



United States Mondioring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 17, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2006 (or 8:06 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
- Approve August Minutes via Facebook

Officer Reports

President – Don discussed the most recent complaint that was sent to the BOI.

Vice President – Allison discussed that the BOD works on behalf of the organization. If a member feels that they have been wronged, it is their right to file a formal complaint. It is not the job of the BOD to encourage or condone that behavior. We are the voice of the membership, regardless of what our personal feelings are regarding an individual. We are professionals and we need to conduct ourselves as such. We are held to a higher standard while sitting on the BOD. We need to watch what we say and how we act.

Treasurer – David reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$26,459.12 PayPal \$13747.95
Total: \$40207.07

Secretary – Michon reported the following: 2018 YTD numbers: 257 members and 26 clubs

Director at Large – No report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee –

Don discussed the new Judge’s Program criteria. The new criteria is going to be very difficult due to the new FCI standards.

Decoy Committee –

Membership Committee –

Karen discussed that there are some breeders that have had multiple dogs title at level three and discussed giving some recognition to those breeders.

AWDF Update –

Nationals Committee –

Written report from Jake Scott

This past month OJ Knighten reached out to me (Jake Scott) regarding difficulties obtaining a venue for the Championship on the dates required. He asked that I ask the committee if there would be a chance to move the dates. I took this request to the committee. After internal discussion and a post to the membership gone wrong we voted to not request the BOD to review a possible date change. Since members of the hosting clubs have been in contact with myself and have informed me that several possible venues have been found.

The hosting clubs asked for guidance on decoy selection and were informed by David Broderick of the procedure as well as myself quoting last year's guidance from Jake Schneider."

FCI Committee – No report

International Committee –

It was discussed that Marie and Todd will not be participating in the Mondioring World Championship this year.

There was discussion that Paul and Lianne paid their entry fees on their own and will need to be reimbursed. Francois has made arrangements for the uniforms and will need to be reimbursed for those once we get a total amount. He was informed that each member had a budget for \$150.00 for uniforms.

Election Committee -

- Discuss open positions for the upcoming election
 - Vice President, Treasure and two Director at Large Positions will be on the ballot.
 - Michon discussed that due to personal obligations with her new employment position and school she needs to resign from her position as the USMRA Secretary on December 31, 2018. It was discussed that the BOD will fill the remaining one-year term for the USMRA Secretary position.

Unfinished Business

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

- There was discussion regarding the legal correspondence from a member's attorney regarding demands for decoy reinstatement and monetary damages. There were some discrepancies discussed from what the member attorney's letter stated and alleged and what was factual information.

There was discussion about having all decoys sign a waiver that they are assuming all risk while they are decoying for USMRA events and stating that they are volunteers not employees. David stated that there may be a waiver in the decoy books and will check in his book.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

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

None to approve

New Business

There was discussion that Jos Helsen will be at the Heartland Trial and will need to be covered by USMRA insurance while he is judging the trial.

It was moved by Gail, second Karen to approve Jos Helsen an Honorary USMRA Member. The motion carried unanimously.

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

None

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – October 15, 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 2142 hours (9:42 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
October 15, 2018