

**September 2, 2007**

6:15 PM, PST

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Monitoring Association.

**Roll Call:**

Present:

Augusta Farley

Scott Thomas

Ann Putegnat

Lisa Geller

Tim Bartlett

**Minutes** of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and corrected. No vote for approval was taken due to the current lack of quorum with resignation of Rich Schneider, Director at Large.

**Officer Reports:**

President's Report:

See attached report.

Reporting for Treasurer position:

Augusta reports that she has requested records from Sarah Rackley, but that none have been sent to date. She will adjust the bank account access to reflect the removal of Sarah's name.

Secretary's Report:

Pay Pal has been restored to the website. Misc. forms are up and available for use. A "Board Business" button will be added to the website. Ann will check with Judy, webmaster, to see if we can do a Member's Only section. A suggestion was made to request data to post on website regarding decoy certification status, current levels of certification, etc.

Vice President:

No report.

Board Members at Large:

Augusta reports that due to unforeseen circumstances, Rich Schneider has resigned from the Board. It has been suggested and approved that Matt Moore take his place since he was the runner up to that slot in the last election. Augusta will contact Matt to see if he is interested.

## **Committee Reports:**

By Law Committee: (Augusta Farley)

Bylaws committee has not begun to examine the revision of the bylaws yet. Augusta reports that some of the issues to be discussed include a re-working of the current quorum requirement; a separation of duties between the Secretary and the Treasurer's position; and the current requirements for a Nominating Committee in elections.

Judge's Committee: (Ann Putegnat)

Current items of discussion in the Judge's committee are the issue of creating safe scenarios in Defense of Handler so that handlers are not injured and the concerns of coaching from the sidelines in competitions.

Insurance Committee: (Lisa Geller)

Lisa reports that Sportsman's Insurance Company is the only cost effective provider. She states that it does not cover dog bites. The question was raised as to whether we should require clubs to carry insurance. The cost is prohibitive. ( In the \$500 per yr.range.) Scott requested a 'finding paper' in which the issue is presented to the Board for review. Lisa will submit this for review by the Board.

Promotions Committee: (Lisa Geller)

No report.

Website Committee: (Scott Thomas)

No report.

2008 Championship Committee: (Scott Thomas)

No report. Will begin this week to work on the Championship.

Team Selection Committee: (Tim Bartlett)

No report. Will finalize the report in committee this week in a conference call.

Membership Committee: (Ann Putegnat)

Ann reported that there are several trials coming up in the Fall. Membership is increasing due to the trials scheduled. Scorebook requests are up as well.

Auditing Committee: (Paul Thierkeldsen)

No report.

Liaison to GTIM: (Ann Putegnat)

Ann reports that the FCI Sub Committee for Mondioring has been formed and will meet at the International Championships in October in France. The importance of this committee, and the ramifications of it's existence were discussed.

**Old Business:**

Newsletter: There is a budget of \$180 for the newsletter. Lisa reports that Jeremy Norton would be a good person to ask if he would manage the newsletter. Augusta states that she has an employee that would be willing to do it as well. Both will be contacted, and the Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

The position of Board of Director at Large held by Rich Schneider has been vacated, and a suggestion was made that Matt Moore take his place. Augusta will contact Matt.

The position of Treasurer has been vacated, and Augusta has asked Paul Thierkeldsen to take this slot until the next elections. He has not yet responded. Augusta states that she wants a Treasurer's Report in the minutes.

Trial Policies and Procedures – Send report back out to members for review.

AWMA – FMBB – We need to collaborate with AWMA to discuss a possible team to the next FMBB in May, 2008. Tim will speak to whom-ever is in charge.

Scott Thomas moved to adjourn at 9:50PM  
Ann Putegnat seconded.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 30, 6:15PM PST.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### GENERAL

Looking forward to monthly conference calls as a way to conduct business more efficiently with more transparency.

### FINANCIAL

We still need nominations. I asked Paul Therkilsen on a phone message, but he hasn't been responded as of this writing.

We have not received any of our financial records from Sarah. I called Isai earlier this week to ask for help. He was not at home to find out if he was supposed to have sent them and I have not heard back. Currently statements will come to me and Sarah does not have access to the account legally.

QB has been bought and the chart of accounts ready to use as of the June statement. According to the bank we have \$12047.77, but I am unable to give you a category breakdown.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

We are still working on infrastructure. Ann is continuing to refine the trial paperwork process and will have all the relevant applications on the website for decoy certifications and trials. We still need to work on trial paperwork rules to be sure that the process goes smoothly. I understand that some clubs are not returning the paperwork on time. These rules and consequences need to be clearly posted in the P & P section of the website.

We are planning to put up policy and procedures, and minutes.

Isai is also charged with being sure that all the decoy paperwork and books are in order. He and Ann need to be sure that happens and that the decoy list is kept current with date of recertifications.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

Rich Schneider has resigned. Matt Moore has been suggested and we will vote under the new business section of this meeting.

### GOALS

1. 100 members. We now have 77 members so we are slightly ahead of schedule.
2. 3 new clubs. We lost 2 clubs which combined into one and we have 2 forming clubs. We have 10 full member clubs. Last year we had twelve.
3. 15 trials. To date we have had five trials and one National Championship. Planned are 12 more trials.
4. Certify 4 new decoys: We have 5 new or recertified this year Bradley Hardin, Kevin Jobe, Dave Kroyer, Arturo Terrazas, Billy Jack Reyes.
5. Send team. One member, Don Lee, will go as a Level 1.

Please remember to look at our goals and objectives to be sure everything gets done that we planned for.

Respectfully submitted,

Augusta