



February 11, 2025

MARC Board of Directors' Meeting Bullet Points

- President Jace Tramontin called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:10PM
- Long Range Planning Committee update-Jace Tramontin reports that the committee met on Wednesday January 15th but indicated that there are no updates yet.
- 2024 MAI Wrap Up Report- Rhonda Reed is working with Carolyn Kurth to get things wrapped up to get a finalized report for the board. Rhonda will be preparing a list for the board of glitches and ideas for improvements from lessons learned.
- Communications Director Mike Heard has published a 1st quarter newsletter and that is available on the MARC website. The link to the newest newsletter is: <https://www.masteramateur.com/newsletters.html>. Mike has confirmed that AKC has given permission for the livestreaming of the 2025 MAI.
- Progress continues in organizing the 2025 MAI event in Maine. Mark Frederick provided a Microsoft PowerPoint review of the status of membership, currently membership is 752 which is growing membership and the highest in history of the club. Mark included information that birds will be delivered for pre-training on Monday June 15th and no import license is required for pen raised birds as they are considered poultry. The MAI premium will include ducks, pheasants, chukars and pigeons due to the possibility of avian flu outbreak limiting access.
- A motion carried to raise the 2025 MAI entry fees to \$425. The MAI entry fees have not increased since the first MAI held in Georgia with bird costs going up and paid workers. Entry fees need to be raised rather than depending so heavily on fundraising.
- Work of the 2026 MAI Selection Committee is underway. Tim Bass, Jace Tramontin, Wilson “Boogie” LeJeune and Anne Millane are working together on identifying the 2026 site. The announcement of the 2026 MAI location is traditionally made at the Opening Ceremony of the current year’s MAI.
- David Markham is chairing the Nominating Committee and has issued an email to the membership regarding the upcoming election process. The following positions are available for nominations: Vice President-Western Region; Director-Eastern Region; and Director-West Central Region. Nominations close March 22nd.
- The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is March 11th.