

USMRA BOD Meeting Minutes 3 November, 2013

6:05pm PST - Meeting called to order by President Lisa Geller

Present: Lisa Geller, OJ Knighten, Kyle Sprague, Aida Flick, Rich Damico, Sharon Novak, & Marki Barta@ 6:15 & guests Promise Lee & Patience Kabwasa for National's proposal presentation.

Motion to approve September minutes

Motion passed unanimously

Treasury Report Kyle motioned to accept the Treasury Report 2 nd OJ Sharon abstained, Motion passed

National's Sharon stated she felt that both clubs - her's, Club Mondio, and El Paso would do their best for the Nationals and both would be great events. She also explained that April 12/13 and 26/27 were possible dates for the AWDF championship, and that it would be best to avoid scheduling USMRA National's on those dates. Promise Lee and Patience Kabwasa from El Paso Co. Mondioring explained that they had a great venue, and necessary resources to produce Nationals. Aida expressed concern about the budget they presented and Promise explained that their budget was based on using an American judge, but that they were open to the possibility of a European Judge. Discussion tabled and Patience and Promise departed from meeting.

Motion by Aida to add Otto Strum to Education Committee - 2 nd Marki Motion Carried

Lone Star Foreign Trial Decoy Use OJ explained that Ann Putegnat/Lone Star has booked a Mexican decoy for their upcoming 9/10 December trial. Firstly, he is concerned because we have USA decoys that are facing decertification because they are not meeting their minimum trial requirements. Additionally, there are concerns because currently, Mexico is not part of SMCU/FCI (The FCI Utility Commission Mondioring, the governing body above USMRA.) While he has made multiple attempts to get verification/information about this decoy and his certification from both Mexico and Europe (SMCU/FCI) so far there was no definitive policy or verification from either. Marki stated that she feels we need to let clubs have more autonomy and was under the impression that the decoy in question was listed on an official Mondioring list (mondioring.org -SMCU.) When multiple BOD looked, that was not the case and Mexico, at the moment does not seem to be recognized. Lisa explained Sharon was following procedure as it is her job to verify information for club The additional concerns of the question of IF this decoy is not recognized by Mondioring, are the titles recognized? And what kind of precedent will be set if this is approved, and if and how it will be perceived/approved by SMCU. Motion to allow Lone Star to use Mexican Decoy this particular instance and to set future policy of "Use of decoy/s not listed with the SMCU/FCI official listings must be verified by USMRA/Decoy Committee and will be approved/denied on a case by case basis." Motion: Sharon, 2 nd Marki

Motion Carried w. OJ abstaining Sharon agreed to contact Lonestar to inform them in writing of this decision/policy and ask for a copy of decoy's scorebook.

Nationals Sharon stated that since she was in one of the clubs vying for National's award, she felt it was a conflict of interests to participate in the decision making and therefore recused herself.

Discussion of clubs submitting bids Motion by Aida to select El Paso County Mondioring with the condition of the use of "already asked" judge Valeer Linclau and changing \$3500 to \$4000 in the bid second by Kyle vote: In Favor -- Kyle, Rich, Marki, Aida (next day) Abstain: Otis Knighten motion carried

Meeting adjourned