



United States Mondioring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2007 (or 8:07 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

- June minutes - It was moved by David, second by Gail to approve the June minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- September – It was moved by Gail, second by Allison to approve the September minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

President – Don discussed the issues with AWDF and UScA and the possible effects with FCI/USMRA.

Vice President –

Treasurer – David reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$25561.24 PayPal \$ 12455.15
Total: \$38016.39

Secretary – Michon reported the following: 2018 YTD numbers: 266 members and 26 clubs

Director at Large – No report

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee – submitted by Ann Putegnat

The Judge's Committee met in September, and discussed the status of the revised Judge's Program. It was decided that we wait to work on updating the various components of the program such as the new exit exam, until it is accepted by BOD.

Also discussed was upcoming Judge's College.

A meeting was held with all judges invited. In attendance were Lisa Geller, Aida Flick and Ann Putegnatt. Proposed additions to Judge's Program were briefly discussed. Questions for Jos Helsen were solicited.

October meeting was postponed, pending info from BOD re revision. Also, another meeting with all judges will be held following Judge's College to share information gained.

- What is Committee's decision on dropping down from MR1 to Brevet with a failure at MR1
- What is Committee's decision on consistency with position changes and adhering to the International Rules of Mondioring

Decoy Committee –

No report

Membership Committee –

No report

AWDF Update –

Report from Anne Camper, President AWDF

As you may have already heard, on October 12, the AWDF delivered a memo to USCA President Jim Alloway expelling USCA from the AWDF. This decision was the result of a charge brought forward after USCA decided to implement a policy of charging non-USCA members an extra \$100 unless they belonged to an organization that was in direct competition with the AWDF – the American Working Dog Council. The charge outlined a series of actions that USCA took to undermine the AWDF by creating this competing organization, including approaching the FCI with their idea. The charge was upheld by the AWDF's Board of Inquiry and their recommendation was expulsion. After extensive discussion and deliberation by the executive board, the BOI's recommendation for expulsion was upheld and these points of implementation were communicated to USCA and AWDF member club delegates:

1. As of October 12, 2018, USCA is immediately suspended from voting privileges within the AWDF.
2. As of October 12, 2018, USCA delegates or other USCA representatives are immediately suspended from participating in all AWDF meetings.
3. As of October 12, 2018, USCA will immediately cease selling or distributing scorebooks that contain reference to, or the logo of, the AWDF.
4. As of October 12, 2018, USCA will remove reference to the AWDF on their website or any other marketing or correspondence information.
5. USCA will inform their members and member clubs that the AWDF will continue to recognize titles earned at USCA club trials officiated by USCA judges until January 1, 2019.

6. Effective January 1, 2019, USCA membership in the AWDF is fully revoked, and all privileges associated with that membership are terminated.

7. Excluding the AWDF IPO and FH Championships where membership in an AWDF club is required, AWDF clubs will allow USCA members to enter AWDF club trials with their current USCA membership and with USCA scorebooks (issued before the date of this memo) until June 30, 2019.

8. The AWDF will Immediately notify the FCI regarding the expulsion of USCA from the AWDF.

The leadership of the AWDF wishes to communicate to all of you that this decision was not taken lightly and that we were thinking of the impact on each of you as competitors. There will be a conference call with each of your organization's AWDF delegates this week so they are best prepared to adapt to this decision and answer your questions.

There are some questions we anticipate that you will have can answer now:

I am a USCA member, what does this mean for me and my dog if we want to trial next year?

We assume that USCA will continue to hold trials as usual but they will need to verify this. If you earn any title at a USCA trial after January 1, the title will not be FCI recognized. Additionally, if you earn a title at a USCA club trial after January 1, it will need to be repeated at a FCI recognized trial/AWDF trial before you can trial for your IGP 2 title at a trial offered by an AWDF member club.

I am not a USCA member, but the clubs I trial with often are, what does this mean for me and my dog if we want to trial next year?

USCA will need to address how they will handle entries from members of other organizations. However, as described above, any titles earned at a USCA club trial will not be recognized by the AWDF or the FCI.

I own a German Shepherd, how will I be represented in AWDF or have my titles FCI recognized?

You would need to join another AWDF member club and trial in those organizations.

I want to qualify for the FCI World Championship, what do I need to be aware of?

Only members of an AWDF member club are eligible for the FCI World Championship because the qualifier (the AWDF Championship) requires membership in an AWDF member club.

Will titles earned at a USCA club prior to January 1, 2019 still be FCI recognized?

Yes.

If you have more questions, please contact your AWDF member club leadership so they can provide guidance.

Nationals Committee – No report

FCI Committee – No report

International Committee –

- 2018 Mondioring World Championship Results for USMRA

Todd reported that Lianne Shinton took 4th place at Level 1, Paul Anthony took 3rd place at Level 3, Francois Massart took 3rd place at Super Selection and Jake Scott took 9th place at Super Selection.

Election Committee -

All nominations for the 2018 Election for the 2019 Term must be submitted by October 21.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaw changes for defining members pertaining to National Championship placement and non US resident members
 - Suggested Bylaw changes to discuss for presentation to the membership

There was discussion that proposed bylaw changes will be submitted to the membership for review and vote in the near future.

- Board of Inquiry Findings

The findings were submitted to the Board of Directors from the Board of Inquiry. The complainants will be notified in writing of the BOI's decision.

There was extensive discussion about modifying the code of conduct to include criteria to remove members from USMRA that participate in behavior that is detrimental to USMRA. Karen and Gail will be reviewing the Code of Conduct for any necessary revisions.

NOTE: In the past, all clubs that sponsored USMRA National Championship Trials have disclosed their financial reports to the organization. This information has been utilized in various ways:

- * For the BOD to determine proper funding for future events
- * For clubs to determine what financial resources need to be considered if they chose to host a National Championship Trial
- * So the BOD, related committees, and clubs can learn various fundraising options to benefit their clubs and the organization during sanctioned events
- * To determine beneficial options and fundraising possibilities to conduct successfully funded trials and training events in the future

Discussion continued to determine the reasons West Penn refused to disclose the financials from the 2018 Nationals. It was reported by Todd that unnamed USMRA members accused the West Penn club of improperly taking grant money from USMRA sometime after the National Championship.

(NOTE: West Penn was properly granted \$4000.00 that was budgeted for the 2018 National Championship)

Todd stated the reason Jake chose to retaliate by accusing the BOD of improper disbursement of funds was due to the above accusation by an unnamed person. It is unknown whether the West Penn accusation was made by an anonymous person.

(NOTE: this is described in the June minutes. The BOD was accused of improper disbursement of funds. Since an accusation of the BOD committing criminal action had been made, this was an extremely serious matter. The accuser then stated it wasn't a formal complaint, just a concern. The complaint/concern was determined to not be factual. The BOD followed all proper rules to disperse funds to USMRA clubs for their assistance with the 2017 National Championship Trial.)

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

- Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs

None to approve

New Business

- It was moved by Gail, second by Todd to award each member of the 2018 USMRA World Championship Team, 2018 FMBB Championship Team members and 2018 Super Selection Candidates \$250.00 for travel money. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: The travel money awarded did not exceed the World Team budget

- Discuss and approve an additional member to the Decoy Committee

Currently the Bylaws state that the Decoy Committee can only have 3-5 members so no additional members will be added. There was discussion about allowing Kevin Bain to assist with the Decoy Certification at the Texas K9 trial as there is not a Decoy Committee available. It was also discussed to allow level 3 decoys to substitute for Decoy Committee Members for Decoy Certifications.

There was further discussion that Decoy Certifications for upgrades should be conducted at public events, not at Club Trials. The Decoy Committee is discussing possible revisions to the certification process.

It was further discussed that there was going to be another decoy certification available in November in Oklahoma.

It was moved by Karen for a one-time exception to the current decoy certification process so that the certification could take place at the Texas K9 Trial based on the Bylaws Article VI: Board of Directors, Section 2: Duties 5. Determine performance regulations for all USMRA Trials, decoy certifications or other programs based upon international standards, by allowing a level three decoy to substitute for the Decoy Committee member necessary for the decoy certification. The motion did not pass as there was no second for the motion.

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

None

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – November 19, 2018 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail, second by David to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2233 hours (10:33 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary

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

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
December 29, 2018