

Membership Report June 2011

USMRA Membership Committee Meeting

Monday June 13 th 2011

Members attending: Rich Damico (Chair), Jake Schneider, Kim Galvez

Topics:

1. Clubs- calling for correct info and getting feedback
2. Trials- How to help new clubs with trials and training
3. Forum- promoting the new forum

Topic #1

We divided up the different states between us to call. We will be personally contacting clubs to verify if they are still active. We will be asking their input as to any concerns/ feedback they have concerning USMRA.

Topic #2

Any new clubs that have yet to have a trial, we will be trying to see if there is any way our committee can offer assistance in helping them to achieve this. Also ways we can help smaller new clubs with training/decoys.

Some of the ideas we came up with are

- Co-hosting of trails- Possibly some of our more successful clubs that have the experience putting on trails can help the newer clubs by co-hosting their first trail. Example this past weekend Atlas K9 co-hosted with Santa Clarita Mondio for their first Mondio trial.
- Making sure there is available paperwork for clubs to know exactly what is needed to put on a successful trial.
- Listing people who are "independent" on the website. We feel this would help expand our areas, as there are many people out there hoping to do Mondio we just need to get them together. By listing the independents it would help for people that are looking for Mondio in their area and don't realize there are people close they could join up with.
- In trials running the level 3 dogs first. We think that when new people come to watch to see what Mondio is all about, a lot of the time they leave by lunch and never really get to see the higher level dogs and what a fun great sport this is when you see the teams that are more advanced and you can see what you are striving for.
- Contacting people/clubs out there like Terry Miller who have trained/ titled dogs in our sport without having a club decoy. Finding out if they are willing to share their methods and techniques. We feel this would help the newer/ smaller clubs that do not have the benefit of a club decoy and let them know it can still be done so they do not get discouraged.

Topic #3

We want to promote the new forum and try to get everyone using this as an information resource. We feel if used correctly it will be vital for new members and clubs. If we do get the members that train without decoys to submit articles, letters, etc... we feel it would be a great additional topic on the forum.