

## President Report for first 6 months of 2011

### Current Items:

- A.) The Board of Directors is currently working on the Tax problems incurred by not filing for over three years. The Lawyer that was recommended, after reviewing our records returned with a higher rate for services. He initially quoted USMRA \$1000 for the filing and has increased his bid based on what he considered a larger task than initially thought. The new bid is for \$2500. This would be for filing our Tax-exempt status with the Federal government, With getting approval of Tax exempt status it would potentially release us from some of the back taxes within the State of California. It is unclear the amount. The board is researching alternatives at this point. As what was previously mentioned in the May Agenda, the tax delinquent with penalties can be somewhere around \$9000. Some of the Board members are researching alternate more affordable methods of filing.
- B.) The Board is also looking at replacing the National Committee Chairperson. The current committee chair resigned.
- C.) The Board will discuss financial budget based on the Tax concern.

### Items From Previous meetings :

- A.) The Board Approved the requirement of clubs to hold insurance for all USMRA sanctioned events. For clubs that currently do not have the insurance specifically, USMRA purchased a package through Sportsmans Insurance and individual clubs can purchase an affordable "event binder" for trials, seminars etc. This can be achieved through Otis Knighten, there is application on the website. This will also cover our Nationals.
- B.) The Website person USMRA has been using for some years officially resigned. On short notice we redesigned the website based on the folders in the website. Many items are still incomplete and are in work (please bare with us on this) This is merely a starting point and there will be many additions to the site. A forum was added to the website. Special Thanks to Michael Weiss and Sharon Novak for offering assistance in designing and also for donating free hosting service.
- C.) Board Secretary, Ann Putegnatt asked that Tim Bartlett be removed from Decoy Committee Chair. Dennis Bilik, Kyle Sprague, Terrill Isabell and Ann Putenat took majority and voted him off that position.
- D.) The Board added three special committees:
- The Election Committee Chaired by Jill Fryling, Jill will be reviewing the 2010 election process and will be making recommendations for the 2012 election. This will hopefully prove to be a smooth transition for future Boards. The Education Committee Chaired by Steve Garvin, although not yet defined or filled with members, Steve has already set to task. With his own finances, Steve solicited the aide of Rich Damico and showed Mondioring at his booth at the Pet Expo in California. It was a wonderful boost for the organization and gave great recognition to the sport. He is also planning a decoy training camp in July. Steve's primary Goals will be to help new clubs and members develop a plan that works for them. He will also be working on public awareness of Mondioring and eventually educating the members on the structure and history of the sport. It is a big task for a start-up committee.
- Decoy certification Committee -- this committee will be directly under the decoy committee and will be for the purpose of helping spread the ability for certification geographically. With the change in decoy Chair, we are giving Chris a little time to settle before this task begins. This will help to lower the costs of certifying decoys by putting more eligible individuals geographically spaced. We are still looking for two individuals for this special committee.
- E.) The USMRA Championships was hosted by San Gabriel Ringers and special applause goes out to Marki Barta for all of her hard work and strong perseverance. It was wonderful weather, great teamwork, and challenging mondioring. Results and photos are posted here: [LINK](#)
- F.) Committee appointments: Through recommendations and volunteers we selected the Chairs for each Committee. In turn, each Chair was asked to select the members for the committees. The mild stipulation was that

they must be geographically (club) spaced and nobody should be on more than two committees (Chairmen can only be on the one committee that they Chair). This would give us new fresh input from new sources. The Board spent much labor placing each position. This is the final breakdown: <http://www.usmondioring.org/Contacts/Officers.htm> We are hopeful with all of the new mix of people we will have fresh ideas and no one person will be burdoned with multiple tasks. Augusta Farley agreed to remain as the representative for USMRA for the AWDF. Her experience will give us great continuity with the organization. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help out.

G.) The Membership Committee implimented the first Sportsmanship award at the USMRA Championships and was given to Don Lee from Texas, two clubs nominated him.

H.) The Judges committee approved Keith Jobe as the third USMRA Judge, the Board of Directors quickly followed with unanimoius approval.

I.) Kim Galvez produced new Mechanical drawings for the Hurdle, Palisade and long jump. They are listed under the Education section of the website under Equipment Specification. Thanks for these professionally diagramed drawings [Link](#).