



## United States Mondioring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 20, 2018

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2015 (or 8:15 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

### Members Present

President	Donald Lee	Director	Gail Marit
Vice President	Allison Seghetti-Kehoe	Director	Todd Dunlap - absent
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Karen Shivers
Treasurer	David Broderick		

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

- June minutes will be approved via Facebook
- July minutes were approved August 4, 2018
- May minutes were approved August 20, 2018

### Officer Reports

**President** – No report

**Vice President** – No report

**Treasurer** – Michon reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$26,497.62      PayPal \$13,222.08  
Total: \$ 39719.70

There was discussion about the high balance in the PalPal account. Funds can't be transferred to the bank account due to PayPal not being linked to someone's social security number.

**Secretary** – Michon reported the following: 2018 YTD numbers: 250 members and 26 clubs  
There was discussion about the numbers from last year which were 247 YTD.

**Director at Large** – No report

### Committee Reports

**Judge's Committee** –

From Ann Putegnat:

The Judge's Committee met twice during this past month.

The revisions to the Judge's Program were discussed and then approved by the Judge's Committee on August 7, 2018.

Also discussed, reviewed and approved were the documents submitted by Jake Schneider for his Apprenticeship as a USMRA judge. The Judge's Committee recommends that Jake Schneider be approved as our next USMRA judge.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Putegnat, Chair

- Approval of Judge Status – Jake Schneider

It was moved by Michon, second by David to approve the recommendation by the Judge's Committee to approve USMRA Judge status to Jake Schneider. The motion carried unanimously. Todd was absent

Don will get the new Judge's Program criteria for the BOD to look at for the next meeting.

#### **Decoy Committee –**

Allison reported that the rules and regulations are being reviewed and redrafted.

Don discussed that he would like the Decoy Committee to work on a process for Level 3 certifications being done in the United States. Don would also like all level 3 certifications being done at Super Selection to have an approval process that the Decoy Committee approves the final certification for level 3. These topics will be passed on to the Decoy Committee.

#### **Membership Committee –**

There was discussion about how to allocate the Membership grant money. There was extensive discussion whether the money should go to the clubs or to the actual individual members of USMRA. A lottery type system for the grant money was also discussed which entailed each member being put in the hat for the grant award for each time that they entered a trial. There will be two different grant periods, January – June and July – December. All members that enter trials for the two time periods will be entered for eligibility for the grant money award of \$100.00. There will only be one award per member per time period. Members can be entered multiple times if they enter multiple trials. There will be 15 awards per 6 months of \$100.00 each.

The lottery draw process with members being entered for each trial entry, with a random draw for each time period of all members that have trialed, with one award available per member per time period, award amount of \$100.00, was recommended as the award process for the Membership Grant by the Membership Committee.

It was moved by Karen, second by Gail to approve the recommendation by the Membership Committee for the process to award the Membership Grant money. The motion carried unanimously. Todd was absent.

The Obedience Only program was discussed at length. There was discussion whether the OB Only program should have a National Championship. It was discussed that as of now there is not enough time to complete a separate OB Only National Championship.

The OB Only Program was discussed. Karen reported the changes to the jumps, which include changing the palisade to an A-Frame and AKC jumps if the dog is too small, under 21”, to do the hurdle or palisade. Clubs would not be required to have AKC equipment to host the OB Only Trials. There will be AKC judges that will go through an apprentice program to be able to judge the OB Only Trials.

The Membership Committee recommends that the BOD approve the Obedience Only Program with the National Championship component taken out. Allison seconded the recommendation. Yes votes: Allison, Gail and Karen No votes: Michon, David Motion carried by majority

There was discussion about adding the option of an A-Frame and AKC jumps for the dogs that are too small, under 21”, to jump the normal Mondioring jumps. Clubs do not have to offer the jump options.

**AWDF Update** – Don reported that there is still controversy with IPO between the confirmation dogs and the working dogs. It is unknown at this time how this will affect USMRA.

**Nationals Committee** – No report

**FCI Committee** – No report

**International Committee** –

Michon discussed that François, the team leader for the World Team, confirmed the budget for uniforms and entry fees.

There was discussion that USMRA needs to do a better job acknowledging sponsorships for our world team competitors.

A statement will be written and posted for all members that are planning on attending the World Championship in Russia reminding the members that USMRA is not responsible or liable for members while they are traveling to or from Russia or while they are in Russia.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Bylaw changes for defining members pertaining to National Championship placement and non US resident members – Tabled

### **Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs**

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**

None to approve

**New Business**

There was discussion about changing the meeting date to a different Monday.

**Member's Concerns** – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have

**Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – September 17, 2018 at 8:00 PM Central Time

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 2229 hours (10:29 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
October 11, 2018