

MINUTES from General Board Meeting of USMRA Board of Directors  
September 20, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Augusta Farley called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM PST.

Present:

President: Augusta Farley  
Secretary: Ann Putegnat  
Directors: Sharon Novak  
Donna Matey  
Matt Moore

Absent: Tim Bartlett, Vice President

Absent: Tara Welch, Treasurer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 Sharon Novak moved to accept the minutes from August 16, 2009. as posted.. Matt Moore seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

3. OFFICER REPORTS:

3.1 President – no report

3.2 Vice President – no report, absent.

3.3 Secretary –Will report under Membership Committee. .

3.4 Treasurer – no report, absent. Ann reports that Tara would like to turn over the duties of Treasurer. Due to various reasons, she feels that she is unable to meet the commitment of serving as Treasurer at this time. Augusta suggested that we discuss the issue at our next meeting. Ann has agreed to work with Tara to prepare a report for next month. After the World Cup in Virton, Ann will coordinate with Tara and Augusta and a transition plan will be made.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1 National Events Committee – Ann reported for Tim. Stated that the Atlas Canine Club has set a tentative date for the Championships as the first weekend in April. A location has been secured. The club is working on a contract to submit to the Board.

- 4.2 Membership Committee – Several new members have been added due to upcoming trials in Chicago and Maine. Dues restructuring proposal was sent back to committee for revision.
- 4.3 Decoy Committee – Sharon reported for Tim. One decoy certified at the Chicago trial.
- 4.4 MR3 Club – Matt will submit proposal in action Items.
- 4.5 International Championship Committee –Ann, Team Captain, reports that funds have been paid for entries, uniforms have been provided to each competitor, motel arrangements are complete, team is ready to travel.
- 4.4 Judge's Committee – The Judge's Self Assessment and Judge's Committee Assessment will be discussed in action items.

## 5.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- \*5.1 MR3 Club – Matt presented the proposal of the committee. See attached. Ann moved to accept the proposal. Donna seconded the motion. After discussion, it was agreed to change #2 to read:
  - The dog must have at least one qualifying score at each level earned at a USMRA sanctioned event in the US.Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.  
Matt has agreed to administer the program. Add to agenda for Oct.
- 5.2 AWDF Meeting – No report has been submitted by Dave Kroyer.
- 5.3 DVD of Superselection – Sharon presented an idea about selling DVD's. She reports that Michael, her husband, will make the DVD's and that he will charge the USMRA \$4.00 to \$5.00 each. Sharon will prepare a proposal/contract for next month's meeting.
- 5.4 Event Manual – The proposed event manual was presented and will go back to committee for revision. Sharon states that the goal will be to have the manual ready by New Year's. It will be brought back as a report next month.
- 5.5 Delay for Sharon's Club Trial – It was decided that an ad hoc committee will be formed to discuss club restructuring for holding trials. Sharon Novak, Chair. Members: Matt Moore, Ann Putegnat, Augusta Farley.

- \*5.6 The Judge's Self Assessment and Committee Assessment were presented. Donna moved to accept the documents. Ann seconded. Discussion followed. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carries.
- \*5.7 Approval of sending Ann Putegnat as a delegate to the FCI Committee meeting in Virton, Belgium – Sharon moved to accept the proposal. Donna seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
- 5.8 Domain registration – Need price options. Will bring proposal next month.
- 5.9 USMRA Judge's Mini College at Championships – A proposal was made to conduct a mini college for our judges at the Championship. Ann moved to accept the proposal. Donna seconded. After discussion, the proposal was sent back to the committee for criteria for the event.
- 5.10 Decoy Mini College – This idea was sent to the Decoy Committee for discussion.
- 5.11 International Team Criteria changes – Sent back to committee for discussion.
- \*5.12 Additional information from Sharon re: Domain registration charges. – Sharon gave a breakdown of charges for 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 year payment options. Ten years will cost \$179.00. Ann moved to pay the charges for 10 years. Sharon seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carries.

6.0 Delegate Forum – No reports.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM PST  
Next meeting October 11, 2009