



**American Miniature Schnauzer Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024**

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Date: April 9, 2024 Time: 7:04 p.m. EDT Location: Zoom By: Vicki Kubic

Board Attendees: Vicki Kubic, Sara Mathies, Bonnie Keyes, Patricia O'Brien, Barbara Donahue, Patti Henderson, Jackie Harris, Carla Nickerson, Kaye Kirk, Rene Wigen, Kelly Radcliffe, Stephanie Rae Davis, Sonny Lelle, Carol Henning, Cheryl Dugan, Carma Ewer, Patty Ledgerwood

Committee Chairs/Guests:
Kelly Robison

Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Sonny Lelle made the motion to approve the board minutes and Barbara Donahue was 2nd. Motion approved unanimously. Discussion around the publishing of minutes in the AMSCOpe Magazine. No decision made. Need to add to the next board meeting agenda.

Report of the President– Vicki Kubic
Nothing new to report

Report of the Secretary – Sara Mathies
Nothing new to report

Report of the Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes

As of 3/1/24 we have 396 Members. Treasury reports have been uploaded to the AMSC-Board.io. There is \$11,165.08 in income of which most is membership dues and the magazine. There was \$1,840 in trophy money and \$1,000 from AKC Meet the Breed. Total expenses were \$9724.73. The majority being; delegate meeting \$798, meet the breed \$734, \$5938.19 magazine, trophies for \$505, and a deposit of \$646 for the agility and equipment rental. Profit was \$1440.35. Our End of Year balance was \$142,156.25 and our End of Quarter balance was \$143,596.60.

We now have 396 Members with a loss of 20 people from 2023 Roster.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Information of interest continues to be posted to the AMSC-L in lieu of an extensive written report.

Attended the March 11 and 12, 2024 meetings in Newark, NJ and posted report to AMSC-L

Committee Reports

AKC Marketplace – Kelly Robison

Nothing new to report other than had to fix 1 ad on the marketplace

AMSCare – Jana King

No report received

AMSC-L Group – Cheryl Dugan

395 AMSC members, 264 L-Group members, 67% of the membership is in the L-group.

AMSCestry – Carole Alex

No report received

AMSCOPE Magazine - Kate McMillan, Vicki Kubic, Bonnie Keyes

Advertising deadline for the Q2 issue has been pushed back a week to May 15 to accommodate results from the AMSC Roving in Salt Lake City, UT. (May 1-5)

Awards – Sue Ratz/Lynn Baitinger (Versatility)

Nothing new to Report

Breeder Referral – Deborah Huff

No report received.

Companion & Performance Events – Sue Ratz

Nothing new to report

Constitution & By-Laws – Patricia O'Brien

Nothing new to report

Dock & Crop – Barbara Donahue

Outreach to vets mentioned in the survey has begun and we continue to collect information for vets that crop and those that are interested in learning.

Ethics – Cheryl Dugan

Nothing new to report

Guidelines – Patti Henderson

See specific Committee's

Health – Patti Henderson

Status of CHIC DNA kits protocol is being developed and will go with the kit which will be ready to go by early summer. The one-time kit cost less than \$1000.00 and includes the containers and microchip reader needed for this program. MAC will need to still be done at Penn-Gen until one of the researchers finishes his work on micro bacteria and then it will move to the U of MN. PMDS, PRA, Myotonia can now be completed at the U of MN. Vicki asked Patti H to put together an announcement for posting on the website, etc.

Historians - Carla Nickerson & Patty Legerwood

This committee is not having much luck in recreating Great Western and Roving results from 1996 on. Therefore, I suggested they step down from the committee and we will look for another member that is Word savvy and is willing to continue work on our club's history.

Judges Education/Overall Education – John Constantine-Amodei

No report received

Judges Selection – Bonnie Keyes

No report received

Legislative Liaison – Kelly Radcliffe

Nothing new to report

Membership/Insignia – Cheryl Dugan

Ginny P Fagan

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Applying for Regular membership.

She was a member of the AMSC and failed to renew. She is reapplying because she found it very helpful and informative to be a member of the AMSC. She has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. Ginny has purchased her Miniature Schnauzer's from her club members. She is not a breeder. Ginny attends approximately 10 shows/Seminars a year and participates in conformation. Ginny is the President of the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club and has previously held the position of Treasurer, Recording Secretary, President, and Editor. She is on the Committee for the 2025 AMSC Roving Specialty. Ginny is retired. She was the Executive Assistant to the Pastor of her church. She is married to a retired AF Officer. Ginny has owned Miniature Schnauzer's since 1979. She has a 16-year-old retired CH and 2 females. Ginny states that she is a good organizer. She proof reads her clubs monthly newsletter. A jack of all trades and willing to help when and where she is needed. Sponsors: DeeAnn Simpson and Vicki Day

John Burgoon and Charlene Kerwin

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Bolzano's Miniature Schnauzer's Applying for Regular membership

John and Charlene are wanting to learn more about grooming and showing Miniature Schnauzer's. They have read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. They state they are breeders and attend about 10 conformation shows a year. They have been breeding since the 70's having obtained their first Miniature Schnauzer's from Harry and Edith Quick. They are not members of any dog clubs. They note that they have skills to share in the areas of handling, nutrition, breeding and grooming. They did not offer to volunteer for any club activities. Sponsors: David Owen Williams and Susan Zeman

Susan J. Anderson

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Applying for Regular membership.

Susan is looking to expand her knowledge of Miniature Schnauzer and promote the breed. She has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. Susan has an 8-month-old Miniature Schnauzer bitch that she purchased from Kathy Colby, a 13-year-old AKC Canine Partner, Miniature Schnauzer she got as a puppy from a breeder. She has had 2

rescue Mini's that have passed, one at 11 years old and the other at 15 years old. Susan is not a breeder but might consider it when her puppy is older and has completed her show career. Animals are and have been a big part of Susan's life. She had shown horses on the California Circuit for 20 years and has had a variety of animals over the years. Susan has shown in conformation for 6 months, Obedience and Rally for a year and scent work class 1 day a week. She attends Rally and Obedience classes 1-2 days a week and just achieved her Rally Intermediate Title with her 13-year-old. She is working with Bergit Coady-Kabel to learn grooming. Susan is a member of the Palm Springs Obedience Club and an AKC member. She had never been disciplined or suspended from any club. Susan is retired and is interested in assisting with Membership, Rescue and Awards/Trophies. Her areas of interest are Rally, Obedience, Scent and Barn work. Susan likes to be involved and enjoys helping out with events and shows. Sponsors: Cheryl E. Lyons and Kathy W. Colby

Susan Blanchar Hart
851 Vandenburg Drive
Boiling Springs, SC 29316 864-266-2691 Blanchart25@icloud.com
Applying for Regular membership.

Susan would like to join the AMSC to meet other Miniature Schnauzer lovers that compete in obedience, tracking and other events. She lost her husband not long ago and got a Miniature Schnauzer for companionship. She now feels it is time to get back in the ring and field and see where it leads. She has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. In the past Susan has had AKC recognized Border Collies and Giant Schnauzers. She has bred some accomplished Giant Schnauzer's in the past but is not currently breeding. She was a member of the Giant Schnauzer Club of America and the American Working Dog Federation in the past. She was a Vet Tech in the past and is now retired. She is willing to volunteer for Awards and Trophies. Sponsors: Alice Gough and Mary Falls

Sue and Kevin Dygert
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Cicero, NY 13039
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Kevin: 315-243-4115 Digger54@msn.com
Applying for Regular membership.

Sue & Kevin have owned Miniature Schnauzer's for over 20 years. They are retired and want broaden their involvement in the breed. Sue has learned to groom and she and Kevin hope to get involved with showing and agility competition. They have read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. They have obtained their AKC registered Miniature Schnauzers from club members and are currently not breeders.

Sue and Kevin are retired and just getting started, they attend 2 to 3 events a year. They have joined the Onondaga Kennel Association in Syracuse, NY. Sue and Kevin are willing to volunteer with Public Awareness and where ever they are needed. Sponsors: Vicki Kubic and Bonnie Keyes

Roslyn Mintz-Fosco
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RAVE REVIEW - Applying for Regular membership.

In 1997 Roslyn started showing for Carol Beiles. She fell in love with the breed and is now breeding for herself. She wants to help and learn about Miniature Schnauzer's in every way

possible. She has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Roslyn owns or has owned Miniature Schnauzer's, Standard Schnauzer's and Westies, all AKC registered. She has had 3 litters in the past 5 years. She competes in conformation and attends approximately 50-60 shows a year when active. Roslyn is the Show Chair for the Bronx County KC and a member of the Long Island KC. Roslyn states that she has never had any disciplinary issues with any dog club. Roslyn is a professional handler and groomer specializing in terriers. And has had top winning Standards and Westies. She is interested in assisting with Education and Public Awareness. Sponsors: Barbara Donahue and Vicki Kubic

Pamela Brown
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Applying for Regular membership.

Pamela would like to join the AMSC to be among other Miniature Schnauzer enthusiasts who share the common goal of promoting the health and well-being of the breed. She has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. She owns 2 Miniature Schnauzer's and 2 Labrador Retrievers, all AKC registered and acquired from breeders. Pamela noted that she is a breeder and has had 1 litter in the past 5 years. In this litter she had 2 GCH's, she would like to have another litter in the coming year. Pamela attends approximately 12 shows a year and participates in conformation. She does not currently belong to any clubs. Pamela is a self-employed Business Analyst and is willing to volunteer for Public Awareness, Education, Ethics and Health. She has a BS in Animal Sciences with specialties in genetics and nutrition and an MBA. Sponsors: Cheryl E Lyons and Carma Ewer

Montgomery County Hospitality – Barbara Donahue

Madeline's has again been reserved for the Annual Dinner. Snacks and beverages will be provided onsite at MCKC. Lunch delivery was well received, and the committee will consider doing it in 2024. Homewood Suites has been selected as the Host Hotel.

Nominating Committee – Patricia O'Brien

Revised guidelines need approval to reflect we no longer publish the AMCOPE newsletter, and will be using email and regular mail to inform membership of the slate. Term of office and election of AKC delegate was also added to the guidelines.

A couple of issues were found.

- Page 2 – section D – change telephone to teleconference.
- Pg 3 – section H – Change to at the 'next' board meeting vs. 'June'
- Add that the guidelines will be updated every 3 years
- Page 7 forms – eliminate the number of qualified candidates
- 2 places where we use the term 'fax' – needs to be eliminated

Motion to accept the nominating committee guidelines with the changes discussed was made by Kelly Radcliffe and seconded by Sonny Lelle. Motion passed unanimously.

Publications & Literature – Patricia O'Brien

Inventory:

Grooming Charts 42

Illustrated Standards 26
CDs 8

Income:

Grooming Charts \$ 146
Illustrated Standards \$ 54
CD \$ 40

Total Income: \$ 240

Expenses:

Postage \$ 39.38
Grooming Charts 10@\$5.50 \$ 55.00
Illustrated Standards 4@\$2.40 \$ 9.60
Total Expenses: \$ 103.98
Profit \$ 136.02

Judge's Education Expenses:

30 Illustrated Standards @ 2.40 ea \$72.00
Postage \$17.10

Rescue – Kelly Radcliffe
Nothing new to report

Roving Specialty – John Constantine-Amodei

We had approved the Roving for Chicago in late January. Since that decision was made, the International KC has changed the date to the first week of January. The new dates conflict with the Palm Springs shows and several others across the country. I also found out there is no motor home parking. I am recommending that I look to find a better option for the Roving. I should have more information forthcoming. Hold on the judges nominating form until this is solidified.

Statistics – Patti Henderson
Placed on the website

Trophies – Barbara Donahue

Medallions, trophies and rosettes have been secured for the 2024 Roving in South Jordan, UT.

The committee met remotely in January 2024 to discuss MCKC 2024 and Roving 2025 trophy theme and items.

Ways & Means – Jeanette Perosa & Sheila Marks

New items are on the website. Nice progress. Can we imbed a couple of screen shots of the merchandise on the website?

Website/social media – Jackie Harris

The Committee Guidelines have been updated with Patti Henderson. Kelly Robison and Doug Crowe have joined the committee and are being trained on the website. The main focus is just getting documents uploaded.

Under the new section 'Historical' tab to where we are storing the older documents. They are listed in chronological order. We are looking at developing a search engine to allow people to search for a specific dog, etc. This will be going live in a week or so.

Jackie stated that if anyone see's something in FB to forward it to her and she can post it.

Website and social media guidelines. Motion to accept website guidelines was made by Bonnie Keyes and seconded by Patti Henderson – Motion passed unanimously.

AKC Position Reports

Breeder Education - Donna Hills

Donna and Carol Weinberger are now the Breeder education people. Currently benchmarking from other breeds that have an active Breeder education group.

Barbara offered to search the delegate minutes for information from other clubs

Junior Showmanship – Terrie Houck

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Members – 5 new single member applications and 2 family member applications. Patricia O'Brien made the motion to accept the new members and Patty Ledgerwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. AMSC Annual Breeder Awards. As they currently stand:

The Top Conformation Award Categories

- Top Winning Miniature Schnauzer Dog
- Top Winning Miniature Schnauzer Bitch
- Top Producing Sire – can be a tie, multiple awards sent
- Top Producing Dam – can be a tie, multiple awards sent

The Top Performance Award Categories

- The Top Agility Dog or Bitch
- The Top Obedience Dog or Bitch
- The Top Rally Dog or Bitch

Discussion around adding Top AMSC NOHS (National Owner-Handled Series) dog or bitch to the Awards. An award would be sent to both the breeder and owner (both need to be AMSC members), or just one award if breeder is also the owner/handler. Talked about adding an Award to the AMSC Owner of the Top Performance Categories in addition to the Breeder who is also an AMSC member.

- Agility
- Obedience

- Rally

The financial impact of adding 4 or 5 additional awards is approximately \$132 each from our current supplier or \$528/\$660 less with a different supplier.

Discussion about whether NOHS should be to just the top schnauzer or both dog and bitch. Conversation around re-wording the Top Winning Miniature Schnauzer and Top Winning Miniature Schnauzer Opposite Sex. No determination made.

Motion to accept adding the Top AMSC NOHS to the awards to the owner and breeder. Only AMSC members are eligible. Patty Ledgerwood made the motion and Carla Nickerson seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Motion to add the AMSC owner to the awards; Agility, Obedience, and Rally was made by Sonny Lelle and Barbara Donahue seconded. Motion passed unanimously

3. Notices to AMSC Membership that need to be emailed instead of published.
 - New membership applicant information
 - Judges Nomination Forms
 - Final Nominating Committee
 - Nominating Slate
 - Dues Notice
 - Minutes from Board meetings
 - AMSC/AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Form

AKC does have a new archivist – would be willing to accept the AMSCope now to place in the Library at the Museum of the Dog

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:11 EST by. This motion Patty Ledgerwood and Barbara Donahue was seconded by. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday July 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm EST via Zoom