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## AMSC

### MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017 AMSC Board Teleconference Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Teleconference Board Meeting was called to order by President Carole Weinberger at 8:03 PM EST.

Officers Present: Carole Weinberger– President, Sharon Edwards–Vice President, Carol Hafner – Secretary, Bonnie Keyes–Treasurer, Barbara Donahue–AKC Delegate

Board Members Present: Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Gale Schnetzer, Brian Bogart, Amy Gordon, Laurie Moore, Dr. Rod Hartshorn, Marie Murphy, Patti Henderson, Sonny Lelle, Patricia O'Brien, Beth Santure,

Guests Present: None.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** - Motion to adopt the agenda was passed unanimously.

**READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2017** - Motion to support adoption of the February 23, 2017 Teleconference Minutes was made by Brian Bogart and seconded by Patti Henderson. No corrections were made. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Carole Weinberger As you are all probably aware, this is the second Specialty so far in 2017 that we have failed to reach a quorum for our Board Meeting. We anticipate perhaps 5 Board members at Great Western. That being said, I understand the reasons for this lack of participation; airfare is

expensive and bringing dogs has become nearly impossible unless one uses a handler or lives within driving distance. However as long as our directives dictate that we have 2 face to face Board meetings and 1 Conference call, we are obliged to at least try to hold them.

Which leads me to topic number 1, a change to the type and number of Board Meetings of the AMSC. Please give this idea some serious thought and we will discuss it at our June Conference Call. I propose that we change our calendar to include one (1) face to face meeting, the site to be decided yearly at the current face to face meeting (my preference would be Montgomery County), and two (2) OR MORE Conference Call Meetings as necessary over the course of the year. This is a Board Directive, not a change to the C&BL which means it can be implemented immediately and it will make it easier on new and continuing Board Members to plan for Board meetings. I hope that you all give this idea some thought prior to June as I would like to get this done.

Topic number 2 is a discussion of continuing at Great Western.

There is a strong likelihood that Great Western Terrier club will no longer be able to afford to have their June Show. Declining entries, increasing cost for show site and associated expenses have made it almost impossible for them to continue. We do not have anything in writing at this point, but I think it would be prudent to explore our options. We have commitments to our judges for 2018 and 2019. We would have to decide what this would mean if the shows are cancelled starting next year. Are there other shows in the timeframe that we could participate with or would we need to cancel. Since we don't know at this point what they are going to do, we need to formulate some kind of plan now. Going forward from 2019, would it make sense to eliminate one of our Specialties and concentrate on only 2, perhaps Montgomery County and a Roving Specialty? Southern Cal MSC could participate as a Roving sponsor as many of our other clubs do. This would have the added benefit of increasing the amount delegated for Trophies, allowing us to offer more substantial prizes. Give this idea some thought to what you think we should do.

Again, the topic is not covered in our C&BL so we can make changes under Board Directives. The letter from the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California was read which supports a single national specialty instead of three specialties as are held now. The letter also requests that this be given to the general membership to vote on.

Both of these items will be included under new business to discuss at the Conference Call. Hopefully you will have had the opportunity to think about them and develop ideas and thoughts so that we don't have to spend time discussing them.

Plans are underway for the 2019 Schnauzerpalooza in St. Louis in April. I am waiting for some input from the Standard Schnauzer Club rep, Penny Duffy, as to what specifically she would like us to be responsible for. I want to discuss now your hospitality ideas, health seminars, education topics, and any other items you would like to include. I will be looking for additional volunteers to help out. As of now, Cincinnati and Gateway are participating with us. I haven't discussed anything with other clubs yet, although we could include Twin Cities as we did last time. I do want to include a day for seminars in the middle, which will give exhibitors a kind of break, and a Judges Education Seminar. Do we want to have a Top Twenty competition again (Laurie Moore has volunteered and has requested additional volunteers to help her) and we need to set a budget, as well as a budget for the entire shebang.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Carol Hafner  
**Board Discussion Action Items:** Nominating Committee selections by vote in March 2017. Votes tallied and committee informed.

**Correspondence (Received):**

AKC  
a.Canine Health Foundation End-Year 2016 Statement (01/01/2016-12/31/2016)  
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**The deadline  
for the September  
issue is August 15**

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# LOOK

Please let me know if you make a change

\* DECALS & PINS. You can get AMSC decals (\$1.00) and replacement pins (\$7.50) from

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\*LOCAL CLUBS...please be sure to include all information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

**\*LOCAL CLUBS...PLEASE send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulleting Committee.**

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## MINUTES ...from p. 1

- b. Event Pending Notice for Host Club permission needed for Montgomery County Kennel Club specialty
- c. Sweepstakes Approval Notice for Montgomery County Kennel Club Sweepstakes on 10/8/17
- d. Specialty Event Approval Notice for Montgomery County Kennel Club on 10/8/17
- e. Request for nominations for 2017 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations
- f. 2017 AKC National Championship National Club opportunity to hold national specialty AKC National Championships, sponsored by Royal Canin
- g. Invitation to participate in the AKC Meet the Breeds booth On December 16 & 17, 2017 in Orlando, FL to participate in the Parent Club Medallion Rewards for conformation, obedience and agility events. Jana King will be the main contact on this show. Forms will be sent to Bonnie Keyes and Jana King for electricity at the venue by Carole Weinberger.

## AMSC

- a. Request for show groomer near New York City
- b. Request for breeders that will ship to Aruba
- c. MAC test results received from Tony McDermott, sent to Health Committee
- d. Letter from the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California for a single annual specialty rather than three AMSC specialties and that the general membership is allowed to vote on the change.

## Miscellaneous

- a. Ace Custom advertisements for custom metal promotional products, awards and wearables (2)
- b. Intergroom seminar announcement on 4/8-9/17

- c. March/April issue of Pet Boarding and Daycare
- d. Morris Animal Foundation invitation to review research data
- e. Rescue Appreciation Banquet invitation to nominate honorees for World Dog Expo
- f. PetQuest grooming expo invitation
- g. Electronic notification for Great Western Terrier Association's premium lists
- h. Groomer to Groomer monthly issues for March, April

## Correspondence (Sent):

-Emailed AKC to explain that our national specialties were already set for 2017, so no AMSC specialty will be designated for the AKC National Championships, sponsored by Royal Canin

-Emailed AKC a list of judges (Bruce Schwartz, Nancy Liebes, Steve Hayden, Mareth Kipp, Robert Hutton) that the membership would like to see at future AKC National Championships

## Membership:

As of 6/13/17 our membership totaled 404 Regular members, 4 Life Members 30 Foreign w/voting privileges and 27 Foreign w/o voting privileges, for a total of 465. We have had no deaths that have been reported for 2017.

## AMSC Portland Specialty:

The AMSC Portland Specialty was held in conjunction with the Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Mrs. Mary Strom-Bernard judged 8 Sweepstakes entries. David Alexander judged 41 regular class entries. The 2017 AMSC Roving Specialty in Portland compares with 2016 Roving at Minipalooza in Missouri as follows:

## REG CLASSES 2017 2016

UP OR DOWN	Total Entry	48	99
-51 Competing	41	78	-
37			

## SWEEPSTAKES

Total Entry	9	23	-14
Competing	8	20	-12

**VETERANS**

Total Entry	0	2	-2
Competing	0	2	-2

The archiving process continues and will continue to be updated through the next board meeting. Consolidation of voting tallies is being worked on for archiving. Thank you to the Board for allowing me to be the Secretary for the past 4 years. It was an honor and my privilege.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**  
Bonnie Keyes

The 2016 Financials have gone to the Auditor for their review and Bonnie will report when we get the final report from them.

**AMSC Income Statement  
For the Four Months Ending  
April 30, 2017**

**Revenues**

**Year To Date**

Membership Dues	4,677.50
Rescue Income	75.00
Trophy Income	2,851.00
Publications & Literature	185.00
Health Income	20.00
Interest Income	2.20
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 7,810.70</b>

**Expenses**

AKC Fliers	\$ 225.99
Meet the Breeds – NYC	95.00
Membership Committee Expense	1.82
PayPal Fees	143.57
Treasurer Expenses	49.49
Website Maintenance	100.00
AMSCOPE	719.44
Ways & Means Mdse Purchased	300.00
Trophies	166.97
Postage General	(10.00)
Publications & Literature	85.53
SP Roving – Judge’s Fee & Expense	599.27
SP Roving – Meet & Greet	812.66
SP Roving – Top 20	893.16
SM Roving – Steward Gift	100.00
Montgomery – AKC Show Fee	15.00
Miscellaneous	140.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,437.90</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,372.80)</b>

**REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE –  
Barbara Donahue**

- Barbara was in attendance March 13 Monday @ Parent Club and Crop & Dock meetings and March 14, Tuesday Delegate

days.

**Parent Club:** Contact

brief recap:

- Request made that **parent clubs are notified** in advance when featured
- Keep **parent club as** theAKCwebsite
- **Crop & Dock:** Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC Chief Veterinarian speak at their December meeting in Orlando. In preparation for this he did a survey. See C&D report

information.

- **Group Reassessment:** In discussion; see attached Parent Club report for details. BoD will determine, Breed clubs will have input to changes. Note: The Committee will not place the breeds in the groups; they propose increasing the number of groups, but the final decision is up to the Board. Peter Piusz asked if the parent clubs will be surveyed and Tom Davies indicated they will have the first input. If the delegate body votes to have more groups then the parent clubs will decide where they are going to be. Peter stated that the last time the proposal lost it appears it was because the clubs directed their delegates how to vote. Therefore, it would seem that the way to go would be to ask the clubs what they think to

get a feel as to whether or not there should be a motion. Committee Member, John Nielsen, stated that it is up to the delegates to educate their club and up to us to educate the delegates and the committee will do that. No additional education received to date. **Will be a**

**Meeting.**

- **AKC Marketplace:** There was extensive discussion about the marketplace:

Parent Club report.

- **Parent Club health statements on AKC Marketplace:** for club

steve.pessah@akc.org.

- **Speciality Show Email campaign-** contact Liz Sorota, AKC Marketing, lizsorota @ [akc.org](http://akc.org) for help in distributing info about our specialities.

- **Rescue:** a) AMSC Rescue and 4 sanctioned rescue groups are listed in the Marketplace, b) AMSC and each rescue group can apply for \$2,000 annual grant from Humane Fund to use for rescue. I suggest AMSC should consider seeking the annual grant as a way of

(AMSCare)

- **Junior Showmanship-** employee as of Feb 2017:

scholarship fund.

- **Vet Outreach:** conducted 3 more scheduled.

**Committee Report:**

- Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC Chief Veterinarian was asked to speak with the C&D ad hoc

## NEW APPLICANTS

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**Masami** is applying for Foreign Membership. Masami is a breeder and has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 36 years, Wire Fox Terriers for 30 years and Norfolk Terriers for 30 years. He has bred more than 120 JKC, FCI and AKC Champions in total, some being AKC Grand Champions.

He has shown in Conformation, and is a Judge. Masami is a JKC Judge, so in Japan, he cannot show dogs by himself. Masami's dogs are shown 2 to 3 times a year. He shows them himself 2 to 3 times in the US and UK combined. Masami is President of the JKC Tokyo East Advanced Miniature Schnauzer Club. Masami owns a Grooming School and Grooming Salon.

He is interested in helping the club with Newsletter and Health.

Masami has many skills to share with AMSC, among them judging, handling and grooming.

**Masami's Sponsors are: John Constantine and Barry Day**

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**Lyn** has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 10 + years. She has competed in Conformation, Agility, Rally, Obedience and Barn Hunt and has achieved many titles She attends 12 – 24 dog events per year. She belongs to the Swamp Dog Agility Club, New Orleans, LA. She is not a breeder. Lyn is retired from her own business. She is interested in assisting the club with Newsletter, Membership, Obedience, Agility and Health.

**Lyn's Sponsors are: Robin Ohrt and Gay Oltjenbruns.**

**Sonja Lund**

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**Sonja** has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers since 1967. She is not a breeder.

She has shown in Agility for 15 years, Obedience for 16 years, Tracking for 2 years, Barn Hunt for 2 years, Pet Therapy for 3 years and Nose Work for 2 years. Sonja is also a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. She attends 25 AKC events a year and 25

other events. She belongs to Rnad Park DTC, Des Plaines, IL (Instructor/Assistant Secretary), Des Plains, IL. Windy City Agility Club, Franklyn Park, IL (Instructor/Board Member), Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, Morton Grove, IL. Sonja is retired. She is interested in helping the club with Obedience, Agility, Nose Work and Barn Hunt.

**Sonja's Sponsors are: Nancy Banas and Dale Miller**

**Pamela Haigh**

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**Pamela** has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 17 years and Giant Schnauzers prior to that from 1986-1999. Pamela is a breeder and has bred 6 litters. Pamela shows in Conformation, Obedience and Droving (working cattle/sheep on farms). She attends 35 – 40 events each year. Pamela belongs to the Schnauzer Club of Victoria, Australia and served as a Committee Member, Editor of "Snippets", and is currently Webmaster. Pamela has a Schnauzer Grooming Business. She is interested in helping the club with Newsletter, Public Awareness, Health, Ethics and Education. Pamela is also interested in Mentoring on Grooming and Care.

**Pamela's sponsors are: Mary Paisley and Carole Alex**

**Vicki Day**

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**Vicki** has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 14 years.

She is a breeder and has bred 3 litters. She has shown in Conformation.

She attends 5 – 7 events a year. She belongs to the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club, Glendale, AZ and has served as their Board of Directors, Show Chair and Vice President.

Vicki is retired. Vicki likes to groom and show her own dogs and has 1 Champion and is currently showing 2 girls. She is interested in helping the club out with Health and Education.

She has leadership and organizational skills and a willingness to learn more.

**Vicki's Sponsors are Ginny P. Fagan and Dee Ann Simpson**

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meeting in Orlando.

- Committee goals: for Dr. Klein, a former MS breeder, to meet with the committee and openly discuss how C&D breeds

more support on C&D.

- In preparation for this meeting, Dr. Klein did a survey of C&D breed club members. C&D committee was not made aware the survey was being

AKC.

- Bottom line: Dr. Klein presented the results of his survey, but did not provide input on assisting with pro C&D

AKC for more support of C&D.

- It is the conclusion of the C&D committee that Dr. Klein

when issues arise.

Dr. Klein's survey.

- One of the delegates on the Ad Hoc committee is a medical professional that does clinical studies and suggested that a registry study of C&D breeds be completed. Statistics will be put together on C&D breeds. Medical data will be compiled also. Alternative, supportive information for breeders of C&D breeds is being worked on. Phase 2 would be finding C&D friendly veterinarians that will work

to teach them about C&D.

- The American Veterinary Medical Association has

docking this year.

- Any ideas for this committee can be sent to Barbara Donahue. Suggestion was made that this committee rewrite the survey and

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approach all C&D breed membership.

**2. Link to AKC March 2017 Delegate Meeting notes:**

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**3. Parent Club National Specialty Coupon Program Reminder:**

- Each Parent Club that provides an electronic list of e-mail addresses of all participants at their National Specialty, the AKC will e-mail each participant 4 coupons redeemable in the AKC Online store worth a total of \$20.00. Each coupon will have a value of \$5.00.

- List to be e-mailed to Christine Weisse at [awards@akc.org](mailto:awards@akc.org).

- Online Store prices

• 4 gen pedigree — \$15.00 • Awards record — \$8.00 • Dogs Defeated — \$7.00 • TopDog reports — \$5.00

4. **June 12 and 13th Parent Club and Delegate Meetings;** will be in attendance at the secured time off work and a hotel.

5. **Delegate Portal access:** issues have finally been resolved by AKC IT and, as of May 24, 2017, Barbara now has access to all material

6. Barbara is reviewing and determining which emails that are addressed to "AKC Delegate" are forwarded to the

7. Dr. Jerry Klein is a registered AKC judge in miniature schnauzers. Clubs should know that he does not support cropping and give this consideration when looking for judges for specialties.

**If any Board member has questions on the full reports sent out by Barbara Donahue, send them to Carole Weinberger for discussion at the next Board meeting.**

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, Georgia: Amy Gordon -**

Amy met with the cluster chair to see what is required. They are very used to working with specialties and are very efficient and have a private website set up to send the paperwork to. Next meeting is in August 2017. We have submitted the name of the AMSC specialty judge voted on by the membership to the committee (Terry Stacy) to see if they would like to use him for other breeds. There are rooms available for meetings, dinner or parties. Performance events will be available, but AMSC specific performance events will not be done. Motion for the AMSC support placements and winners in performance events at the 2018 Roving Specialty at Perry, Georgia was made by Sonny Lelle and seconded by Vicki Kubic. Motion passed unanimously.

**2019 & 2020 Roving Specialties -**

We had originally agreed to have the 2019 Roving at the NorCal Specialty in April. When Schnauzapalooza II came along we swapped out NorCal for that. I just want to make sure that everyone is aware of that, and that in 2020 we will have the specialty in conjunction with the Sacramento Kennel Club on Saturday April 11, 2020. The MSC of Northern California would be the host. So, I will not solicit another club. Next one will be for 2021. Carole Weinberger will confirm the dates of Schnauzapalooza for April

**AMSCare: Jana King**— Rescue funding is available and requests should be sent to Jana King. There have not been any funding requests.

**AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss, Kennelea Pratt, Don Farley, Vicki Kubic** – Vicki has created AMSC-L on Groups.io, so it looks similar to the Yahoo list. The group has been approved and migration needs to be completed. Migrated files will need to be cleaned up and deleted where necessary. It will take 48 hours to migrate everything. Members will not have to set up a separate account for Groups.io, but an individual password would need to be done by each member. An invitation will be sent to members from Groups.io for setup connections. There is 1 gig of storage available, but there are 10 gigs available for purchase, if needed. Guidelines will not be migrated because most are being updated and changed. The membership will be notified by email of the change. Motion was made by Patti Henderson to complete the migration to Groups.io and seconded by Sonny Lelle. Motion passed unanimously.

**Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy, John Constantine** – No progress has been made since last Board meeting.

**Montgomery County Hospitality: Barbara Donahue and Luana Nedich** - Homewood Suites secured for sleeping and meeting rooms. Reservations are being taken now.

**Education: John Constantine** – Motion was made by Marie Murphy to approve the application of Donna Hills as Breed Mentor and seconded by Patti Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Guidelines: Luana Nedich, Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe** - The following Committees should be deleted according to Committee Chairman: Audit (needed in the past when club members did the audit) and Public Awareness/Social Media (name change only). The following Guidelines are completed and were approved by the Board: AMSCOpe, Guidelines, Legislative Liaison, Montgomery County Hospitality, Nominating Committee, Website/Social Media

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Committee. The updated guidelines will be posted to the AMSC-L at Group.io. Retention and review dates are not included in all guidelines. It is dependent on each committee to determine their retention schedule and review dates for their guidelines for Board approval. For the Publication Committee, records would only need to be kept for a year and will be included in the updated guidelines. At the end of each year, Chairs should reviewing guidelines and make changes that have occurred during the year especially in cases where the chair is going to be a new person.

**Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Patricia O'Brien, Sheila Marks Anderson** – UK Kennel Club adopted the AMSC/Dr. Giger recommendation for testing for MAC. All breeding stock will be tested. Results are coming into the Health Committee. There will no longer be health seminars at Montgomery County because of location and scheduling difficulties. Three Micropapilla (a smaller than normal disc with no sequelae) puppies have been reported from a single litter. One more PRA case reported from the UK. There are more extrahepatic portosystemic shunts being reported and are being looked into. Hoping to get Dr. Center to come to Schnauzerpalooza to talk about liver shunts. One case of severe renal glomerular and interstitial amyelodosis which is a very rare disease. Drs. Lisa Sarvas and Paula Steele will be attending the AKC Canine Health Foundation Parent Club seminar in St. Louis in August 2017.

**Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley** – Stud book and new champions reports are being shared with Jan Taylor also.

**Judges Selection: Carma Ewer, Galen Ewer** - The nomination process is finished and we are preparing the ballot to go out in a special mailing of AMSCOPE in early June. Ballots will be sent via AMSCOPE, and also on the AMSC list and published on the website

for maximum exposure. We are also working on revising the guidelines. We have had one of our Sweepstakes judges cancel for the 2018 Roving Specialty. I would like permission from the board to use someone selected from the 2017 Judges Selection Ballot to fill that spot. 52 people nominated to be regular judges and 53 people nominated to be sweepstakes judges. Ballots are coming into Carma. April 6, 2019 is the date listed for Schnauzerpalooza. Perry, Georgia sweepstakes judge, Vicki Kubic, has asked to step down, so a replacement is needed. Hoping to use a sweepstake judge from the 2019 ballot. This action was approved by the Board.

**Local Club Bulletin/ Websites/Social Media: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale** - Thank you AMSC board for adding social media. We receive newsletters every month, but please if your club has a website, Facebook or any other form of social media, please send the link or address to all on our committee for consideration. Guidelines are being updated.

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**Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien** - The update to the grooming charts is being worked on. There are no copyright restrictions that have been brought to her attention. Guidelines are being worked on. CDs are made by Chris Franck; many are used for judges' education.

**Trophies: Barbara Donahue, Amy Gordon** - Trophies are ordered for the GWTAShow and have been mailed. Due to the feedback received, different trophies for winners, reserve winners and best of winners have been chosen for the rest of the year. Glass items with silhouette of a schnauzer will be the new items. Help will be needed to set up trophy display.

**Ways And Means: Carol Henning, Jackie Harris, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth, Eduardo Mendez** – Carol Henning and Jackie Harris have come up with 3 new items and a more “sporty” logo for merchandise. We are hoping to attract lots of venues in our mini world! We have an embroidered apron, a duffle bag and luggage tags. We are also planning an embroidered vest for this fall. We haven't had many orders and hoping that opening it up to shipping the merchandise to individuals will help increase sales for the club. Eduardo Mendez donated 120 aprons with the AMSC logo and a cartoon grooming logo. More can be made if needed. Motion was made by Vicki Kubic to use the donated aprons as a welcome gift to each exhibitor at Schnauzerpalooza II and seconded by Laurie Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

**Website & Social Media: Vicki Kubic, Jana King, Chris Franck** - Website - I need to reiterate that it is up to the Committee chairs to get me updates for the website. Specialty results, regional clubs changes, Specialty information such as dates, judges, hotels, events, activities etc. I can't publish it if I don't have it!! Facebook/Social Media - We have 32.7K “likes” and the page continues to attract more people. Our mission is to expose people to what a mini schnauzer should act and look like. Also show how versatile our breed can be. As always, please send me good quality photos of your dogs in almost any venue - showing, relaxing, playing - anything fun!

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Update Health Testing requirements for eyes and heart checks on AKC Bred with HEART program has been completed by Carole Weinberger and Vicki Kubic. This update will help to keep responsible breeders on the AKC Marketplace website selling puppies.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Jacquelyn Ebersbach** – The new membership applications were approved for Judy Orena, Carol Ann Blackert and Arthura (Arti) Winston.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MINUTES...from p. 6**

-The nominating committee consisting of: Linda Drost, Chair, Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson, Lisa Sarvas, Patricia O'Brien and Flo Bessemer are pleased and proud to present the report of the nominating committee for publishing in AMSCOPE and inclusion in the agenda for the teleconference on June 13, 2017. Officers for 2018: Carole Weinberger-President, Patti Henderson-Vice President, Carma Ewer-Secretary, Bonnie Keyes-Treasurer, Barbara Donahue-AKC Delegate. Class of 2021 Governors: Shirley Fry, Shawne Imler, Cathi Rohrer, Stella Van Cleave.

-Splitting Secretarial position into Recording and Corresponding Secretaries – The Board determined that splitting the Secretarial position would not be beneficial for the club because corresponding duties are minimal compared to the recording duties of the Secretary.

-AKC Marketplace Parent Club Management Tool Credentials – Suggestion was made that the Membership Chair would check it quarterly for compliance with posting requirements. AKC wants to be notified that people have been removed from the Marketplace. Jacquie Ebersbach would be responsible for the quarterly checks.

-Type and number of Board meetings – Quorums have not happened for the first two board meetings of this year. Costs are increasing for traveling to Board meetings. Discussion of one Board meeting and multiple conference calls was extensive. With an increase in the number of conference calls, the Board discussed that Committee Reports would only need to be made annually unless a Committee has something to report or needed action taken by the Board sooner than annually. Conference calls could be limited to Unfinished and New Business only. Motion to have one face-to-face Board meeting per year with two or more conference calls made by Carole Weinberger and seconded by Patti Henderson. Motion passed by majority vote of 10 Yeas, 2 Nays and 1 abstention.

-Board Approval requirements – If writing something for AMSC that goes to the

public that represents the entire club, it would take Board approval. In the case of the opinion piece by an individual, there is no Board approval needed.

-Breeding section of Code of Ethics: The amended Code of Ethics section would simply read as follows:

**Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will:**

1. Sell each puppy or adult with a written health guarantee, a three-generation pedigree, a record of immunizations, care and feeding instructions, and AKC registration papers where applicable.
2. Inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
3. Sell any companion puppy or companion adult having a known hereditary health defect only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.
4. The breeder shall remain responsible for the welfare of every dog he breeds, sells or places. This means making himself available to aid the new owner if and when the need presents itself. If in the future the owner is not able to keep the dog, the owner should be instructed to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility either to take the dog back or find it a new home.
5. The breeder will not sell or dispose of any dog through wholesalers, commercial dealers or a broker.

**Next Board Meeting will be Friday, October 6, 2017 at Audubon, PA at 4:00 p.m. EST or following Breed judging whichever is later.**

***Bouquets & Biscuits***

**\* GCH CH T-Lan's Rainy Day Money For Abacus NAP CGC AMSC-VER RATN** "Rainy" (out of GCH CH Abacus Rainmaker "Maker" and CH T-Lan's Something About Merri "Merri") earned her Novice B Preferred STD Agility Title on 6/10/2017 with a second place finish. So proud of this young dog bred by Cindy Wallace and Robert Reilly that is out of my stud dog, Maker, and owned, trained, handled and loved by me (Linda Wahlquist-Soos). The NAP title at the FRAAD trial gave Rainy the third sport venue title that she needed for the prestigious American Miniature Schnauzer Club Versatility Award. She earned her AKC Grand Championship on November 15, 2015 and her Barn Hunt Novice Title on 5/4/2017. The best is yet to come!

**\*GCH CH T-Lan's Rainy Day Money For Abacus NAP NJP CGC RATN** "Rainy" and her litter mate GCH CH Abacus T-Lan's Break The Money Mold RN NJP CGC RATN "Breaker" each earned their Novice B Preferred JWW Agility Title on 6/18/2017 with a first and a second place finish on the last qualifying runs needed to earn their title.

The title gave Breaker the last points he needed for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club Versatility Award, his litter mate, Rainy, earned her last points for the award last weekend when she earned her Novice B Preferred STD title. Breaker has his GCH CH and titles in Rally-O, Barn Hunt and Agility. Rainy has her GCH CH and titles in Barn Hunt and Agility.

So proud of these young dogs bred by Cindy Wallace and her father, Robert Riley - They are out of my stud

dog, GCH CH Abacus Rainmaker and CH T-Lan's Something About Merri and owned, trained, trialed, handled and loved by me. No pictures from the trial today, but included is my favorite picture of Rainy, Breaker and I at their first



conformation show when they won Best In Show Brace at 8 months old.

**\*Ms Chevious Jumping Jack Flash OAJ EX** Flash completed his Excellent Standard Agility title on Sat June 24th at the Mile High Sporting Dog Fanciers Trial with a 1st Place win. He is such a sweet dog and a pleasure to live with. Thank you Ron & Doris Stoltenberg and Duane & Karin Lewis for such a beautiful boy. Renae Bagwell

## Scientists Studied Dog Drool and You Won't Believe What They Found

You've probably never given much thought to your dog's saliva, except to say "Yuk!" as you quickly wipe up after your four-legged dribbler or drooler. But what you might not know is that the content of your dog's saliva can actually provide lots of information about your canine companion's stress level.

### Research Team Analyzes Studies on Salivary Cortisol in Dogs

Recently, a team of researchers from Penn State and Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, conducted a meta-analysis on salivary cortisol (cortisol is a stress hormone also called the fight-or-flight hormone) in dog drool.

A meta-analysis is essentially a study of existing studies on a specific topic that combines the results of those studies to develop conclusions. The research team collected information from over 30 different scientific studies on canine salivary cortisol in groups of dogs, including:

- Dogs with thunderstorm phobia
- Dogs interacting at the park
- Dog play groups at an animal shelter
- Long- and short-term shelter residents
- Working dogs living in kennels
- Assistance dogs at work
- Healthy dogs at veterinary appointments

### Surprising Results

What the researchers discovered was that canine cortisol levels are quite variable. In addition, high levels are not always bad, nor are lower levels always good. As lead researcher Mia Cobb of Monash University explained in an interview with *Scientific American*:

"Although the idea of an easy test for stress and welfare in dogs is incredibly appealing to researchers, working dog industries and pet owners alike, there is no perfect test that gives a magic score to determine good welfare or distress in dogs."

The researchers were able to pinpoint some interesting factors that influence a dog's salivary cortisol levels. For ex-

ample:

Dogs whose humans were present during testing had significantly lower levels than dogs whose owners weren't around. Intact females had higher salivary cortisol levels than spayed females and both intact and neutered males.

A truly surprising finding was that dogs living long-term (over two weeks) in animal shelters had significantly lower levels of salivary cortisol than dogs living in family homes or at working dog facilities.

Since the shelter experience is well known to be highly stressful for most pets, the researchers theorize the lower levels of cortisol point to dysregulation of the stress response — meaning the dogs' ability to respond to stress has become impaired.

This could indicate a "fatigued" hormonal stress response (or "adrenal fatigue") similar to what humans experience during periods of chronic stress or inability to sleep.

### Is My Dog Stressed?

If your dog briefly startles at loud sounds or hangs back when approached by a stranger, chances are he's exhibiting a normal, healthy stress response. A short-term reaction to a stressful or unfamiliar event allows your dog to prepare to fight or take flight if necessary.

In the wild, the fight-or-flight response keeps animals alive in the face of threats to their survival. But unfortunately, in today's world, maladaptive stress responses, which can be defined as chronic, long-term anxiety and phobias, are a growing problem for companion dogs.

These fear-based conditions often take the form of separation anxiety, storm and/or noise phobia or aggression.

A chronic, prolonged fear response can cause both physical and emotional disease processes that can potentially shorten a dog's life and negatively impact quality of life. Chronic stress can

depress your dog's immune system, putting him at higher risk for opportunistic infections.

It can also trigger the development of compulsive behaviors, and alter blood flow to vital organs. Since most of us don't have laboratories in our homes to analyze drool to see if our pets are stressed, it's helpful to know some of the signs of maladaptive doggy stress:

- Crying or whining
- Loss of appetite
- Drooling
- Pacing
- Ears held back
- Panting
- Hiding
- Shaking
- Inappropriate elimination
- Tucking tail
- Lip licking
- Vigilance
- Looking away (from a threat)
- Yawning

### 3 Options for Dealing With Maladaptive Stress in Your Dog

- **Avoidance.** Helping your dog avoid the trigger(s) of his anxiety or phobia is very important. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to do. For example, most owners of storm-phobic dogs can't simply pick up and move to a location with temperate weather.

- **Desensitization.** Desensitization involves exposing a dog to an anxiety-producing trigger to a level at which the fear response is extinguished.

- **Counterconditioning/behavior modification.** Counterconditioning involves consistently and repeatedly pairing a negative trigger with a positive one, until your dog makes a positive association. For example, if your dog exhibits a fear response each time you turn on the vacuum cleaner, offer him a treat each time you turn it on. The goal is to condition him to associate a treat with the noise of the vacuum cleaner.

Behavior modification can be useful for storm-phobic dogs. Ask your dog to perform a command he's familiar with and reward him if he does. This activity dis-

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tracts both of you — your dog from his fear of the storm, and you from the temptation to inadvertently reinforce your pet's phobic behavior by petting and soothing him while he's showing anxiety.

**Additional Tips****For dogs with separation anxiety:**

Leave your dog with an article of clothing or blanket with your scent on it

Leave a treat-release toy for your dog to focus on in your absence; place small treats around the house for her to discover, along with her favorite toys

Add a flower essence blend like Separation Anxiety from Spirit Essences to her drinking water

Invest in an Adaptil collar or diffuser that emits a calming canine pheromone

Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise, playtime, mental stimulation and TLC

For dogs with noise and/or storm phobias or dogs that experience temporary environmental stressors:

Play calm, soothing music (for example, MusicMyPet.com) before a possible stressor occurs. This may relax your dog, with the added bonus of drowning out distressing noises

If your dog seems to respond well to pressure applied to her body, there are wraps available (for example, Thundershirt.com) that many pet owners and veterinarians find extremely helpful

Ttouch is a specific massage technique that can help anxious pets

Consult your holistic veterinarian about homeopathic, TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) and Bach Flower Remedies that could be helpful in alleviating your dog's stress

Place a few drops of the essential oil of lavender on your dog's collar or bedding before a stressor occurs, if possible, or diffuse the oil around your house for an overall calming effect

Provide an "earthing mat" or grounding pad

Exercise! Going for a brisk walk before and after stress occurs can help combat the negative physiologic effects of stress-induced hormones

Calming nutraceuticals and herbs that

can be of benefit for stressed dogs include holy basil, L-theanine, rhodiola, ashwagandha, GABA, 5-HTP and chamomile.

If the stressor persists longer than 72 hours, adding in adrenal supportive glandulars (such as Standard Process Drenamin) can be very beneficial. Consult your holistic vet about which option is right for your pet

## Wrongful Pet Deaths and Empathy for Your Vet

We may not always be happy with the services rendered by our veterinarians, but only rarely is this caused because the medical professionals don't care about our animals.

By Stephanie Colman

The start of spring is always a little bitter-sweet for me. I love the longer days, but it also marks the painful anniversary of losing my first Golden Retriever, Quiz.

Quiz was diagnosed with a mass on his spleen and went in for surgery. During the procedure, a technician inadvertently administered an overdose of medication to address a series of non-critical arrhythmias. Immediately following the overdose, Quiz went into cardiac arrest and, despite CPR, did not recover. I was gutted by his loss. I wasn't the only one.

It still breaks my heart to think about the circumstances of his tragic passing, but I also remember the integrity demonstrated by the surgeon responsible for his care. The specialty group did everything right in the aftermath of their horrific mistake. The medical director launched a full review of the incident to determine how best to modify surgical protocol to prevent future medication errors. The surgeon remained as transparent as possible in sharing details of the incident and the subsequent review, while still protecting the privacy of the devastated technician. All charges were immediately reversed on my account. None of these actions brought back my beloved dog, but they felt authentic and were greatly appreciated.

quiz the dog

Despite the shock of losing her dog in such a tragic way, the author sought to face the situation with grace, realizing the surgeon and his team were also devastated. No vet wants to lose a patient on the table.

Of course I was angry. But I also knew in my heart it was a mistake. Veterinarians and their staff members are only human, and humans sometimes make mistakes, even devastatingly tragic ones. As such, and because of how the practice immediately took full responsibility, it never felt right to direct my anger, a side effect of my intense pain, toward the surgeon and his team. I'm really glad I made that choice.

Being a Vet is a Stressful Job

In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveyed 10,000 mostly small-animal practice veterinarians. The sobering findings revealed roughly 14 percent of male and 19 percent of female veterinarians had seriously considered suicide — three times the national average. Approximately one percent of male and one and a half percent of female vets surveyed had actually attempted suicide. This sobering statistic hit home for many dog trainers in September 2014 when renowned veterinary behaviorist Sophia Yin took her own life.

Experts say the shocking rate of suicide within the profession is likely due to a combination of personality traits common among vets, and the stress and compassion fatigue associated with the profession. Most vets are perfectionists who are used to getting it right. After all, it took perfect grades to get into vet school. They often aren't adequately prepared to accept the life and death reality of the job, and every death, no matter the cause, can feel like failure.

It's long past time to remove the stigma associated with depression and mental illness. Consider supporting the work of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and your local mental health agencies. And, please, be kind to your vet! Remember that she wants what's best for your animal. Understand the price on your bill generally represents a realistic cost for care, given steep overhead costs, not an attempt to price-gouge. I'm a big fan of handwritten "thank you" notes following non-routine procedures, and the occasional surprise note or token of appreciation.

As with many things, a little positive reinforcement can go a long way; you may never know just how far.

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## UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Milshore MSC July 28, 2017  
Sweeps: Randahl Hoffman  
Reg classes : Brian Bogart  
Reg classes : Nancy Liebes  
Back to Back Shows

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 18, 2017  
Regular Classes: Kathleen Ferris  
Sweeps: Andy Deer

## AMSC SPECIALTIES

Montgomery County Oct. 8, 2017  
Regular Classes: Geraldine Kelly  
Sweeps: Martin G. Marks

Roving specialty-Perry GA. April 15, 2018  
Regular Classes: Terry Stacy  
Sweeps: TBA

Great Western June 24, 2018  
Regular Classes: John Constantine  
Sweeps: Kim Griffin

Montgomery County October 7, 2018  
Regular Classes: Joan Huber  
Sweeps: TBA

## LOOKING AHEAD to MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In an effort to get an early jump on planning for Montgomery County week, hotel reservations are already being accepted. After investigating a number of reasonably priced, comfortable hotel options within reasonable distance to show grounds, restaurants and other amenities, it

was determined we'd continue to use the Homewood Suites Valley Forge, 681 Shannondell

Bldv, Audubon, PA 19403

The room rates and available configurations are:  
\$134 for studio suite (1 King bed with pullout)  
\$154 for one bedroom suite (1 King or 2 Queen with pullout rooms)

\$189 for two bedroom suite (1King and 2 Queen with pullout)

Additional 10% room tax applies.

Guests may book one of two ways:

1. Call the hotel at [610-539-7300](tel:610-539-7300) and mention you are booking with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, group code **AMS**

2. Go online to

[www.homewoodsuitesvalleyforge.com](http://www.homewoodsuitesvalleyforge.com) and under the reservations tab enter the group code **AMS**.

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