



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the May 26, 2015 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Lee at 1944 (or 7:44 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Jake Schneider
Vice President	Jill Fryling	Director	Jennifer Marshall
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Lisa Lucero - 1827
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the April 20, 2015 USMRA BOD Meeting were electronically approved unanimously and posted on May 24, 2015.

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – David reported the totals for the accounts, \$823.03 in the PayPal account and \$30,052.31 in the Wells Fargo account. Total \$30857.34.

Secretary – No report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – Don reported that Aida has been asked to Judge in the Philippines. The Judge’s Committee recommend to the BOD to allow her to judge the trial in June. There was discussion about her conducting a decoy certification as the Philippines do not have their own set of rules, which has caused some conflict. The Philippines wanted Aida to move decoys up from their current levels and certify any new decoys. The Judges Committee felt that the decoys should be certified under USMRA decoy rules. Don discussed that USMRA cannot certify decoys for another country. She could certify the decoys but they would only be able to decoy in that country.

It was moved by Jake, second Jennifer by to allow Aida Flick to Judge a trial and conduct a decoy certification in the Philippines. Motion carried unanimously. Lisa was absent for the vote.

It was reported that the concerns regarding the barrage brought up by Lisa Geller are still pending and being discussed in the Judges Committee.

Decoy Committee – Committee has been discussing decoy selection for Nationals. There was discussion about the level two decoys not needing to go to World's to be certified for level three and having them be able to certify in the USA as a second option.

Education Committee –The Committee's primary discussion has been about Nationals videos on the YouTube site.

The BOD had an extensive discussion about the videos being posted, specifically it was discussed that notification to the participants did not take place about being videoed and that the videos would be posted on the USMRA YouTube page. Next year it will be documented that participants would be videoed and that the videos would be posted. This notification will be listed on the application for competing at Nationals and the hosting club will make any intentions to video or live stream known up front. Discussion ensued that National Competitions are not private events and not considered training but a competition.

It was moved by Jake, second Jennifer to remove any of the videos from the USMRA YouTube site if requested by the participants. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about clubs sharing trials. Further discussion that there will need to be some limits on this, such as one club per day. If a 4 day trial, 2 Judges should be used.

Membership Committee – No report

Auditing Committee – No report

Code of Conduct Committee – No Report

Board of Inquiry – No report

AWDF Report – Most of the report was about the AWDF Nationals. No new business.

Business

Summary of the 2015 Nationals – There was a good turnout of participants and spectators.

Criteria for funding grants for Education Training Seminars – It was discussed that Debra discussed the criteria at Nationals. Some grant submissions have already been sent in.

Evaluation the status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve New Clubs

Discussed that Wicked Smart sent in their by-laws. They still need to submit a trial waiver since they have not ever had a trial. The future plans need to be that they have a trial.

Trial results still need to come in for the DCSwingers Club from March. They will be contacted to get the results.

Club Approval – No new clubs

New Business

Decoy Committee allowance for moving decoys around – Jake discussed that the Decoy Committee approved DCSwingers funds for their recent trial to assist with the cost of bringing in their decoy. Jake is also hoping to be approved for assistance for his upcoming trial so that they can bring Scott to their trial. Jake further discussed that this assistance is geared towards doing decoy certifications.

Insurance - Discussed USMRA paying for the yearly club insurance for trials. If the club wanted to add additional insured, this would need to be paid for by the Club. Data will need to be gathered to determine how many trials we have, how many clubs have multiple trials and what the premium would be for the year. Yearly club dues may need to be increased.

Discuss a way to keep track of policies and procedures – There needs to be a way to track policies/procedures so that changes or additions can be located by members. This discussion will be tabled until a later date.

International Rules – there was discussion about getting an updated version of the rules on the website. Don will discuss this with Sarah.

International Team – World Cup – There has been one submission so far for a level one dog. The deadline for submission is July 15th. The total team will consist of 7 dogs. 5 level 3, 1 level 2 and 1 level 1. There may be an opportunity for a 6th dog in level 3.

There was extensive discussion about the scoring weight for Nationals and the calculations on how to determine an overall score of the top 2 trials if the team participated in Nationals. Currently the rules state that the National score will be weighted at 1.25 and an average of the top two trials will determine the scoring for the World team. Last year scoring was determined by taking 1.25 times the National Score and the next highest score divided by 2. It was further discussed that mathematically the average should be averaged by dividing by 2.25 since it is a weighted average. The 25% bump for attending Nationals was further discussed as being an incentive to get people to attend Nationals.

Don discussed the requirements for the Belgium Team. The teams must participate in 6 trials. The Belgium Nationals must also be attended and completed, but the National score is not factored into the average.

Discussed in the future the possibility of making Nationals a requirement to participate in Worlds, weighted the same as a regular trial. The BOD was in agreement that we need to send the best teams to the International championship events. This topic will need to be further discussed for clarification and decisions for future years and should be done by July 16, 2015 since this will be the start of the new selection. There was discussion about sending out options to the membership with what they would like to see for new selection criteria.

International Committee is working on getting the team to Europe, uniforms, funding, t-shirts, locations to train, lodging, etc. They are not working on the future criteria for World Team selection. The International team will need to be chosen this year based on the current rules in place.

There was some discussion that teams should be required to attend all events while at the International events.

Member's Concerns

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – June 15, 2015 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

It was moved by Jill, second by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2152 hours (9:52 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)

June 15, 2015

BOD Electronic approval

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