



## United States Mondioring Association Board of Directors Meeting

June 24, 2019  
Agenda

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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### **Officer Reports**

**President –**

**Vice President –**

**Treasurer –** Jake reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$XX PayPal \$XX  
Total: \$XX

**Secretary –** Angie reported the following 2019 YTD numbers: 209 members & 23 clubs.

**Director at Large –**

### **Committee Reports**

**Judge's Committee –**

**Decoy Committee –**

**Membership Committee –**

**AWDF Update –**

**Nationals Committee –**

**FCI Committee –**

- USMRA FCI Committee Report  
June 18, 2019  
Report submitted by Michon Mills, USMRA FCI Committee Chair

The FCI Committee had a meeting on June 11, 2019. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Reciprocity agreement with SCC and NARA
- Acceptance of NARA Scorebooks and Blue Books (after expiration of variance)
- Acceptance of CSAU (NARA issued) and BH (UScA issued) for sociability test requirement
- Future plans for USMRA leading up to and after expiration of the FCI Variance

The Committee discussed and is in agreement that the majority of the USMRA Members wish for USMRA to remain compliant with FCI and the FCI International Rules of Mondioring. The Committee is aware that there are currently some members that are working and competing with non FCI compliant dogs that are currently covered under the temporary FCI variance awarded to USMRA February 22, 2017.

With the recent decision by SCC to not recognize NARA titles, judges, decoys or scorebooks, as of December 14, 2018, the USMRA FCI Committee recommends unanimously to the USMRA Board of Directors that USMRA also not recognize NARA titles or scorebooks obtained after the December 14, 2018 date. This decision includes the use of a CSAU earned by NARA after the December 14, 2018 date. USMRA would still accept a CSAU and scorebook obtained by SCC. It has been documented by Frans Jansen that SCC no longer accepts or writes in NARA scorebooks in an email to USMRA Secretary, Angie Leonberger.

In the event that the conflict with SCC and NARA is resolved and NARA is recognized again by the SCC, USMRA will reverse this decision and again accept NARA titles and scorebooks, including the NARA issued CSAU for sociability.

With the recent decision by AWDF to not recognize UScA titles earned after January 1, 2019, the USMRA FCI Committee recommends to the USMRA Board of Directors that USMRA also not recognize UScA titles earned after the December 31, 2018 date. UScA scorebooks will be accepted until June 30, 2019. This decision includes the use of a BH earned and issued by UScA after the December 31, 2018 date for sociability purposes.

In the event that the conflict with UScA and AWDF is resolved and UScA is recognized again by AWDF and FCI, USMRA would reverse this decision and again accept UScA titles and scorebooks, including the UScA issued BH for sociability.

The USMRA FCI Committee recommends that any member affected by either of the above mentioned conflicts obtain a new AWDF scorebook and obtain a sociability test with either a USMRA Sociability test or an AKC Canine Good Citizen test.

The Committee discussed our current variance from FCI, which expires December 31, 2021. The variance was issued by FCI with the intention for USMRA to become fully compliant with the FCI International Rules of Mondioring by the expiration of the variance. The Committee recognizes that there are numerous USMRA members that have dogs that are not FCI compliant because of lack of FCI recognized registration/pedigrees or because the dogs are neutered or have cryptorchidism. In order for USMRA to be in

full compliance with FCI, the non FCI compliant dogs would not be allowed to compete in any USMRA trials after the expiration of the variance.

The Committee has discussed this issue in great detail and recommends to the Board of Directors that USMRA become compliant with the FCI by the expiration date of the variance.

In order to not lose the current members with non-compliant FCI dogs, this Committee recommends that the USMRA Judges Committee review and discuss the possibility of non FCI compliant dogs be allowed to trial at USMRA club trials only in an “exhibition status”, with no score entry into a scorebook and using a scoresheet differentiated from the official USMRA scoresheet, with no official score or title being awarded in the scorebook. It would be at the discretion of a European judge whether or not they would allow and judge a non-FCI compliant dog in an “exhibition status”. The “exhibition dog” would perform and be judged in all the exercises outlined in the International Rules of Mondioring, but would not earn a title or official score. The Committee is suggesting that a “certificate of completion” be awarded to the “Exhibition Dogs” when they complete the necessary legs for each level of Mondioring that are required as if earning a title. These dogs would perform at each level after the FCI compliant dogs so to not disrupt the flow of the trial. The exhibition dogs would not be permitted or allowed to compete at a National or International Level.

This Committee also recommends that 60 days prior to the expiration of the variance, any USMRA member, competing with a non-compliant FCI dog, in possession of a scorebook used for USMRA trials, turn in their scorebook to the USMRA Secretary, so that the book can be updated and documented to state that the book is invalid for use at any USMRA trial. After the book is documented, it would be returned to the USMRA member. Failure to turn in a scorebook for a non-compliant FCI dog would result in the USMRA member being suspended from USMRA membership until the book is documented as invalid for USMRA trials.

It would be each individual club’s decision on how to award standings for club trials that have “exhibition dogs” competing. Although, “exhibition dogs” will not be documented or ranked on any FCI or USMRA trial summary sheet or official scoresheet. Trial summary sheets will be documented and ranked by FCI compliant dogs only.

This Committee unanimously agreed to the above listed recommendation and looks forward to working with the USMRA Judges Committee, the Board of Directors and the USMRA members to find a way to allow non-FCI compliant dogs to participate in club trials without violating FCI rules.

**International Committee –**

**Election Committee -**

**Unfinished Business**

- A member complaint was sent to the Board of Inquiry on April 12, 2019.

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

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**
  - None to approve

### **New Business**

### **Facebook Business – Motions already completed (documentation purposes)**

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

- As submitted by Mary:
  - YouTube offers free live-streaming services for non-profits that apply for it, which I think would be good for USMRA to do while that's still a thing. It would be a good place to livestream Nationals that would be easy for everyone to access.

### **Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – July 15, 2019 at 8:00 PM Central Time