



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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2020 (or 8:20 P.M. CST). A quorum was not present.

Members Present

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| President | Donald Lee | Director | Gail Marit |
| Vice President | Allison Seghetti-Kehoe | Director | Todd Dunlap - Absent |
| Secretary | Michon Mills | Director | Karen Shivers - Absent |
| Treasurer | Vacant | | |

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

- October minutes will be approved via Facebook
- November minutes will be approved via Facebook

Officer Reports

President – Don reported that some changes to the Committees will be done after the seating of the new BOD but most will remain the same. He also reported that Michon will work on the USMRA Policies as she has been researching all prior BOD minutes for rule and policy changes.

Vice President – Allison reported that she has enjoyed the experience and is thankful to have served on the BOD.

Allison further reported that the Vice President will take over all duties regarding insurance claims and insurance certificates for clubs hosting sanctioned events.

Treasurer – Michon reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$32,636.34 PayPal \$4,693.27
Total: \$37,329.61

Secretary – Michon reported the following: 2018 YTD numbers: 287 members and 27 clubs

Michon also reported that she is sad to be leaving the BOD and is glad that she got to serve the members as the USMRA Secretary.

Director at Large – Gail reported that although the BOD didn't always agree, we as the BOD accomplished a lot.

Committee Reports

Judge's Committee – The new Judge Criteria will be voted on via Facebook.

Decoy Committee –

It was reported by Carlos Aguirre that all decoys must sign the indemnity waiver in their scorebooks and send him a photo of the signed book. Any decoy not signing the waiver will not be able to decoy any USMRA trial and will be suspended as a decoy until the book is signed. If a decoy does not have a waiver listed in their book, they will need to get a new book from Carlos.

It was further discussed that in the very near future, USMRA decoys may be required to have their own medical insurance and will need to provide proof to the Judge on the day of trial, as USMRA is not responsible for injury claims.

The certification process is still being reviewed for revisions to focus more on dog safety.

Membership Committee –

The Membership grant for the second half of 2018 will be awarded via a random lottery system for 15 members at \$100.00 per member, after the last trial in December 2018.

The Membership Committee is discussing having a Breeder of the Year award.

AWDF Update – It was reported that scorebooks should be obtained by the breed clubs if the dog does not have FCI recognized registration as USMRA must list Mixed Breed in the scorebook if the dog does not have FCI recognized registration papers.

Nationals Committee –

Written report by Jake Scott:

USMRA National Committee report December 2018 The National Committee is proud to announce that key components of the event have been confirmed and approved by the individual committees responsible and you as the board of directors.

- Judges have been approved and announced
- Decoys have been approved and announced
- Venue has been confirmed and announced to the membership via the official Facebook page

We currently are awaiting the theme of the trial to be announced by the hosts of the event.

FCI Committee – The Board will continue to remind the members that there is only 3 years remaining on our FCI variance. The BOD will continue to find the best solution for USMRA after the expiration of the variance. The reciprocation clause with NARA (French Ring) will need to be evaluated before the variance expires as NARA allows mixed breed and non FCI dogs to compete.

A decision will still need to be made whether non FCI dogs will be allowed to compete at the USMRA National Championships.

International Committee – No report

Election Committee –

The election committee is running the vote for the Bylaw changes. This will end on December 26, 2018.

Unfinished Business

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

Vote in in progress for the Bylaw changes.

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

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

None to approve

New Business

- Discuss possible referral to the BOI for possible Code of Conduct violation by a USMRA member towards current/past Board of Directors members

This will be further discussed and voted on via Facebook

- Discuss USMRA Insurance claim process –

There was discussion about how USMRA claims will be handled in the future. There was extensive discussion that USMRA is not responsible for the medical bills for injured members or decoys that attend or participate in USMRA sanctioned events. It is unknown why there has been an assumption that USMRA is responsible. In the future, it will be the responsibility of the individual member or decoy to pay their own medical bills due to injury.

Facebook Business

None

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

None

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – January 21, 2019 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 2108 hours (9:08 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary

Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
January 28, 2019