

MINUTES from General Board Meeting of USMRA Board of Directors  
September 12, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Augusta Farley called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM PST.

Present:

President: Augusta Farley  
Vice President: Tim Bartlett  
Secretary: Ann Putegnat  
Treasurer: Kyle Sprague  
Directors: Sharon Novak  
Donna Matey  
Matt Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 Donna Matey moved to accept the minutes from August 8 as posted. Matt Moore seconded. Sharon made a correction regarding Club Contacts, and also noted that the Ways & Means Committee discussion statement should be removed. Vote to approve minutes as corrected was taken. All in favor. Minutes approved.

3. OFFICER REPORTS:

- 3.1 President – Augusta reports that she sent the letter to the USMRA Members List, as requested. She received one response.
- 3.2 Vice President – No report. Tim did request that we add the explanation of the FCI/AWDF to the website.
- 3.3 Secretary – Will report in Membership Committee report.
- 3.4 Treasurer – Kyle reports that he sent the budget to the Board members for review. He states that there is \$13,956.09 in the Wells Fargo account, \$2876.80 in Pay Pal, giving a total in reserve as \$16,832.89. He has \$650.00 and \$15.00 to be deposited.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 4.1 Judge's Committee – Nothing to report.
- 4.2 Membership Committee:

\*Sportmanship Program – Matt will report in Action items.

\*Website – Ann reports that she is working on updates. Sharon suggested a ‘website meeting’. She also suggested that the rolling scroll be removed.

\*Club Support – Sharon said that she would be a contact person for clubs to go to for information. Sharon will get a list of clubs to contact.

4.3 Decoy Committee – Tim reports that the trial in Oxnard will not have a certification. Colorado Mondioring, Rogue Ringsport in MN, and the New Jersey club have certifications planned.

4.4 National Events Committee – Tim reports that the updated criteria for entry has been sent to committee for completion.

\*4.5 International Championship Committee – Sharon reports that she has submitted the team information to the host committee in the Netherlands, and that funds have been paid for the entries.

4.4 Newsletter Committee – Sharon reports that she has set a deadline for the newsletter of December 1, 2010.

4.5 ByLaws Committee – Continues to work on possible revisions.

4.6 Nominating Committee – O.J is moving forward with the nomination process.

## 5.0 ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Matt Moore reports that he will not be able to fulfill his duties as a Board Member. He will submit his resignation. He will remain on the Decoy Committee.

\*5.2 Kyle submitted the budget. Ann moved to accept the budget. Sharon seconded. All in favor. Motion passed, budget approved.

5.3 Liability Insurance – Kyle presented information and it was decided that he would continue to pursue the issue and will report next month.

\*5.4 Tim read proposed Decoy Committee policy guideline revisions:

*1. REQUESTING A DECOY CERTIFICATION: Hosting club of the decoy certification*

*needs to contact the decoy committee chair at least 30 days prior to the certification to request a decoy certification. Decoy committee chair will ensure that the host club gets the proper paperwork for the request. At that*

*time, the host club must give the decoy chair the 3 names that will make up the decoy certification committee. Also 30 days prior, the host club is responsible to go through the proper channels to ensure that the decoy certification is listed on the USMRA events page.*

*2. The decoy committee has the right to review any grievances that are filed by certified decoys that pertain to injuries, certifications, etc.*

*3. POLICY FOR DECOYS SELECTED FOR USMRA NATIONALS: Decoys selected for the USMRA*

*Nationals will not be allowed to decoy any trials 1 month prior to the date of the Nationals. Selected decoys will also not be allowed to work any dogs (trial or training) 2 weeks prior to the date of the Nationals.*

*Any selected decoy caught violating these rules will be removed as the national decoy if the decoy committee obtains enough information to confirm the violation. Other sanctions can also be applied if deemed necessary by the decoy committee.*

Corrections were made: Added in: “as a decoy”, and “other sanctions can be recommended by Decoy Committee”. Tim will send revised statement to Ann. Tim moved to accept the revised guidelines. Ann seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- 5.5 Selection of Decoys for Championships – Tim will present policies and procedures in October.
- \*5.6 Process of selection of judges for Championships:  
Tim moved that clubs choose the judge with Board approval. Ann seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.7 Bids for Championships – Extended until Sept 30.
- 5.8 Use of alcohol by decoys – Discussion tabled.
- \*5.9 **Part 2 of decoy certification from Tim. (see Tim’s statement). Sharon moved to accept, Donna seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.**
- 5.10 Advanced decoy training – Matt will send a letter to clubs regarding this issue.
- 5.11 Decoy safety – Discussion tabled until next month.
- 5.12 Club requests re: decoy certifications.

Requests submitted to USMRA from CO Mondioring Club and New Jersey club requesting a waiver in rule of staffing of decoy certification.

Augusta reported that the clubs have noted that only two of the decoys on the Decoy Committee are certified. Tim was scheduled to attend the New Jersey event, and cancelled due to work assignments abroad. Colorado MR Club reports that they will have 2 level two decoys, an international judge that is the Chair of the SubCommittee for Mondioring for the FCI and former FCI Vice Chair, a USMRA judge, and an Apprentice Judge for USMRA. Requirement to bring in an additional person is a strain on the budget for their club.

Ann moved to accept the request. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

- \*5.13 Approval as Ann Putegnat as delegate to the FCI meeting in Holland. Donna moved to accept, Kyle seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

6.0 Delegate Forum – No items presented.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM PST  
Next meeting October 10, 2010