



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the July 18, 2016 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jill Fryling at 2121 (or 9:21 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - June minutes were approved via Facebook on July 20, 2016

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – PayPal total is \$3314.21 Wells Fargo \$30920.56 Total: \$34234.77

Secretary – No report

Director at Large – No reports

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – No report

Decoy Committee – Jake reported that there was a recent certification at the Steel City Trial. Todd Dunlap obtained his level 1 and John Lugo obtained his level 2. Jake reported that Jimmy Vanhove, Francois Massart, Spencer Bowman, Kevin Bain, John Lugo and Carlos Aguirre want to attend the Selective at the World Championships. Jake will get further clarification from William on how many decoys the US can send.

Education Committee – Michon reported that on July 10th the Education Committee recommended that Texas K9 receive the Education Grant as they have met all the criteria.

Membership Committee – Lisa reported that the electronic score sheet are available. Michon reported that there are only a few clubs using the electronic versions.

AWDF Update – No report

Nationals Committee – Jake reported that the committee will be getting information out this month for clubs wanting to host the 2017 Nationals.

International Committee – David reported that The World Team and Team Leader for the 2016 World Team recommendations were sent to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation from the International Committee unanimously.

The Board of Directors approved the 2016 World Team Members as follows:

Level One Zack Kiser and Blaze mi obsession with a score of 191.33
Level Two Nicholas Rempp and Ike du Mont Libre with a of 258.33
Level Three Marie Skello and Fuel de Competitor with a score of 351.83
David Broderick and Idole du Loups du Soleil with a score of 350.50
Shawn Reed and I'Repo du Loups du Soleil National Champion
Patricia Phillips and I'Winston du Loups du Soleil with a score of 332.94
Robert Wademan and Bas of Atlas K9 with a score of 331.67
Carrie Silva-Wooddell and Genghis Ot Vitosha with a score of 324.67 – Alternate

Team Leader Todd Dunlap

It was discussed that Nicholas Rempp will need to have his AKC Registration prior to attending the World Championship.

Unfinished Business

World Team Criteria – Nothing to report

Discuss a process for a By-Law change, to stagger the elections of USMRA BOD Officers

Jill discussed that she will put together a document that can be put on a survey program for the members to have input on. Once she has the document done she will post on Facebook for the BOD to review and discuss

- Brief discussion about a process where half of the BOD is elected on even years and half elected on odd years
- Possibly creating three regions within USMRA and changing the By-laws to allow the three (3) BOD Directors at Large to be replaced with three (3) Regional Directors

Discuss Membership Survey –

The survey was to include questions about the World Team criteria and what other directions that the Membership wants to go in the future. Other examples were having random decoys at trials, having World Qualifier trials. Jill will discuss further with the BOD via Facebook.

Discuss and vote on Sociability Test – Follow up from June meeting discussion

Motion by Michon, second by Jill to recognize the USMRA Evaluation of Working Aptitude Sociability Test with the change that 7 of 7 exercises must be passed, AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC); the BH (Schutzhund); and the CSAU (French Ring) tests for Sociability testing for USMRA. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Educational Grant Award Concerns –

Discussed Prestige K9's concerns about being denied the educational grant.

The Board of Directors discussed this extensively and felt that the Prestige Seminar did not benefit USMRA. The host's concerns that were passed on to Michon were shared with the BOD. It was discussed that this seminar was very expensive for the members to attend, including purchasing food. There was further discussion that the BOD felt that the seminar was a financial benefit to the host and not an actual benefit to USMRA. The seminar event Facebook page stated that adult dogs cost \$115.00 per day, puppies \$75.00 one session, \$115 two sessions, decoys \$110.00 per day, auditing \$50.00 per day.

It was further discussed that just because a club submits for a grant and they meet the criteria; it is not a guarantee that the grant will be approved. The educational grants are intended to subsidize aspects of Mondioring that benefit USMRA that could otherwise not be afforded. Since a premium was charged for the training seminar, there was no need to subsidize the seminar with a grant.

Discussed Texas K9's concerns about being denied the educational grant

The July 10th recommendation from the Educational Committee to approve Texas K9 was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors. There was discussion that this was a week-long seminar that included instruction from Don Lee and also had decoys on hand for work by the members. All members and future members were allowed to attend.

Discuss Educational Grant Status for Budget – Follow up from June meeting discussion.

There was discussion about modifying the criteria or eliminating the educational grants and putting the money in a different area in the budget such as paying for club insurance. This topic will be further discussed next month.

Discuss Club Insurance – Should USMRA pay for membership club insurance to defray costs to make club trials more affordable? – Follow up from June meeting discussion

There was discussion about what other organizations charge for clubs, insurance, membership, etc. It was discussed that the Educational grants do not serve USMRA like intended, so moving these funds to another area in the budget, like paying club trial insurance, would be more beneficial. Additionally insured would not be paid for by USMRA. This topic will be further discussed next month. We need to look at what is actually being spent in the grants and what is budgeted. Possibly lowering the amount budgeted was also discussed.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

Discuss / Approve new Clubs – None

New Business

Discuss and vote on standardized USMRA Trial Registration Forms – Clubs using a standardized form for all trial registrations.

- Create a database of all USMRA dogs with Sociability testing completion date

Michon will put together a database of all sociability testing dates for member’s dogs based on data obtained from a standardized trial form. Michon will try to solicit current forms being used by our clubs.

Member’s Concerns – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have

- Annual reports and Committee reports

Michon stated that she will bet the Annual Meeting minutes completed asap.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – August 15, 2016 at 9:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

It was moved by Jake, second by Michon to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2253 hours (10:53 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills,
USMRA Secretary

**Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval**

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
August 16, 2016