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SPECIALTY WINS

Mount Vernon MSC

October, 2010

Puppy Sweeps

Judge: BJ Arczynski

Best In Sweeps...Dimension Dows Bella Fortuno/

Williams/Klingler/Zapata/Zemany

BOS In Sweeps...

Regular Classes

Judge: Lorraine Boutwell

WD/BOW...Dimension Dows Bella Fortuno/

Williams/Klingler/Zapata/Zemany

RWD... Sarius Happy Days are Here Again/Durst

WB ...Ernhart's Absolutely Nice/Imler/Preto

RWB/BBBE...Manit's Gala in Black Velvet/Itriago

BOB...GCH Earthsong Remedy For the Blues/
Hoffman

BOS... CH Blythewood Dazzling Perfection/
Beauchamp/Huber

SEL ...Ch.Bella's Gentle persuader/Meschi

SEL... CH Minuteman I Git Cat Style/Sarvas

MSC of Northern California

October, 2010

Puppy Sweeps

Judge: Lisa Blutman

Best In Sweeps...Xenos is Lookin Back at You/
Bonifield

BOS In Sweeps...Hilgirt-Jebema Just For Tonight/
Poeth/Pfaff

Regular Classes

Judge: Virginia Lyne

WD...Daree'sivine Rendition/Klein/Soehl

RWD...Hilgirt-Jebema Just For Tonight/Poeth/Pfaff

WB/BOW ...Daree's Divine Design/Klein/Soehl

RWB...Ardenwood's Casey Diva v Crojas/Van
Cleave

BOB...CH Regency's Storm Trooper/Haney

BOS... CH Regency's I Believe in Miracles/Verna

SEL ...MsChevious Maitai's Sweet Leilani/
stoltenberg

SEL...GCH Allaruth Solebay Chipothgoldblok/
Phelps/Ziegler

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Minutes October 7, 2010

AMSC Board Meeting

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The American Miniature Schnauzer Club October Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 7:13 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Ft Washington, PA.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President., Carole Weinberger –Vice President, Sharon Edwards –Treasurer, Amy Gordon –Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate

Board Members: Susi Atherton, Marilyn Cooper, Kim Cox-Griffin, Carma Ewer, Kurt Garmaker, Shawne Imler, Tom LaSalle, Sonny Lelle, Cathi Rohrer, Lisa Sarvas, Bev Verna

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Kathy Colby, Patti Henderson, Brooke Walker

Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Stacy Conrad, Chris Levy

Members and Guests Present: Ron Azzanni, Richard Edwards, Rosemary Holmes, Bonnie Keyes, Vicki Kubic, Joanne Toft

After consultation with Mike Liosis at the AKC, it was determined that the Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings" is not in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Carma Ewer moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Lisa Sarvas. Motion passed unanimously.

The board was asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published in AMSCOPE.

The Minutes were approved as published. Motion made by Carole Weinberger, seconded by Susi Atherton. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of the President:

1. We had our first Conference Call meeting on June 30, 2010. The meet went very well and we were able to get our work completed. I will be scheduling another conference call meeting for 2011 in place our spring meeting.

2. Both the Standard Schnauzer Club of America and the Giant Schnauzer Club of America have committed to have a combined National Specialty at Purina farm near St. Louis, MO in May of 2013. This will be a much bigger task than any of specialties in near memory. I will be

forming a committee, with Board approval, to work on this. The Committee members will have the following specific responsibilities

- i. Treasurer
- ii. Education
- iii. Hospitality
- iv. Fundraising
- v. Companion/Performance
- vi. Trophies
- vii. Publicity/Local Liaison

This committee will be presented at the "mini "meeting with all other committees scheduled after the Annual Meeting.

3. Our Facebook page continues to a great success. Launched in January, we now have over a 1900 fans!

4. I attended the AKC Parent Club Conference in NC in August. Report attached.

There were a few things that I learned at the conference that I would like to recommend that we consider implementing. These are how we handle finances in the club. I was happy that most of the recommendations we already have in place. I discussed with Sharon Edwards and she was in agreement.

(a) Re-form the Finance into an Audit Committee. This committee would get copies of the bank statements and review them monthly. They would randomly select expenses to ask the Treasurer for documentation. They would send a report to the Board for each meeting.

(b) Two signatures on all checks over \$500.

(c) Institute a Board Policy of an external Audit every 5 years or upon changing of Treasurer.

A motion was made by Carole Weinberger to accept the proposed recommendations to reform the Finance committee into an Audit committee. The motion was seconded by Carma Ewer and passed unanimously.

5. We will once again be participating in the big AKC Meet the Breeds 2 day event at the Javits Center in NYC. Madelyn Carlin will be heading up the planning and execution. A motion was made by Susi Atherton and seconded by Cathi Rohrer, for

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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 Bulletin Committee:

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***E-MAIL...**If you would like to send your Bouquets and Biscuits to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address and include it in the body of the email.
CBORR@AOL.COM

Because of the Holidays, the deadline for the January issue is December 14.

Door Darting

Five things to do when your dog ...dashes out the door!

BY PAT MILLER

Ooops (expletive deleted), there he goes again!" Sounds like the frustrated human companion of a canine door-darter -a dog who slips out the tiniest crack of an open door every chance he gets. Frustrating for the human, dangerous for the dog, who likely romps around the neighborhood just out of his owner's reach.

Here are five things to do if your dog dashes out the door:

1. Catch him. Easier said than done, you may say. An accomplished door darter is often an accomplished keepaway player as well. Don't chase; you'll just be playing his game. Play a different game instead -something else fun. Does he love squeaky toys? Grab one, take it outside and squeak it. When he looks, run away, still squeaking. If he chases after you, let him grab one end of the toy. Play a little tug, trade him for a treat, then squeak it and play tug some more. Let him follow you, playing tug-the squeaky, into your fenced yard, and close the gate behind you. Play more squeaky with him.

If he loves car rides, run to your car and say, "Wanna go for a ride?!" Open the car door and invite him in. When he jumps in, take him for a ride! Playing tug? Chasing tennis balls or flying discs? Fetching sticks? Walkies? Whatever he loves, provide it.

2. Reward, don't punish. You've managed to get hold of your cavorting canine. No matter how upset you are, don't yell at him! Don't even reprimand him calmly. He'll associate the punishment with returning to you, not with

darting out the door. Don't even take him back inside immediately -that's punishment, too. I promise, if you punish him when you finally get your hands on him, it'll be even harder to catch him the next time. Instead, happily and genuinely reinforce him with whatever he loves best -tug, fetch, a car ride, or high value treats.

3. Create "airlocks" for your doors. Even if you can't fence in your yard, you can put up a woven wire barrier around the door(s) he darts out of a small area with a self-closing gate, so if he darts out the door he's still contained. Use baby gates or exercise pens to set up a barrier inside, to block his access to the door. Insist everyone makes sure he's behind the barrier before going out the door, or greeting a visitor.

4. Teach him to wait at doors. Implement a "Say please" program, where "sit" makes all good things happen, including doors. Teach him to "sit-andwait" at doors until he's given the release cue. The more consistent everyone is at sit-and-wait, the more reliable your dog will be at waiting, and the less likely he'll dart out that door.

* MOVING?

Be sure to send your change of address and new phone number and new email address to us so that AMSCOPE can follow you...you wouldn't want to miss one issue!

TROPHY DRIVE...

please don't forget the trophy drive.
Terrie Houck
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Bouquets & Biscuits

* **BIS MULTI BISS Am.Ch. Au.Ch. Legacy's Rockin Robin** (Imp USA) Breeder Patty and Mack Ledgerwood, owners Marie Edwards/Patty Ledgerwood. Handler Marie Edwards. won BIS in Australia at the Numurkah A H & P Assoc. Championship show 21.12.10 (All Breeds).

* **Ch. Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein OM UDX RAE AJP AXP OFP MX MXJ OF JE CGC and AMSC VAX, CKC CD & ASCA CDX** (Bernie), finished the requirements to become an Obedience Master on October 31. The title puts him at what is believed to be the most AKC titled Miniature Schnauzer in breed history with 29. Bernie is owned by Marcia Dawson and was bred by June Glover of Garnet Rock Kennel. Bernie will be retiring from obedience after the Invitational.

* **Ch. Southcross Bad Moon Rising** (S/P) (Ch. Sercatep's Somebody Said X Ch. Jofor's Here For The Party) finished the requirements for his championship on October 22, 2010 at the Stephenville Kennel Club show. "Boo" finished with four majors at the tender age of 1 year and 2 days. The following weekend he picked up a Group 3 at the Travis County Kennel Club show. His breeder/owner/handler, Sonny Lelle would like to thank Joanne Forster and Debbie Herrell for sharing their lines with me.

***Southcross Diamond Girl**: "Ritzy", received her final Novice B leg for her CD in Obedience and also got her 1st Ex Standard A leg in Agility at the Kimberton, PA All Terrier Agility and Obedience Trials. She was bred by Sonny Lelle, owned and trained by Pat Heinzelman

* **Ch. Orleans' le Pois Noir** (black bitch) born October 3, 2008 (Ch Orleans's Fils Noir de Twister X Ch Blackheath's Faery Dancer) finished her requirements for AKC championship title by receiving her first major (BW/WB) at the Atlanta Terrier Club specialty on October 22 and a 4 point major (BOS/WB) a week later. "Dottie" is owned and handled by Darlene Petche. She is the second champion for her sire this year.

* **MACH4 Southcross FascinatIn Rhythm UD OM RE XF** (Ch Southcross Blockbuster X Ch MACH2 Southcross The Strong Survive) earned her Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) title on Nov. 12, 2010 at the Evansville, IN Obedience Training Club trials. Additionally, she earned her fourth Master Agility Championship (MACH4) on Nov. 7, 2010 at the Show-Me Agility Club trial in Columbia, MO., and her Obedience Master title on Oct. 15, 2010 at the Mound City Obedience Club trial in Caseyville, IL. I couldn't ask for more! Tempo was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned by Clay and Nancy Lincoln. She is trained and adored by Nancy.

2011 Membership Dues

AMSC dues are payable by January 1, 2011. Notification has been sent to each one of you individually, and if you have not already paid and you want to beat the holiday rush, details are below.

There is no change in the amount of dues this year - dues will continue to be based on the method by which you receive the newsletter. All members who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter sent through regular mail will continue to pay an increased amount to offset the additional costs for printing and postage.

*Members receiving AMSCOpe by **Email** - **\$30 individual, \$52.50 joint**

*Members receiving AMSCOpe by **regular mail (hard copy)** - **\$55 individual, \$75 joint**

New members (voted into membership Oct. 2010) and Life members do not need to pay

Payment may be made either online or by check.

Online payment is made by secure credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) or PayPal transaction by using the following link. Note this link is only available directly, and cannot be accessed through the AMSC web site or through PayPal. You must have a PayPal account in order to pay via PayPal. Foreign members can pay with currency conversion to US dollars from most countries. Online dues payment: <http://amsc.us/dues.html>

Payment by check may be made by sending a check payable to the AMSC to the address below. Foreign payments must be a bank draft or certified check in US dollars.

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**PLEASE
PAY YOUR DUES
ON TIME
AND UPDATE
YOUR DATA**



Look what Santa brought me...but he doesn't want to play!

APPLICANTS FOR SPRING 2011 Board Meeting

AHT Eye Diseases Study Update Nov 2010

AMSC Health Committee

Our committee strives to provide the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding health research, especially for projects our members participate in through submission of DNA. We want to thank those members who submitted DNA samples for the Animal Health Trust (AHT) Eye Disease Study and encourage continued participation from our membership.

Recent communications with Dr. Mellersh at AHT helped illuminate and clarify some concerns from our members. It had been rumored that the AHT was not using and may have discarded DNA from unilaterally cataractous dogs. We want to assure you this is not the case.

Dr. Mellersh advises us that no DNA is discarded and the research is continuing. She writes:

“From our research into cataracts in other breeds we know that unilateral cataracts have more chance of being non-inherited than bilateral cataracts and this makes sense because all the genes that are turned on in the lens will be turned on in both eyes – there aren’t any genes that will work in one eye only. So it makes sense to us that a mutation in a gene that results in a cataract is likely to result in a cataract in both eyes. There might well be a time lag between the development of cataracts in the different eyes, but we expect both eyes to eventually develop cataracts.”

“So with that in mind, we are trying to restrict our initial analyses to dogs with cataracts in both eyes. We are also trying to analyze DNA from dogs with clinically similar cataracts. This is because we are concluding that cataracts in most breeds are probably caused by multiple genes, so if we mix up different types of cataracts we run the risk of having a mixture of different mutations in the dogs we analyze, which will reduce our chances of finding them. But once we have identified any mutations that are associated with bilateral cataracts we will look in the DNA of the unilateral dogs to see if they also have those mutations or not.”

“We are still looking for DNA samples from dogs with cataracts, of any type, and also DNA from older dogs that are still free from cataracts. We also welcome samples from dogs with unilateral cataracts as they will be invaluable in the long term to see

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Margo Klingler

Oscar Enrique Calvo owns 1 Miniature Schnauzer which he co-owns with one of his sponsors and with his mentor. He is not a breeder. He has attended 11 shows in 2009 and 2010 thus far. He plans to apply for membership in the Riverhead Kennel Club. He is a Landscape Architect and is interested in all listed AMSC activities.

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Deborah Effland is a past member of AMSC whose membership accidentally lapsed. She has had Miniature Schnauzers since childhood. She does breed her dogs, producing 2 litters in the past 5 years. She is active in Conformation, Agility, Obedience and has trained for Tracking but has not competed. She attends 10-20 dog events yearly and has done pet grooming for 31 years. She is a member of the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club having served as President, Board, Secretary and Rescue. Her occupation is a Production Specialist.

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Has owned Miniature Schnauzers for over 30 years and has decided to become more dedicated to the breed and is learning to owner handle her own dog. She does not list herself as a breeder. They are members of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California. Ms Kolca has an MBA/ Business Management and Ms Mieszala is an RN – Consultant/Educator.

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Sonny Wang has had both Miniature Schnauzers and Doberman Pinschers for 15 years. He is a breeder having bred 15 litters in the past 5 years. He is involved in breeding and in conformation attending approximately 20 dog events yearly. He is a member of the CNKC (China National Kennel Club) in Beijing China, serving as Vice President

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The Zemany's have owned Am Staffordshire Terriers, a Beagle, Welsh Terrier, and currently, a Miniature Schnauzer. They state they do not breed their dogs. They are active in conformation and obedience events, attending 10 shows in 2010. They do not belong to any other dog clubs but will be applying to the Onondaga Kennel Club. Susan is a Human Resources Director and Gregory is retired.



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whether we are right or not about unilateral cataracts usually being non-inherited.”

“ I would like to take this opportunity to thank all your members who have sent us DNA from their dogs. Please reassure them that we consider all DNA samples very precious and they will all ultimately help us understand the genetics of cataracts better.”

Cathryn Mellersh, PhD

We encourage member participation in this important research. You can request DNA cheek swab kits from the AHT by contacting Dr. Mellersh at cathryn.mellersh@aht.org.uk or Sally Ricketts at sally.ricketts@aht.org.uk. Our committee will also have kits available at our Eye Seminar in Louisville in March 2011 or you may contact any committee member to have kits mailed to you.

Members who submitted samples are also asked to contact Dr. Mellersh and her staff if your dog's eye health status has changed since submission of DNA. Because it's possible that cataracts may not manifest in both eyes at the same time, if you submitted DNA from a unilaterally affected dog that has since developed a cataract in both eyes, this is important information for their research and your dog's DNA may be reclassified for use.

Again, our committee wishes to thank our club members who share our vision of discovering the causes of cataracts in our breed. Please contact a committee member or AHT if you have additional questions.

AMSC Health Committee



I'm looking for Santa.....

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for a budget of \$500 for expenses incurred. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Congratulations to our newest Life Member, Millie Shultz. The Board approved her Life membership at our June Meeting. A plaque will be presented at our Annual Meeting on October 9.

7. Sonny Lelle attended the NAIA Conference in Denver for us this year October 2 -3.

8. This is the last Board meeting for the Class of 2010. I want to thank Marcia Feld, Kurt Garmaker, Wyn Hagmaier, and Lisa Sarvas for their efforts on the Board.

9. We will be having 2 seminars at our Roving in Louisville. One by the Health Committee on Hereditary Eye Disease and one on "Grooming Tips of the Pros" by Eric Salas.

10. I would like to combine the Fundraising Committee and the Special Projects Committees. The new committee would be Ways and Means. This committee would be charged with finding ways to finance our activities. They would work with the various committees to fund activities, as needed (e.g. Health, Trophies, Specialties, Rescue, etc). For example, if our Trophy Fund falls short, the Trophy Committee would work with Ways and Means to find ways to fill that void. If a special Health project comes up (research, seminar), Ways and Means would work to meet the financial requirement. The current Special Programs Committee has no guideline. The Fundraising Committee has Guidelines that really just reference funding CHF projects. This guideline was created by Hoffman and it appears this committee was formed specifically for the PRA project years back. A motion was made to accept this proposal by Sonny Lelle and seconded by Tom LaSalle. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Secretary: Amy Gordon

1. A printed report of the specialty clubs and shows was provided within the body of the agenda.

2. Membership -a) As of September 30, 2010 our membership totaled 491 Regular, 5 Life, 43 Foreign (with voting privileges), 20 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 1 Junior, and 4 new membership applications (2 regular, 2 foreign) for a total of 564.

3. Correspondence (Received):
(1)AKC

a) Letter requesting new Officers
b) Letter requesting application for corresponding event West Palm Beach, 3/13/10

c) Letter acknowledging receipt of application for 2011 Louisville Obedience trial

d) Application for 2011 Summer show.
(2) Various Newsletters/Magazines/local club specialty catalogs
(3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services
(4) Hotel/Facility advertisements
(5) Miscellaneous

a) Acceptance letters from Sweeps and Regular judges for the 2012 Specialties

b) Acceptance letter from Marilyn Gormley, judge for the 2011 Louisville Obedience Trial

c) Letter from Montgomery County Kennel Club requesting breed information pamphlets for the breed information table.

d) Letter from the International Kennel Club with information on submission dates for Specialty clubs holding specialties with their show.

e) Letter from the International Kennel Club advertising they will have a competition for Best Amateur Owner Handled in breed. The entry for the A-O-H class will be \$0 for their Saturday and Sunday shows.

f) Letter from the American Sealyham Terrier Club advertising a CERF Clinic and Microchip clinic.

4. AMSC Summer Specialty - Was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association on Sunday, June 27, 2010. Mrs. Beth Santure judged 12 Sweepstakes entries. Ms. Claudia Seaberg judged 55 regular class entries.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards Report on p. 6

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley
The AKC Delegates 'Meeting was held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel, in Newark, New Jersey, on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

The Delegates 'Forum, prior to the Meeting, was a presentation on "Responsible Pet Ownership - The Calgary Model of Animal Control ". This is a different model of delivering animal services utilizing partnerships, education and enforcement only when necessary to deliver a program with very low aggression rates, low euthanasia, high return to owner rates and a self-funded operation without tax dollar support. It was presented by Bill Bruce, Director Animal & Bylaw Services, The City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

They have defined four principles of responsible ownership: 1. License and

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Treasurer's Report (Oct. 2010)

Financials

	Balance 6/1/10	Balance 9/26/10	Change	Variance Explanation
Checking	\$3,886.19	\$5,798.06	\$1,911.87	increase due primarily to annual dinner, Special Projects, Publication and 2011 and DVD payments
Rescue	\$7,374.23	\$7,528.35	\$154.12	donation by Linda Wahlquist-Soos for out-of-pocket expenses incurred for 2010 dues. Collection \$154
Health	\$10,812.79	\$9,898.66	-\$914.13	\$200 membership CHF, \$132 travel to Health conference, \$434 health library, \$150 Univ. of Georgia JRD study
Holding Savings	\$9,983.05 \$38,616.63	\$9,985.57 \$38,645.84	\$2.52 \$29.21	interest interest
PayPal	\$4,159.84	\$1,015.09	-\$3,144.75	Trophy fund donations, dinner payments, Special projects payments moved to checking or trophy accounts
Trophy	\$4,869.43	\$6,532.13	\$1,662.70	-\$1,100 trophy design fee (final GW payment, deposit for Montco), \$2,840 donations to trophy fund, \$230 pendant raffle tickets, -\$434 trophy expenses (frames, shipping, etc.), donation by Linda Wahlquist-Soos for out-of-pocket expenses incurred for 2010 dues \$125
TOTAL	\$79,702.16	\$79,403.70	-\$298.46	

Expense Recap

Significant expenses since the June report not mentioned above include judge's travel for Great Western \$903, forever stamps for mailing AMSCOPE \$1,000, AMSCOPE printing \$590, membership in NAA \$500, Canine Health Foundation membership \$200, annual insurance renewals \$929, conference travel \$320, judges' selection \$706. AMSCOPE printing costs have decreased an average of \$93 per issue compared to late 2009 as a result of members changing the delivery method from regular mail to email. A similar decrease in postage due to switch has also occurred.

2011 Membership Dues

Dues letters are prepared and will be mailed the last week of November. There will be no change in dues amounts for next year.

Taxes

The 2009 Federal Income tax return was filed in August. The year ended with a net profit of \$2,713. This profitability was due to the donation from the estate of Mary Keehnel. See attached budget for details of 2009 income and expenses.

2011 Budget

The 2011 budget is included as an attachment. As always, as a not-for profit 501(c)(3) organization, the budget shows break-even for the year. Details by committee are included in the attachment as well.

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provide permanent IDs for pets; 2. Spay or neuter pets; 3. Provide training, physical care, socialization and medical attention for companion pets; and 4. Don't allow pets to become a threat or nuisance in the community. And their position is there must be consequences as part of the enforcement of their laws. The cost of getting caught and the perception of getting caught reinforce the consequences. But that must also be tempered with the perception of fairness, and that the Animal & Bylaw Services are partners in responsible pet ownership. They set the standards of acceptable behavior in order to achieve compliance. They use seven performance indicators to determine how their programs are working. They look at the impounded numbers, return to owner rates, aggressive animal incidences, euthanasia rate, percentage of animals licensed, number of bylaw infractions charged, and financial performance. All of the officers are peace officers with full powers of the police. For operations, they have vans fully equipped for handling the dogs -air conditioners, with ramps to load the dogs, individual kennels for the animals, and ready water. There are 24 officers that handle a 500 sq. mile area. They also instituted a "drive home process" -instead of officers bringing dogs back to the Center for the owner to then come and collect, they drive the dog directly home. This keeps the officer on duty instead of spending 3 hours driving back and forth to the Center.

They also have set aside "off leash" areas, with specific behavior rules, where owners can let their dogs run and play. They also have educational programs they present in schools, kindergarten through 6th grade, which fulfill part of the schools' required curriculum.

The presentation is available by request from Bill Bruce.

Meeting:

The Delegates' Meeting was called to order. The minutes from the June meeting stood as published. New delegates were introduced and seated.

Ron Menaker gave his report. The Board has added a new planning meeting. They are looking for new ways to improve attendance at shows. How to increase registrations remains the single largest focus as it is the single largest impact to revenue.

He also announced the "Breeder of Merit Program," whereby a breeder can receive official recognition by the AKC. This program was announced previously at the Parent Club Conference. (Note: the

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announcement flyer was previously sent to the AMSC Board.)

Mr. Menaker discussed the AKC Humane Fund. This fund provides up to \$1000 for parent club breed rescue, the ACE Awards, and women's shelter programs, whereby grants are given to shelters that accept dogs so women in abusive relationships won't hesitate to leave because of their animals. Jim Stevens gave the financial report. Revenue is \$2.8 million (down 7%), of which 2/3 is due to registrations. Litter registrations are down 11%; dogs 12%. AKC credit card and licensing income is also down, as are other sources of revenue.

To offset this, they have been able to keep operating expenses down. But there is an operating deficit of \$287,000.

There was a presentation by Alan Kalter and Dave Roberts, emphasizing the programs provided by the AKC, e.g. Care & condition Program, Canine Legislation Program, Companion Animal Recovery, Museum of the Dog, Canine Health Foundation, Gazette, Family Dog, ACE Awards, Veterinary Outreach Program, etc. Of the 13 programs, only CAR is a revenue generator. The other 12 are funded by registrations.

They stated that only 50% of the Fancy registers their puppies, and of those, they only register 50% of their puppies. So AKC has developed six easy ways to register 100% of puppies:

1. Full Litter Registration. Note: you can now add "limited" at the time of the first transfer
2. Full Litter Offspring
3. Full Litter Plus (all puppies)
4. Full Litter Offspring Plus (AKC contacts the new owners for the dog's name)
5. Registration at Sale
6. Unregistered Dog –add a puppy and new owner info to AKC's online record keeping system and they will follow up with the new owner to remind them to register.

Between 2008 and 2009, registrations dropped by 65,000. If the Fancy had registered all their pups, they would have been up by 85,000 instead.

Gina DiNardo mentioned the investigation of an "Associate Membership Program." Lieberman Associates was recommended to do a scenario-based research survey to determine the benefits of such a program. The survey should show if this is even a viable option, and the results will be shared with the delegates when they are compiled. Votes:

1. Term Limits: this failed, 151 Yes votes

to 220 No votes.

2. Dachshund Field Trial Rules –specify minimum age of 6 mo. Adopted
3. Basset Hound Field Trial Rules –specify minimum age of 6 mo. Adopted
4. Beagle Field Trial Rules and Large Pack Field Trials –specify minimum age of 6 mo. Adopted
5. Beagle Field Trial Rules and Small Pack/Two-Couple Field Trials –specify minimum age of 6 mo. Adopted
6. Dachshund Field Trial Rules & Standard Procedures, Judges and their Decisions, officers of club allowed to judge. Adopted
7. Basset Hound Field Trial Rules, Judges and their Decisions, retain entry forms for one year. Adopted

All Field Trial changes effective October 2010.

Proposal read, to be voted on at the December meeting: Read on proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 12 - Schedule of Judges, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would allow Superintendents and Show Secretaries to schedule after lunch assignments without dividing them into hourly periods unless requested by the Show Chairman.

The impetus of this is so judges can leave earlier. If approved, the judging assignment after lunch would just list all the breeds with no breakdown of timing. This would mean an exhibitor would have to constantly monitor the ring to see how far the judge had progressed through all the afternoon breeds. There would be no set time slots, e.g. 1:00, 2:00, etc. Several clubs opposed this.

Medallions were awarded to four delegates who have served 25 years. Four member clubs were also honored for their 100 years of membership.

Tom Sharp gave an update on the CAR program. The Nominating Committee for the Class of 2015 was announced.

An amendment was proposed to term limits whereby a director will be required to remain off the board for a full four-year term, instead of the current one-year. This will be added to the December agenda.

The Group Re-Alignment discussed is being revived, but Miniature Schnauzers will NOT be considered for moving.

Newly elected members to the Delegate Standing Committees were announced. The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

Committee Reports

A. Special Committees

1. **SPRING SPECIALTY 2011: Gale Schnetzer** The Spring Roving specialty will be held with the Louisville cluster of dog shows in March 2011. 3 local clubs will have specialties, the Michigan club on Thursday, Cleveland on Friday and Cincinnati on

Saturday. The AMSC specialty will on Sunday with Dale Miller judging the regular classes and Lisa Sarvas judges sweepstakes. There will be a block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza hotel with a Banquet. There will be seminars, including one with a lawyer on Contracts. This will be advertised to all breeds.

2. **SUMMER SPECIALTY: John Constantine**

In 2011, the MSCSC will hold specialties on Friday and Saturday of the Great Western weekend and the AMSC specialty will be on Sunday.

3. **FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart**

Ring Stewards are being supplied by the Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC). Two ads were received for the 2010 MCKC show catalog...down 50% compared to 2009.

Kate McMillan has commissioned to provide the gift for our Sweepstakes Judge.

Regular Classes and Sweepstakes Judges have been invited to our AMSC annual dinner. Edd Bivin has declined our invitation.

4. **2013 Roving Specialty**

Carma Ewer made a motion to accept the Independent Specialty Guidelines Manual developed by President John Constantine. This was seconded by Carole Weinberger and passed unanimously.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli** No Report

2. **AWARDS: Susan Atherton, Chris Levy, David Kirkland** The AMSC Breeders awards and the AKC Good Sportmanship award will be given out at the AMSC Banquet.

A. Versatility: Lynn Baitinger No new awards.

3. **COMPANION & PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle (Obedience), Kathy Colby (Agility)** The AKC paperwork for the AMSC Obedience trial has been submitted. Our judge will be Marilyn Gormley from the Louisville area. We should have her signed contract by 10-6. Carla Borrelli has the information about the trial and assured me that she would put it in the next AMSCOPE. Lynn Baitinger agreed to post the same information to the Performance Schnauzer yahoo group and the information includes a solicitation for volunteers to assist with stewarding and setting up the AMSC table at the trial. Premium list information should go to the cluster chairman by 10-6. Wednesday was chosen for the trial in order to allow for more entries. Our last Louisville

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trial had class entry limits due to the late starting time - after Best In Show. Afterwards a lot of exhibitors complained that the entry limits kept them from showing, or showing more than one dog, etc. We will be offering not only the regular classes, but will also be offering the new titling classes - Beginner Novice and Graduate Novice. We will also offer Veterans. These additional classes should generate significantly more entries and I fully expect to more than cover our expenses with this trial

4. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

Carole Weinberger .The next time we update the By-laws, the AKC has asked us to add the updated AKC guidelines for electronic notifications

5. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi

Rohrer There will be 101 attendees at the banquet.

6. EDUCATION: Wyoma Clouss, Chris

Levy Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Susi Atherton, to accept Beth Santure as an AMSC breed mentor. The motion passed unanimously.

7.ELECTRONIC MEDIA: HildeHaakenson,

Wyoma Clouss No Report

8. ETHICS: Carole Weinberger, Susan

Atherton, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson
Report in Old Business

9. FINANCE: Sharon Edwards, Carla

Borrelli, Linda Wahlquist-Soos

No Report

10. FUND RAISING: Carole Weinberger,

Flo Bessemer No Report

11. GUIDELINES: Susanne Short, Diane

Gardner, Lynn Tamms Carole Weinberger made a motion to accept as corrected the Board Manual presented by President John Constantine. The motion was seconded by Kim Cox-Griffin and passed unanimously. This manual will be provided to all new Board Members. It contains the AMSC Constitution and Board policies.

12. HEALTH: Vera Potiker; Patti Henderson; Paula Steele DVM; Kurt Garmaker; Sheila Marks; Lisa Sarvas DVM; Errolyn Martin.

a) JRD Update

a. MIT Study — There is no additional information since the last update. The Health Committee strongly encourages member participation.

b. Dogenes JRD Test has received their patent and we remain anxious to see

the peer-reviewed article that discusses the particulars and the theories behind her DNA test. The patent was necessary to be obtained first to protect intellectual property. Now that this has been done we should soon see the scientific article that describes her study. Until there is full peer review, the Health Committee can not recommend using the test as a marker for JRD in schnauzers. We do acknowledge there is a potentially unique wild allele that should be preserved until we know more about what this all means. In no way should breeding programs be reordered for the purpose of preserving this allele.

c. Incidence in the Breed –Dr. Cathy Brown has reviewed 2 submissions for wedge biopsy so far. Our intent in this is to determine the prevalence of JRD in the breed by providing analysis of submitted wedge biopsies of healthy dogs who have been euthanized or expired.

ACTION: Increase advertising to the members to submit samples thru the use of AMSCOPE

b) AKC/CHF Seminar Update –The seminar was attended by Dr. Lisa Sarvas as a representative of the AMSC Health Committee

Case Submissions

CONFIRMED UNCONFIRMED

Pyelonephritis	1	
SSS	1	1
End Stage Renal Failure (non-spec)	1	
Hemangiosarcoma	1	
Cataract (Lisa & Kurt) PRA	3	
Liver Shunt	1	2
Hyperlipidemia	2 (1 died of liver failure)	
Renal Dysplasia	1	
Renal Failure	2	

d) CHIC Submissions & CHIC Pin Award

a. In 2009 we had 28 submissions (7 of which were non members) and awarded 11 CHIC

b. In 2010 (so far) we have had 11 more submissions and 8 new recipients of the CHIC Pin Terrie Houck, Cathy Pendelton, Leanne Tousey, Hiromi Ueki, Carole Weinberger, Amy Gordon, Paula Steele, Elliot Mackle

e) Louisville Seminar –March 2010 - The Health Committee will be putting on a seminar which will review the accumulated Cataract data that has been submitted to the Health Committee . This will look at in aggregate and genetic pedigrees will be presented. In addition there will be basic educational material discussed in an

attempt to bring attendees to a better understanding of eye anatomy and disease. The intent is to give breeders knowledge to have a more educated discussion with their VOs. CERF clinics will be held Friday and Saturday. The show chairman is expecting a huge turnout so members are encouraged to attend early. A cardiology clinic is also being planned

f) Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club –has generously donated \$400 to the Health Committee in January. On behalf of the AMSC Health Comm, we would like to publicly acknowledge their generosity and thank them for their continued support and encouragement.

g) The AMSC Health Committee is taking an active role internationally to disseminate important information to all breeders and to broaden sample solicitation within the breed to a much wider audience. So far we have made connections with the UK, Japan, South Africa, and Holland. Our Holland contact will help distribute information to other countries in that region. With the increasing numbers of top American dogs being exported and as many of the countries do not have “national” clubs or health committees, this communication link and sharing of information strengthens our international presence and increases sample access from which the breed at large can benefit.

h) Gallbladder Disease in Miniature Schnauzers and Cocker - Washington State University is calling for samples to Investigate Gallbladder Disease in Miniature Schnauzers and Cocker. This is a disease that is recognized with increasing frequency and breed predilection in Shetland Sheepdogs and Miniature Schnauzers, both breeds of which are predisposed to hyperlipidemia a factor known to contribute to GB Disease in humans. WSU Pharmacology Laboratories have identified a mutation strongly associated with GB Mucoceles in Sheepdogs and would like to explore its existence in Cocker and MS. They are asking for DNA samples from affected dogs OR dogs >9YO.

i) Donor Advised Fund Status - \$5000 has been awarded to 2 research projects investigating several aspects of using stem cells in treatment of disease (see Last Board Report)

13. HISTORIAN: Richard Isley No Report

14. JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech No Report

15. LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Don Farley No Report

16. LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES: Stella VanCleve, Catherine

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DiFranco, Barbara Donahue Barbara Donahue will be presenting the awards for the newsletters and websites at the Banquet.

17. MEMBER RETENTION/EXPANSION AND LOCAL CLUB DIPLOMAT: Brooke Walker, Karen Brittan, Marilyn Cooper
No Report

18. MEMBERSHIP: Mary Ann Shandor
No Report

19. POLICY: Jinx Gunville No Report

20. PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin No Report

21. PUBLICATIONS: Patricia O'Brien

Inventory

Grooming charts	216
Illustrated Standards	72
CD	14
So you want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy	19

Income

Grooming charts	\$143
Illustrated Standards	\$ 55
CD	\$ 60
Total income	\$ 258

Expenses

Postage	\$ 32.69
Grooming Charts 11 @ \$ 2 ea	\$ 22
Illustrated Standards 5 @ \$2.40	\$ 12

Total expenses **\$66.69**

Profit **\$191.31**

22. PUBLICITY: Carma Ewer If anyone is interested in submitting an article for the Gazette column, contact Carma Ewer.

23. RESCUE: Michele Smith No Report

24. ROVING SPECIALTY: Tom LaSalle
No Report

25. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Catherine DiFranco No Report

26. TROPHIES: Terrie Houck, Cathy Pendelton There is \$2840 in the trophy fund There is usually \$5000 in the trophy fund in the fall. A Gold Schnauzer pendant will be raffled at the annual dinner with the proceeds going to the trophy fund.

27. USE OF THE M.S. IN ADVERTISING & WHITE M.S.: Shirley Cole A motion

was made by Bev Verna to dissolve the committee. The motion was seconded by Don Farley and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Potential change in the Code of Ethics concerning breeder's responsibility to take back a dog an owner can no longer keep – Weinberger (Ethics Committee)

The Ethics Committee reviewed the section of the COE concerning this issue and the committee's recommendation is that the present COE is sufficient to cover this issue.

2) The Chester County Dog Training Club is hosting an Obedience and Agility event over the Montgomery County weekend. Sonny and John will talk to the club and report back at the Montgomery County board meeting. –Constantine

It would be cost prohibitive to hold a specialty trial and no dates are open for an all terrier trial. So we will drop this.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Carole Weinberger moved to accept the following applicants as new members, Brian Beitz, Steven Berman, Michael Herschler, Aramis (Joey) Lim. Seconded by Sonny Lelle. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clarification of Time between becoming eligible to judge an AMSC specialty –Constantine

Sometime back, the Board decided that the judge's selection policy was not set up correctly. The original intent was to have someone judge one of our specialties no more than once in a five year period. The way Judges Selection was set up it actually caused it to be 7 years. It was agreed the process is correct as is. No changes will be made.

2. Allowing new designation, "Breeder of Merit," to be added to breeders on the AMSC website. –Farley

a) Pilot Program starting 10/1/10

b) To be given the recognition:

i. History of 5 or more years in AKC events

ii. At least 4 conf and/or performance titles on dogs bred.

iii. Member of AKC Licensed Club

iv. Certifies Health Screenings are done on Sire/Dam as recommended by parent club

v. Registers 100% of puppies

A motion was made by Carma Ewer, seconded by Susi Atherton, to add a the title of Breeder of Merit next to the name on the Breeder listing on the AMSC website of any breeder designated as such by the AKC. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Bev Verna made a motion, seconded by Kim Cox, to recommend to the AKC to have all stud dog owners be required to sign Litter Registration forms. The motion passed unanimously. The Board directed our Delegate to bring this up at the next Delegate's meeting.

4. Susi Atherton made a motion that the AMSC recognize those that have belonged to the club for 50 years to be recognized with a Gold plated AMSC logo pin. The motion was seconded by Sonny Lelle and passed unanimously. The Board directed Susi to research who has been continuous members for 50+ years. She will also work to get an appropriate number of gold-plated pins.

5. AMSC hosting an All-Terrier Obedience Trial at MCKC in 2011. – Constantine

We would hold an OB trial/rally open to all terriers. MCKC is agreeable to this because it will increase their entries and bring in additional funds. There are plenty of areas at the current show site that could house such an event. It would bring more Companion Event people to MCKC and to help feel more of a part of the weekend. AMSC would realize more income from this event, as well. We would also have the prestige of being the club to host it.

6. Discussion of Letter from the Dalmation Club of America in reference to the AKC board voting on the

Allowance of 'backcross' Dalmation/Pointer crosses in the Studbook. Don Farley made a motion, seconded by Tom LaSalle, to write a letter to the AKC in support of the DCA membership decision. The Board directed the Secretary to work with the Delegate to develop a letter to send to the AKC.

7. Report of the AKC Parent Club Conference attended by President John Constantine.

AKC Companion Animal Recovery

AKC/CAR is the largest not-for-profit recovery service in the world and offers a variety of micro chipping programs for clubs and assistance with micro chipping clinics. Over 4 million pets are registered. In 2007, the AKC/CAR ID system launched microchips and scanners. CAR's Proscan 700 reads all chips in the U.S and the ISO Microchip was launched in 2010.

The Microchip is an identification device and not a GPS. It is tiny, inert, with no power supply. The scanner has the power. Feel free to call CAR anytime for help. The cost

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2. Crop/Dock Forum

Various aspects of crop/dock were discussed most importantly how the ARs propagandize the issue by showing many completely botched attempts that even you all and I would call cruel. We talked about how we have to get out there and show how these procedures are not cruel when done properly. We discussed how AKC needs to try and get more non-cropped/docked breeds supporting. I made the point of how this can really hurt our task of educating the public.

It then turned to the topic of how to fight the legislation against crop/dock. A lawyer on AKC's staff was there and discussed how members of our clubs could donate to the AKC PAC to help fight these initiatives. She made the point that politicians remember. One thing more than anything else, Contributions. By donating to the AKC PAC, we give AKC the ability to do just that. The point that we, all, as individuals need to do the same thing was made clear. We should contribute and, as importantly, visit our legislators periodically. Get them to remember us as the dog person among their constituents and one of their contributors.

3. Eukanuba Welcome

This is the 4th Parent Club Conference. We are historians of the past and guardians of the future. One goal of the conference is to help parent clubs collectively deal with problems and learn from each other. It appears that the same problems go on from club to club. Another goal of the conference is to strengthen the bond with AKC.

October 16th is the next large "Meet The Breeds" event at the Jacob Javits Center in NYC. (Madelyn Carlin is heading up our AMSC representation.)

4. AKC—Parent Club Communications: Roles and Functions of AKC

Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO talked about what parent clubs do for AKC, the "Meet The Breeds" event last year in NYC, the need for on-going PR work to promote our clubs, the AKC, dog show events, and pure bred dogs. He said the economy is a challenge and that registrations are down. "We are you and you are us." He mentioned how AKC raised \$3.5 million in the aftermath of 9/11 and

mentioned the dog statues placed at strategic points in NYC, and DOGY.

He told us how AKC secured in minutes the urgently needed equipment to take in along with rescue dogs after the World Trade Center was destroyed. In a personal story he mentioned that at one point someone in security at ground zero asked what those dogs were doing here? Then someone hollered out the AKC connection, and the rescue dogs were waved on through to help. It was a very compelling story that makes us appreciate what these dogs can do.

John Lyons talked next about the registration initiative. There is a handout that goes with this topic. John said there was a big difference between "breeders with knowledge" and puppy breeders as breeders come from different backgrounds. Breeders guide and protect the breed.

There is a new pilot called the AKC Breeder of Merit Program which pays tribute to breeders in the fancy. There is a special designation—Breeder of Merit— on registration certificates from AKC. This is an acknowledgement with entitlements and benefits. It costs nothing. To qualify, breeders in the fancy have to have 4 dogs with titles, be a member of an AKC club, go through health screenings, and have all puppies registered. This is a Pilot Program for 2 months and adjustments will be made. Call Mari-Beth O'Neil of AKC or e-mail her at mbo@akc.org if interested.

Mike Liosis talked next and his job is to approve clubs, process By-Laws. He advised us to know your By-Laws and Robert's Rules. There are 5,100 clubs that hold AKC events, 176 parent clubs, 144 member clubs, others are FSS. He said there are 501(c)'s that haven't filed with the IRS since 2007. Clubs can retroactively file up until October 15th. We don't want to lose our exemption. Mike said AKC could assist us with By-Laws. He said club treasurers have the responsibility to advise the BOG and club of income and expenses.

Next he talked about how parent clubs assist AKC. We identify new officers so AKC information requests go to the new secretary of a club. We should deal with our own problems, that's why we have boards, and advise AKC on any local clubs that are being formed. Call Mike at 212-696-8237 if questions in Club Relations.

Robin Stansell, the AKC VP in charge of Event Operations at 919-816-3646 talked about how we can help each other with timely and complete submissions of results, judging panels, and applications. His group is responsible for event scheduling, questions, matches, etc. He said that his

group can do seminars around the country if we can get more than 30 people to attend at a cost of \$35 per attendee. Robin continued that parent clubs are required to approve local specialties. The weekend AKC club hotline for help is 1-800-252-7895. (This is also the CAR hotline)

Next up was Lisa Peterson on Public Education. AKC has a function on media outreach and so do the clubs. AKC gets involved in "Meet the Breeds." Regarding using purebreds in the movies, AKC has an insert that goes in the movie advising on purebreds, pros and cons of the breed, etc. AKC prepared press releases on the Obama dog. AKC communicates by e-newsletter and prepares syndicated stories for newsletter dissemination. AKC coordinates and prepares the parent club breed flyers. Lisa's number is 212-696-8360.

Mari-Beth O'Neil of Special Services addressed the audience next. Her group directs FSS, ILP, Juniors and works with foundation stock services, PAL applications, registered kennel names, retired kennel names, and breed standard revisions.

Margaret Poindexter, AKC General Counsel spoke next about access to affordable insurance for parent clubs through Equisure. Coverage includes fidelity and crime, officers and board. She is working on the rescue groups being insured through Equisure and talked about the AKC inspections and investigations department.

David Roberts talked about Registrations. He mentioned the Parent Club National Specialty coupon re an e-mail listing of participants. Which Don Farley has already brought back to us in initiated. An e-mail comes back to each participant with a \$4.00 coupon at the AKC on-line store. Dave talked about selling puppies and using the Breeder of Merit Program to help.

Alan Kalter talked next re donors and conversations with political people. We have an AKC Political Action Committee which aggregates donations. We use PACs to get OUR story told and the AKC PAC can use donations. Sheila Goffe of AKC is taking the donations. A DVD is coming to breed clubs. Contributions are from individuals and not clubs. Although we, as a club, can collect the individual donations and then forward to AKC.

All parent clubs need to be at the "Meet the Breeds" in NY in October.

5. Financial Aspects of the Operation of a Parent Club

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I attended this session and it had many good points. Many of the recommendations we already follow, thanks to Sharon Edwards. I was surprised to learn that some clubs still do not bond their officers and do not work off of budgets. There were some interesting things covered that we do not have in place today. Sharon and I discussed these and will be making recommendation to the Board to alter some of our current procedures.

6. On-Line AKC

The AKC website was discussed by Charley Kneifel. We can all get on-line with an account. Just set it up, manage it, and use it. There is a feature for event management for club log in and a personal account.

7. Improving the National Specialty

Glenn Radcliffe was the main presenter and Karen Burgess and Karen Mays were the moderators. Glenn talked about some new fun ways to do some team building in this get together event for a club. Sweeps and a Parade Lap. However, his version of Sweeps was a bit novel as you sponsor and then "bet" on a dog and are thereby becoming vested in that particular dog's outcome. The winner shares the winnings with the handler. He advised not to do it every year. A question came up as to whether it was legal? That has to be researched and the answer may vary in the state the National is held.

Another idea is to sell a 12 month calendar with the dates of the National on it; can include local specialties too. We already do this with our annual Photo Contest Calendar.

He talked next re a committee organization. Need a standing committee with continuity of standing individuals. Advantages are we/ I did it before. Disadvantages are staleness, burnout, and resentment.

Reinvent the wheel with a new group to run the National. New ideas-advantage. Disadvantage-we don't know what we don't know....The recommended structure is a standing committee of key people. Make the grounds people and others change year to year. Blend it. Hire a professional planner. Professional meeting planners can do it for us, get room deals for themselves, cost depends...

For the show location, it is as they say in real estate: location, location, location. Karen Burgess said that Kansas was the population center of the U.S. Do the

National near an airport. If you have a breed like St. Bernard's that don't fly, an airport nearby doesn't help you. Some breeds live in just certain areas. Look for a second tier city. Big ones like Philly, Seattle are going to be pricey. Pick Olympia rather than Seattle in Washington State. (Pigeon Forge rather than Knoxville)

Go where they want you and they don't want you in a big city. Take your spending history with you when you are researching where to settle. Have your bar and meal figures. Ask for financial support.

There are time of year considerations. Go in the off-season like a ski resort in summer. Go after Labor Day and before Memorial Day. Go to summer resorts in "shoulder season." Go just outside a well know "tourist trap" area. They can use the business.

So many great ideas, I came away with many good thoughts on things to do to make our Combined Schnauzer Specialty in 2013 great!

8. Governance-the Effective Operation of the Parent Club

Carl Holder and Mike Liosis were the presenters. For the By-Laws, use the state requirement. Watch taking an action without a meeting, give unanimous consent and then record it for the record. There are state laws and club By-Laws. See the Articles of Incorporation. Can only suspend Order of Business with 2/3 vote. Robert's Rules of Order are also binding. Standing rules are administration. These are policies which can be suspended by a majority vote.

Five of the most commonly asked questions by parent clubs:

1. Order of authority
 - a.State law and Articles of Incorporation
 - b. C and BL
 - c. Rules of Order
 - d. Standing Rules

From this it is easy to see how something can be "out of order."

2. By-Laws related dispute—resolution, what, not who. An objection must be raised in a timely manner. Call Mike Liosis if questions. We are volunteers and not attorneys.

3. Missed constitutional deadlines like: Mail out was to be the 7th and we did it the 12th. Give the members 5 more days to respond. Options available. How to rectify?

4. Suspensions There are club and AKC suspensions. Club option is usually to match the AKC suspension. Be consistent. Fairness principle. Look at alleged act and not the person.

5. Lack of Board Participation – This was of interest to me as we have been trying to deal with this. Several clubs have a hard and fast bylaw, miss 2 meetings in a row and you are off the Board. This takes away personalities, which make it difficult for a Board to deal with lack of participation.

9. Legislative Issues and the Parent Club Patti Strand of NAIA and Phil Guidry of AKC (Legislative Analyst) were the principal speakers. One of their roles is to protect us from the animal rights extremists. Before the target was purebred dogs, it was owls, Flipper, and monkeys. A good part of the attack was sensationalistic, artificially created, staged, and it did move the public in the direction intended.

Challenges: We do have pet related problems; the animal rights efforts, and the media coverage. What's at stake: Ownership and options

Patti Strand's history of involvement goes back to San Mateo and the Oregon puppy mills. Pet overpopulation is perceived as a major issue. This is an extremist movement we are dealing with and not an AR movement.

A conflict fundraising industry:
—identifies and exploits problems to raise money
—victim/villain/vindicator
—artful use of the 1st amendment to defame people/ industries at will
—have hundreds of millions of dollars

Will new providers arise to meet the demand? Where will the source be for new dogs for the U.S.? Dogs from breeders vs.dogs from shelters. There have been studies on replacement. Trends: High rates of dog ownership will end. We have to change the dialogue.

Propaganda: Focus on half empty vs. half full. The activist focuses on black sheep. Memorize the good things that AKC does and use them. Promote AKC as they gave \$17 million to AKC CHF, have done 5,000 kennel inspections, set up CAR, and managed 17,000 events. Advertise that you have AKC purebred puppies, are a responsible breeder, and then register every puppy.

Write letters to the editor. Call radio talk shows. Do on-line social networking, give

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to NAIA Trust, read and act upon legislative alerts. Have a clear vision of what you stand for. Show up and meet the law makers. Mention economic numbers. Solve problems. Become a subject matter expert. Know the facts, trends, and numbers. State economic impact. Check the legislative alerts constantly for your area on the AKC website.

NAIA offerings: Statistics, legislative software, studies, brochures, position statements, a Trust and a lobbying center.

There will be a NAIA Conference in Denver on Oct 2 and 3, 2010. Will address parent club grass roots efforts. It is all about relationships with volunteers. Sonny Lelle is attending this for us.

We as a community are under legislative assault. There were 1001 Federal and State bills in California in 2010. We are hit over and over. Now we have an added layer. We have to adopt a legislative agenda. We will lose what we have: dogs, number of breedings allowed, etc.

There is no one perfect model. We want an active model. Direct lobbying. Write opinion letters and perform media outreach. Try an education model.

Use Twitter and Face Book. Know that the lawmakers are following Twitter. We can get messages out. But they can follow us.

There is an AKC Government Relations website and a legislative tracking program. Technology is a tool and not a program. Empower our people to go beyond that. We might need more training for outreach to impact legislative processing. Build trust and find the next level. Move from behind the computer screen to face to face.

Alliances: AKC/NAIA/State Federations/ Other groups opposed to "radical theology."

Do coalition building with NRA and multiple interest teams. Members' interests are club interests. Deputize. Mobilize the grassroots influencers. Develop a multi-influence team.

A key feature of a successful grassroots program is 365 days a year. Activate the members 24/7. Go for face-to-face meetings with legislators and members.

10. Canine Health and Welfare

We had an illustrious panel with Dr. Haines, DVM, Eddie Dziuk (OFA Chief Operating Officer), Dr. Smith, DVM and President, OFA, and Dr. Graves, DVM. Parent clubs encourage breeders to address health and welfare. We need to help market puppies. Embrace new science, knowledge and understanding. Design programs to promote solutions.

Re canine welfare, a COE is parent club responsibility. A lot of the public doesn't know about AKC. The sport is in the hands of the parent club. Make sure your AKC flyer is updated for your breed through your parent club.

AKC-CHF is the world's largest funder of canine health studies. There are donor advised funds and they have a canine health conference. There is Genome Barks outreach and there is the on-line breed health survey. Over 25 breeds participated so far. Contact OFA on health clinics and availability. There are free hip and exam offers.

There is CHIC health testing and awareness and a DNA repository. Some clubs have active foundations.

Dr. Smith reported that crossbreed dogs have more health problems and the studies prove it. The British changed the standards to force breed changes. The fault does not lie in the standard. The wolf was here two million years ago. Man and the dogs got together and there are different theories on how this came about.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sonny Lelle made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 PM. Seconded by Shawne Imler. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Gordon,
AMSC Secretary

Minutes – October 9, 2010

AMSC Board Meeting – Following the Annual Meeting

Ft Washington, Pennsylvania

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club October – Special Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine at 9:50 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Fort Washington PA.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President, Carole Weinberger – Vice President, Amy Gordon – Secretary, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer

Board Members Present: Susi Atherton, Marilyn Cooper, Kim Cox-Griffin, Carma Ewer, Penny Hirstein, Terrie Houck, Tom LaSalle, Sonny Lelle, Cathi Rohrer, Brooke Walker

President John Constantine welcomed the new Board members, Class of 2014: Penny Hirstein, Cindy Molieri, Patricia O'Brien, and Brooke Walker.

A motion was made by Terrie Houck to accept the committee assignments proposed by President John Constantine. The motion was seconded by Kim Cox-Griffin. Motion passes unanimously.

President John Constantine recommended the 2011 board meetings. The board meetings will be Friday June 24, 2011 in Long Beach, CA and Friday October 7, 2011 prior to the Montgomery County Kennel Club. There will be a teleconference on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 9 pm EST. Critical committee members will be invited as well as Local Club Delegates. A motion was made to approve the suggested meeting dates by Sonny Lelle and seconded by Terrie Houck. The motion passed unanimously.

A special electronic vote was held to move the Spring Board meeting from February 23, 2011 at 9 pm EST to March 18, 2011 in Louisville, KY. The vote passed with 12 affirmative and 9 abstentions.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:05 pm by Marilyn Cooper and seconded by Kim Cox-Griffin. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Amy Gordon,
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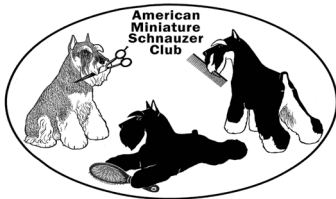


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Regular Classes: Lorraine Boutwell
Sweepstakes: Diana Francois

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Regular Classes: John Constantine
Sweepstakes: David Owen Williams

Cincinnati MSC May 26, 2011
Regular Classes: Penny Hirstein
Sweepstakes: Arlene Smith

MSC of Southern California June 24, 2011
Regular Classes: Clay Coady
Sweepstakes: Carma Ewer

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Regular Classes: Ken McDermott
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Regular Classes: Dale Miller
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