

Minutes from November 4, 2007 meeting of USMRA Board

Roll Call:

Present:

Augusta Farley
Scott Thomas
Ann Putegnat
Tammy Doherty
Lisa Geller
Tim Bartlett
Matt Moore

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Officer Reports:

President's Report:

Jos Helsen is sending clarification of new rules.
Augusta will call all for input for 2008 budget.
Policies and procedures will be finalized and posted.

Vice President:

No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Profit and Loss is generated up to September.
Balance on Oct. 31st is \$11,025.40 in checking and \$1,000 in savings.
Tammy & Ann will try to recreate Wells Fargo account records.

Secretary's Report:

Request for vote on Member's Only section. Will present in New Business.
Website being updated with current data.
85+ members.
12 Clubs.
Dues announcements to go out.

Committee Reports:

Decoy Committee:

Tim sent proposed decoy book to Board. It is posted on board member list.

Championship Committee:

Scott will work with committee in the next month to finalize contract, etc.

Promotions & Marketing:

Lisa will look at larger areas of promotion. Scott suggested Dog World magazine.

Newsletter:

Jeremy did not understand the role of newsletter editor, but has agreed to take on the task in the newly defined role.

GTIM Report:

New FCI Working Committee of Mondioring has replaced the GTIM as the organizing body of Mondioring. Chaired by Michel Boisseau, with a sub group of 7 members, including the USA (AWDF). Frans Jansen has been named as the new President of the FCI Working Dog Commission, and attended the Mondioring Championships and organizational meeting of the new Mondioring Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vote on Fiscal Policies and Procedures. Board requested that "6a" be removed. The Fiscal Policies and Procedures were approved after the removal of that statement.

Remove Isai as Chair of Decoy Committee, and replace with Tim Bartlett. Approved.

Report by Tim Bartlett on criteria for entry to USMRA Championship. After a discussion about item #7, question of ownership, handler, residency, the document was referred to committee for revision. Will vote at next board meeting.

Vote on Bylaws moved to December meeting.

Midwest Ringsport Club was approved as host club for Championships.

A Members Only section of the website was discussed and approved.

Trial Policies and Procedures document to be voted on in December.

Discussion of criteria for maintaining standing as a judge. Agreed to change from number of trials per yr. to review by hosting clubs.

Evaluation forms will be generated for club to review judges and decoys.

Addition to Membership Letter: A statement about sportsmanship and promotion of humane tactics for training dogs.

Board agreed to spend the money to incorporate in California as a not for profit corporation.

The new decoy book was approved.

Foreign decoys will be accepted based on Mondioring certifications in country of origin.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM.