

United States Mangalarga Marchador Association (USMMA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2026

Time: 5:57 PM – 7:20 PM (Mountain Standard Time)

Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Dr. Tia Nelson** at 6:09 PM MST following brief technical delays. A quorum was confirmed with six board members present.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

Present: Mary Rose Lombardi, Randy Conilogue, Tammy Cruickshank, Dr. Tia Nelson, Elizabeth Sims, Cathy Pierce, Jeffrey Bosley

Absent: Claudia Bellandi, Jason Lambrose, Jennyfer Homen

A quorum was declared.

3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- **November 30, 2025 Minutes:** Deferred for corrections and **vote at the next meeting.**
 - **Agenda:** Approved with minor amendments clarifying the order of approval items.
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4. Election Committee Report

Lead: Jeffrey Bosley

Committee Members: Jeff Bosley, Randy Gassett, and Mandy

The Election Committee will establish monthly deadlines, recruit candidates, and report progress.

All board members were asked to submit potential candidate names.

Action: Tia to send contact information for Randy Gassett and Mandy to Jeff Bosley.

5. Membership Application

The board discussed pending membership applications.

- Decision **tabled until the March meeting** pending review of historical records and Lynn Kelly's input.
 - **Tammy** suggested drafting a conditional membership letter if needed.
 - **Legal counsel** advised that any denial letter should remain factual and brief.
Action: Gather documentation and revisit in March.
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6. Operating Rules Review

Deferred to **March 2026** for detailed review.

- **Tammy** noted inconsistencies between bylaws and operating rules regarding attendance.
 - **Action:** Tammy to circulate comments and proposed revisions before the March meeting.
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7. Committee and Registrar Reports

Annual Meeting Presentation

- **Tammy** and **Tia** will collaborate on PowerPoint materials.
- All members to submit event photos for inclusion.

Registrar Update (Randy Conilogue)

- Registrations and transfers decreased in 2025.
 - Registration database approximately 80% complete; presentation scheduled for March.
 - Coordination with **UC Davis** continues for DNA testing and data sharing with Brazil.
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8. Event Planning

- **Cavalgata:** August 4–9, 2026; inspections August 6–7.
 - **Spring Inspections:** Tentatively March – April 2026 (dates TBD).
 - Arizona inspection participation uncertain due to limited entries.
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9. DNA Registration Process

Plan to establish a **dedicated UC Davis account** for DNA testing, allowing results to be sent directly to Brazil with USMMA access.

Action: Randy to coordinate setup with UC Davis and report progress in March.

10. Meeting Procedures Discussion

Discussion on clarifying distinctions between **motions** (requiring board votes) and **actions** (assigned follow-ups).

- **Tammy** to share examples of an action/motion tracker for consideration.
 - **Tia** to include this topic on the **March agenda**.
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11. Next Meeting

Date: March 15, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM MST

Agenda Items:

- Membership application review
 - Operating rules discussion
 - Action/motion tracking process
 - Registrar database demonstration
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12. Decisions and Agreements

- November 30 minutes to be approved at next meeting.
 - Election committee to proceed with candidate outreach.
 - Membership application decision deferred to March.
 - Operating rules review deferred to March.
 - Next board meeting scheduled for March 15, 2026 at 6 PM.
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13. Action Items Summary

Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
Review and approve November 30 minutes	All Board Members	Next Meeting
Send contact info for Randy Gassett and Mandy to Jeff Bosley	Tia Nelson	ASAP
Begin election committee planning and outreach	Jeff Bosley	Ongoing
Submit potential board candidate names	All Members	Before March
Circulate operating rules comments	Tammy Cruickshank	Before March
Develop registration database presentation	Randy Conilogue	March Meeting

Coordinate UC Davis DNA account setup	Randy Conilogue	March Meeting
Provide event photos for annual presentation	Tia Nelson & All Members	Before Annual Meeting
Add action/motion tracking to March agenda	Tia Nelson	March Meeting
Schedule and notify board of March 15 meeting	Tia Nelson	Before March

14. Next Steps / Follow-Up

- Prepare all deferred items and documentation for the March 15 meeting.
- Continue election planning, registration database, and DNA coordination progress.
- Improve clarity and structure of future board meeting procedures.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rose Lombardi

Secretary / Recording Officer