committee. Program can be revised as needed. Original motion altered to include a statement that the group portion will be done at a safe distance. Vote: Terrill Isbell yes Kyle Sprague yes Ann Putegnat yes OJ Knighten yes Dennis Bilik nay Motion approved.

2012 World Team Lisa presented the members of the World Team. Daniela Bedenice Dave Kroyer Melissa Mimms Tim Welch Ann moved to accept the team as presented. Kyle seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Team accepted. Ann volunteered to be team captain.

2012 Championships " Damage to agility tunnel. Lisa explained that one of the pieces of equipment used by the hosting club , an agility tunnel, was damaged by vandals. Ann moved to reimburse the owner of the tunnel \$250.00. OJ seconded. Vote: Terrill Isbell nay Kyle Sprague nay Ann Putegnat yes OJ Knighten nay Dennis Bilik nay Motion denied. Kyle agreed to contact the individual and club that lent it to the USMRA club, and will bring back his findings at the next meeting.

OJ reported on current status of this issue. As per OJ, on June 1, 2012, the judgement was against the USMRA in the amount of \$1800 in the case filed against USMRA by Abraham McCormick in the Los Angeles area. OJ has requested a copy of the manuscript from the court recorder. He paid \$75.00 to file an appeal. OJ received confirmation that there will be a meeting on August 3 rd regarding this matter. OJ has agreed to go back to the court. He is still seeking the manuscript. The Board agreed unanimously to send OJ back to the court to attempt a resolution.

Insurance Questions Regarding proof of insurance for clubs holding trials Clubs will provide proof of insurance to the secretary before a trial will be authorized. This will include proof of purchase of an insurance binder from USMRA to use the USMRA policy. Clubs that provide their own insurance will provide a document that demonstrates that they are insured.

Board Etiquette- Lisa made a statement to the Board regarding her expectations of Board Etiquette.

Open Forum: Ann reports that she will be in Belgium for two months but has made arrangements for cards, books etc to be sent out. Ann also reports that the second newsletter will go out in mid September, prior to the World Cup.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18PM Central Time.