

Minutes of General Board Meeting of USMRA
September 30, 2007
6:15PM, PST

Meeting was called to order.

Roll Call:

Present: Augusta Farley, Scott Thomas, Ann Putegnat, Tim Bartlett, Lisa Geller, Matt Moore.

A motion was made by Scott Thomas to waive the reading of the Minutes of the September 2nd meeting of the Board of Directors. Ann Putegnat seconded the motion, motion carried.

Scott Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes from September 2, 2007. Ann Putegnat seconded. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports:

PRESIDENT:

- The Wells Fargo statement has been organized.
- Waiting on next bank statement
- Approximately \$12,000.00 in bank account.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- No report.

SECRETARY:

- Website has been updated as to clubs and events.
- Need to update Committee and Board Member info.
- New members being added due to busy trail season.

TREASURER: (Augusta reporting)

- A new checking account has been opened. There is \$10,016.36 in the checking account, \$1,031.41 in the old account and \$1,000.00 in savings for a total of \$12,047.44.

Committee Reports:

DECOY COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP:

- New members being added weekly. 80+ at this time.
- Several upcoming trials.

- Scott Thomas requested a report that gives number of members for the past five years.

PROMOTION AND MARKETING:

- Lisa Geller stated that she wants to establish a “YouTube” account. The question of having DVD’s vs online services such as YouTube was discussed briefly and sent back to committee for review.

JUDGE’S COMMITTEE:

- Recommendations being formulated about handler safety in trial scenarios.
- Ann Putegnat’s concern about judging requirements (number of trials per year) was sent back to committee.

BOARD OF INQUIRY:

- No report.

INSURANCE:

- No report.
- Scott Thomas asked for a review of single place event coverage.

AUDITING:

- No activity.

FCI TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE:

- Proposal will be submitted under unfinished business.

BYLAWS:

- No activity.

NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Committee recommends the last two weeks of April for the National Championship. Discussion re: date moved to unfinished business.

Unfinished Business:

- Financial Policies and Procedures.

Augusta reported on a meeting with the accountant. Current P&P are unwieldy. Wants a motion to accept a revised Policies and Procedures. Matt will try to do a comparison of both. Augusta will send these to Matt.

- Insurance discussion tabled.
There was a question of inherent risk. Does it apply? Augusta and Scott will discuss, research and report back to the Board. This will be

considered in unfinished business next month.

- Newsletter Editor.
Ann Putegnatt read a resume submitted by Jeremy Norton.
Scott Thomas moved to accept Jeremy as our Newsletter Editor.
Tim Bartlett seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Ann will collaborate with Jeremy as to details.

- A newsletter committee was formed:

The following are the members of the committee:

Jeremy Norton
Melissa Mims
Augusta Farley

- Team Selection-

After a discussion about the criteria for the handler needing to be a resident for two years and the documentation process to determine that the dog had been here for 12 months, the criteria for team selection was sent back to committee. Board will vote next month.

- Championship Issues:

A motion was made by Scott Thomas to accept that the dates for the Championship must be within the last two weeks of April. Motion was seconded by Tim Bartlett. Motion carried.

The issue of who pays for the Championship 2008 – club or USMRA – was sent back to committee.

New Business:

- A request was made by Augusta to remove Sarah Rackley from the Championship Committee. Scott Thomas opposed the request. Augusta rescinded the request.
- A Members Only section of the website was discussed. Ann Putegnatt will check with Judy, webmaster, to see what she has done on other websites. This area of website will be for Board Business.
- Question of decoys from other countries participating in trials in USMRA events. Issue referred to decoy committee.
- Non Profit status: Can cost up to \$500.00 to incorporate. Augusta

will review with accountant and report back next month.

- New Treasurer:

Tammy Doherty has accepted the request to be interim Treasurer.

Lisa Geller moved to accept Tammy as new Treasurer.

Ann Putegnat seconded.

Discussion: Scott expressed a concern about overloading of Board members in any one club – in this case, Lone Star Mondioring Club. All effort was made to find another interim Treasurer.

Vote: Unanimous to accept Tammy Doherty as Treasurer.

- Compensation to judges and decoys at trials. We need a plan to deal with this issue. A committee will be formed to deal with it.
- Ann Putegnat will represent the AWDF/USMRA at the International meeting in Grand Scythe, France at the Championships. She will submit a report at the next Board Meeting..

Scott Thomas moved to adjourn.

Tim Bartlett seconded motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Next meeting will be November 4, 2007.