

**Presidents Report --
December 25, 2011**

2011 in recollection

Election 2011:

This will hopefully be cover in a report from our election committee.

Open Director at Large position:

The empty Director at Large position was voted in for Otis Knighten.

Committee positions:

The committee chair were appointed for greatest representation of all of the members. Very little duplication on committees. Reports for 2011 should follow.

New Committees:

The problems with the election prompted a desire to have an Election Committee to review the past election(s) and make recommendations on future elections.

We also established a new Education Committee -- the problems with our taxes delayed any hope for revenue for this committee. Look for action here in 2012.

Tax problems:

November of 2007 United States Mondioring Association incorporated. In March 2011 USMRA went delinquent in the State of California for non-filing a return for excess of (3) years -- with penalties USMRA was looking at near \$9000 in back taxes, fines and penalties. USMRA contacted the State of California and filed for 2008, 2009, and 2010. USMRA also filed for a 501(c) tax exempt with the Federal Government. November of 2011 we were contacted by our IRS representative who is reviewing our case, at that time he recommended we resubmit our 501(c) 3 as a 501(c)7, This was completed and we are pending consideration. Our filing of form 3500 within the State of California is still in process and likely holding for our federal status update

Sportsmanship award:

The Membership Committee revived and implemented the sportsmanship award.

The two top candidates were sent to the Board of directors and Don Lee was voted in as our Top Sportsman for 2010.

New Judges:

Keith Jobe and Aida Flick completed the apprentice program and became new USMRA judges

Kadi Thingvall was accepted into the Judge Apprentice program.

Insurance:

Otis Knighten and Kim Galves, Directors at Large, researched and recommended a Insurance package upgrade for special risk. This policy would cover the members as well as judges, decoys and participants of formal USMRA sanctioned events. To help

defray the costs of these Insurance packages, member clubs requesting to be sanctioned as a USMRA event are asked to contribute \$75 dollars to the policy. This was established so as not to penalize clubs that carry their own policies adding expense to those clubs. The Board is still considering having all clubs contribute to this policy. Furthermore, Since USMRA has a policy now that covers USMRA trials we are requiring all clubs to have Insurance for our trials. It can be their own policy if desired, merely showing proof of coverage at this time.

We feel the added expense of \$75 dollars to insure our members at these events would not be excessive and cannot see why any club would not embrace this opportunity.

Decoy Committee -- Special Decoy Certification Committee:

The Board approved an addition to the decoy committee to add 5 individuals to the purpose to have certification. The decoy committee has taken no action to this requested committee.

2012 Nationals:

SoCal Mondioring club received the bid for the 2012 Nationals to be held near San Diego California.

Temperament test:

A new committee was formed June 2011 for the purpose to review and recommend on this subject -- It has been carried to 2012.

Scorebook determination:

Director at Large Dennis Bilik researched acceptable scorebooks. Based on his report our Board voted to approve Foreign scorebooks as dictated from the FCI and to accept all United States scorebooks of AWDF. This would exclude the use of the new ARF scorebooks.

Website:

USMRA implemented a new website. This website will be maintained by Lisa Geller, me, and will be hosted at no charge through members Sharon Novak and Michael Weiss. There will be many additions to this website going forward.

Mechanical Drawings:

Kim Galvez produced professional drawn mechanical drawings for all of our jumps, they are listed on the website under equipment.

Antidiscrimination Policy:

USMRA added as a policy pending By-Law Changes.

Notes from Delegates Meeting: [LINK](#)