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WHO DOES WHAT?

Here's who to contact:

Requests for additions/deletions from
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Requests for addition/deletion from
Breeders Referral :
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Roster Address changes, she will commu-
nicate to Carla B and Wyoma for updates
Sharon Edwards <rtesle@comcast.net>;

**Due Bee
Due Bee
DUES!!!!**

TROPHY DRIVE...

please don't forget
the trophy drive.

**Sharon Edwards
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Laytonsville, MD 20882**

Here is the link to the page for the
Trophy Fund Drive, [http://amsc.us/
index.php?option=com_content&task=
view&id=131&Itemid=44&mosmsg=
Thanks+for+your+submission](http://amsc.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=44&mosmsg=Thanks+for+your+submission)

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Minutes – September 28, 2011

AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Fall Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 9:02 PM EST via conference call.

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

Board Members: Susi Atherton, Wyoma Clouss, Marilyn Cooper, Kim Cox-Griffin, Carma Ewer, Penny Hirstein, Terrie Houck, Sonny Lelle, Cindy Molieri, Patricia O'Brien, Cathi Rohrer, Stella Van Cleve, Bev Verna,

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Patti Henderson

Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): None

Members and Guests Present: None.

Sonny Lelle moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Patricia O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.. Motion was made by Terrie Houck, seconded by Carole Weinberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the President:

1. I want to thank everyone who helped to pull next weekend together, especially Brian Bogart – Specialty Coordinator, Cathi Rohrer - Hospitality Coordinator, Terrie Houck – Trophy Chair, and Sharon Edwards, and everyone else who contributes their time.'

2. I want to wish a fond farewell to our outgoing Board Members Wyoma Clouss, Marilyn Cooper, Terrie Houck, and Tom LaSalle. I really appreciate all of your efforts, as I am sure the entire club does. This will be their last meeting, for now.

3. We will be participating at the AKC Meet the Breeds event again in NYC on November 19 & 20. Anyone wishing to help out please contact me or Madelyn Carlin who is heading it up for us once again.

4. The Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer club has agreed to run our AMSC Meet the Breeds Booth at the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in Orlando, FL on December 17 & 18.

5. Sharon Edwards will be representing us at the NAIAnnual conference in Harrisburg, PA on November 12 & 13.

6. Paula Steele represented us at the National Parent Club Canine Health Conference on August 12 – 14 in St. Louis, MO.

7. Our proposed Standard changes were reviewed by the AKC Board at their meeting in July and approved with minor changes. They will be sent out for a membership in the next few weeks.

8. I have formed a committee to perform outreach to the membership in order to get as many members as possible to vote. The committee consists of Bev Verna – Chair, Vicki Kubic, and Gloria Lewis. The committee can ask more to help if necessary. The committee will ask local clubs to spread the word to the members that are also members of local clubs to send back their ballots. The committee and committee members were approved unanimously.

9. In my President's Message in the last AMSCOPE I discussed the need for the proposed standard changes and how they are designed to protect our breed, Standard, and our rights to continue to make educated decisions about our dogs care and welfare jointly with our veterinarians (e.g. docking). I want to I urge all members to please vote positively on this Breed Standard change. You should be receiving your ballots in the next couple of weeks or so,

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 – As of September 15, 2011 our membership totaled 486 Regular, 4 Life, 41 Foreign (with voting privileges), 22 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), and 7 new membership applications (7 regular, 0 foreign) for a total of 560.

3. Correspondence (Received):

(1) AKC

a) Various letters in reference to show status

b) letter requesting new officers after annual election

c) letter in reference to review of requested standard changes

d) Application for 2012 Summer show

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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:

Mary Ann Shandor
2302 Cumberland Court, SW
Decatur, AL 35602
256-351-6942
tuckarry@aol.com

***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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Report all changes to the roster to:
treasurer@AMSC.us
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21301 Golf Estates DR.
Laytonsville, MD 20882

Four 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 whoslips 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 four 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-thesqueaky, 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 selfclosing 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.

The deadline for the March issue is February 18.

HMM...

did I remind you to send your dues in?????

RENTALS FOR ROVING SPECIALTY

Woodpeckers
821 Willow Ct
Saginaw, TX 76179

phone: 817-232-3067
show site phone: 817-233-6073
fax: 817-306-0259

COST OF RENTALS PER DAY

CRATES	2000	\$8.
	3000	\$9.
	4000	\$12
	5000	\$15
X-PENS	30"	\$8.
	36"	\$9.
	48"	\$12.
TABLES	30 X 18	\$14.
	36 X 24	\$17.
ARM/CLAMP		\$5.
20 DRYER		\$25.

Daily rates are subject to change.
Daily rental of any other items will be determined by the Lessor.



2012 Roving Specialty in Texas!

Ya'll come join us!



Lone Star MSC Specialty

March 23-25, there will be 4 big shows in 3 days!

Friday we will have the AMSC specialty in the morning and the LSMSC specialty in the afternoon. AMSC will sponsor a box lunch for exhibitors that day. Saturday and Sunday will be an all breed show hosted by the Ft Worth KC.

* AMSC judges are:

Sweeps: Janet Taylor-Sweeps

Regular classes: Carol Weinberger*

LSMSC judges are:

Sweeps: Manuel Itriago

Regular classes: Penny Hirstein

* Judge for Saturday : Sally George

* Educational Seminar on Saturday.

* AMSC Board Meeting

Saturday at 6:30

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Ft Worth

All members are welcome to attend and observe *

LSMSC dinner TBA

* Judge for Sunday: JoAnn McCann (AUS).

The AMSC has blocked rooms at a discounted rate at the Residence Inn Ft Worth University 1701 South University Drive, Fort Worth, TX, 76107, (817) 870-1011

Event name:

American Miniature Schnauzer Club.

Room rates are \$119.00/night for studio,
\$139.00/night for double.

There are many hotels in the Ft Worth area to choose from but this one is very close to the show site and very "doggie" friendly with lots of grassy areas for exercising.

NEED a Grooming Table? SEE PAGE 2

Kim Cox Griffin (daystar@doglover.com)
and Laurie Darman-Owen

Y'all head SOUTH when you're tired of winter!! Please make plans to join your friends in Fort Worth, TX on March 23, 2012 for the AMSC Obedience Trial being held in conjunction with the Roving Specialty! Our obedience trial will be held in the morning and Joyce Morgan will be judging. We will offer all regular classes plus the titling classes and veterans class! Mark your calendars, and come on down for a FINE TEXAS WELCOME!!!

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Highlights of 2011 -

New York, NY – It was a pleasure to be with many of you in Florida this weekend as we enjoyed the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Agility Invitational, AKC National Obedience Invitational and the surrounding festivities. We hope you enjoyed the incredible series of events that unfolded over the weekend.

We are all aware of the trying economic times and their effect on so many aspects of our lives these days, and yet I can say unequivocally that we have a great deal to be thankful for as dog lovers and as members of the wonderful community we know as "the fancy." In 2011 we saw many exciting developments in our sports and in our organization's educational programs.

Many devoted dog fanciers got their start in the obedience ring, so it is fitting to begin a summation of the year's highlights by acknowledging a special milestone in that challenging and rewarding sport: In 2011, AKC Obedience celebrated its 75th anniversary. As one of our foundation sports, Obedience remains today what it was created to be – a proud demonstration of our dogs' instinctual capabilities and talents as companions, and the embodiment of the human-canine bond.

Our cherished traditions in Conformation saw an infusion of new enhancements in 2011. In April of this year we introduced the Grand Championship Achievement Levels to spotlight our highest achievers in the conformation ring. Over two thousand dogs have earned bronze, silver, gold and platinum Grand Championships to date.

We also conceived the AKC Owner Handler Series, a competition specifically designed to celebrate the joys of showing one's own dog. The series will comprise competitions at several dog shows across the country and will culminate with an award for the year's Best Owner/Handler. We feel this is an exciting way to recognize the hobby exhibitor and inspire more people to become involved in our sport.

In unwavering support of our breeders, who remain the backbone of our Registry and the sport of purebred dogs, AKC continued to provide enhanced services through our Breeder of Merit program. Now with more than 6,900 breeders participating in this important program, we are delighted to see growing numbers of breeders joining us in our quest to ensure the growth and integrity of our Registry.

In the world of AKC Agility, we introduced two new titles, the "Time to Beat" titling class and the Preferred Agility Champion title. By creating ongoing enhancements to Agility, we have seen the sport rise to new heights: In 2011 AKC logged its one millionth agility entry. Of course quantity cannot be outdone by quality. I am proud to say that our AKC agility team representing the USA won many accolades including a gold medal at the Agility World Championships in France this year.

It has been said by many a Performance fancier that there is nothing quite like the thrill of witnessing a dog do what it was originally bred to do. Naturally, most of our performance activities are designed for specific breeds, with function and instinct in mind. But in 2011, the AKC Performance Department gave all dogs and their owners an "equal opportunity" program with the new Coursing Ability Test. This introductory lure coursing event is a fun, healthy activity open to all breeds and offers three new titles.

Adding another link in the chain of the human-canine bond, AKC brought our new Therapy Dog program to fruition in 2011. So far more than 1600 dogs have achieved our new therapy dog title which proudly recognizes those dogs who bring comfort and love to so many people in need.

AKC clubs did an incredible job of spreading our message about the joys of owning a purebred dog and the importance of responsible ownership. Together with our parent clubs, AKC welcomed over 40,000 people to the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds. Sponsored by Pet Partners, the event was a record-breaking success, thanks to our hardworking clubs and staff.

Clubs remained hard at work educating the public year round, with a terrific showing in September with our largest set of Responsible Dog Ownership Days to date. More than 600 RDO Day events were celebrated locally and a record-breaking number of Canine Good Citizen tests were a key part of the program. We are so grateful to our clubs for all your hard work and support.

I wish you all a healthy, happy holiday season. Here's to another year of great shows, quality dogs and wonderful friends. And please remember to watch the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on television if you couldn't make it to Orlando. The show will be broadcast on ABC during Superbowl Weekend, on February 4th.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker, Chairman

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- 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 letter from Sweeps Judge GWTA 2013- Patty Ledgerwood
 - b) Acceptance letter from Judge GWTA 2013-Michelle Billings
 - c) Acceptance letter from Sweeps Judge MCKC 2013-Joan Huber
 - d) Acceptance letter from Judge MCKC 2013-Penny Hirstein
 - e) Acceptance letter from Judge Roving Specialty Purina Farms, 2013- Clay Coady
 - f) letter from MCKC requested breed brochures for information table
 - g) CHF newsletter

Correspondence (Sent): B l a n k e t approval for Local Specialty Clubs 2012-2013

5. AMSC Summer Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Club on Sunday, June 26, 2011?. Mr. Marty Marks judged 12 Sweepstakes entries and 1 Veteran Sweepstakes entry. Mrs. Geri Kelly judged 52 regular class entries.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards (see insert)

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley

Some of the things discussed at the last AKC Board meeting were a Reserve Best In Show Award.

Elimination of the prohibition of those that make a living from Dog Food sales from being AKC judges.

Future group realignment is being discussed. 2 sporting groups, 2 hound groups (scent and sight), Working, Terrier, Spitz, Toy, Herding, Non-Sporting. There is no discussion so far in reference to moving the Miniature Schnauzer from the Terrier group.

They are considering awarding 3 point major to the reserve at a designated national specialty if the class entry was 5 points.

Committee Reports

A. Special Committees

1. SPRING SPECIALTY 2012:

Kim Griffin The shows are going according to schedule. There will be 2 shows on Friday March 27. The AMSC in the morning and the local club specialty in the evening.

2. SUMMER SPECIALTY: Vera Potiker No Report.

Treasurer's Report – September, 2011

Financials

	Balance 6/1/2011	Balance 9/10/2011	Change	Variance Explanation *
Checking	\$7,407.41	\$6,978.32	-\$429.09	Net decrease is a result of normal business activity in periods of little revenue generation. Material income and expenses are highlighted below.
Rescue Health	\$7,532.92	\$7,533.87	\$0.95	interest
	\$9,851.29	\$8,392.42	-\$1,458.87	\$1,250 Pedigree software, \$150 JRD study, \$60 Montgomery catalogue ad
Holding Savings	\$13,991.30	\$13,993.05	\$1.75	interest
PayPal	\$33,709.58	\$33,732.52	\$22.94	interest
	\$1,665.96	\$1,035.20	-\$630.76	PayPal account is a temporary holding account for funds received via PayPal.
Trophy	\$6,702.59	\$7,101.95	\$399.36	Donations of \$2,325 offset by \$1,194 deposit on Montgomery trophies, \$550 balance on GW trophies, \$182 shipping to/from GW, \$60 new trophy table cards
2013 Roving	\$4,466.00	\$4,466.00	\$0	
TOTAL	\$85,327.05	\$83,233.33	-\$2,093.72	

* Material variances are explained; all other small variances account for change in balance, including interest.

Note that the AMSC uses the cash basis of accounting and all reports reflect this methodology.

Income/Expense Recap

Significant transactions since the June report not highlighted above include the following.

Income:

Dues – new members June	\$202
Roving Specialty – Louisville 2011	\$435
Montgomery County: Dinner/boxed lunches	\$532

Expenses:

Roving Specialty – Louisville 2011:

Judges' gifts	\$160
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Great Western 2011:

Judge's fee	\$100
Judge's travel	\$430

Montgomery County 2011:

Deposit – breakfast catering	\$398
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Insurance:

D&O	\$329
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Donations:

Doberman Club of America	\$250
Tribute to 9/11 dogs	

Travel/Conferences:

CHIC parent club conference	\$360
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Printing/postage:

AMSCOpe June-Aug.	\$337
Judges' selection – postage	\$460
Judges' selection – printing ballots	\$206

2012 Membership Dues

Membership dues will remain at the same level as they have been for the last two years.

2012 Budget

The 2012 budget draft is attached for review and approval.

3. FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart

Stewards have been lined up. Sharon Edwards and Cathi Rohrer are organizing ringside hospitality.

4. 2013 Roving Specialty

There is a face to face meeting planned between the 3 clubs during AKC/Eukanuba to come to agreement on the scheduling and events for the specialty. The Obedience judge is under contract. The agility judges are being worked on. The Gateway Specialty judge will be Klaus Anshelm.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

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

2. **AUDIT: Bonnie Keyes** No Report 3.

AWARDS: Sonny Lelle, Carma Ewer, David Kirkland No Lanny Hirstein candidates have responded to requests for information. The Breeder Awards have been ordered.

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VERSATILITY AWARDS: Lynn Baitinger No new awards.

4. **COMPANION & PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle (Obedience), Kathy Colby (Agility)**

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The committee is trying to gather some preliminary info on possibly hosting a specialty obedience trial in conjunction with the Fort Worth, TX roving specialty in 2012. The committee made a motion to have an Obedience Trial with the 2012 Roving Specialty. The motion was seconded by Susie Atherton and passed unanimously.

The Agility trophies for Montgomery County have been coordinated with Terrie Houck and will be delivered/distributed by Barbara Donahue.

The Performance Committee guidelines have been updated to include a procedure for coordinating trophies with the trophy chair.

5. **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Carole Weinberger** No Report.

6. **DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer** Everything is on track for the specialty.

7. **EDUCATION: Wyoma Clouss, Beth Santure** We have had several inquiries from judges, and so are looking for one or more ringside mentors for Sunday at Montgomery.

The DFW Judges Education group wants to include Miniature Schnauzers in their educational weekend, March 24 or 25, 2012, the weekend of our AMSC Roving in Dallas.

The committee is working on a Breeder's programs for next year.

8. **ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Wyoma Clouss** Chris Frank is the new Webmaster. His email is webmaster@amsc.us.

The membership roster has been updated on the AMSC yahoo list site.

9. **ETHICS: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson** The person who filed the complaint discussed in Executive Session at the last Board meeting has dropped the complaint.

10. **GUIDELINES: Linda Wahlquist-Soos, Diane Gardner, Vicki Kubic** No Report

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

ITEM 1: CHF Grant Updates – AMSC Funded

Grant # 00963: Genotyping Small Breed Dogs with Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies and Microvascular Dysplasia, Sharon Center DVM, Cornell University: The researcher reports to date extensive pedigree analysis "supports" an autosomal dominant trait with incomplete penetrance. Researchers have identified a significant linkage between the PSVA/MVD trait and genetic markers on one chromosome in a large family of Tibetan Spaniels. Findings have been confirmed with similar linkage in Cairn Terriers, Maltese, and Havanese. To date, a mutation that could alter protein structure

or expression has not be found. Further genetic mapping will be done for this trait in these and other breeds. Candidate genes associated with abnormal vascular development will also be explored.

Grant # 01272: Isolation and Characterization of Canine Induced Pluripotential Stem Cells (iPS), Dr. Jorge Piedrahita, North Carolina State University: Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS) can be made from easily obtained skin or fat cells, but are as useful as embryonic stem cells. We have successfully developed canine iPS cells and have demonstrated they can differentiate into several tissue types in vitro and in vivo. We are completing an experiment related to instability of the cells with prolonged culture as well as a study on how culture conditions affect the ability of the cIPS cells to differentiate into multiple tissue types.

Grant # 01422: Targeting iNOS in Canine Oral Melanoma, Dr. Julie Ellerhorst, MD, PhD, University of Texas: Collaboration with Texas A & M helped ensure sufficient numbers of samples. Currently, researchers are collecting samples and demographic/follow up information. Assays will be run once data collection is completed.

Grant # 01429: Mechanistic Relationship of IL-8 in Cell Proliferation and Survival of Canine Hemangiosarcoma, Dr. Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, University of Minnesota: IL-8 is a molecule that can support tumor growth and survival, promote blood vessel formation in the tumor environment and enhance resistance to treatment. One previous study showed an up-regulation of IL-8 was a consistent feature distinguishing hemangiosarcoma cells from non-malignant endothelial cells, suggesting IL-8 may play a significant role in this disease. Analysis is ongoing and yielding intriguing results.

ITEM 2: AKC/CHF Fund Requests for 2011 are being deferred pending the Giger research requirements for the M.Avium project.

ITEM 3: 2011 AKC/CHF National Parent Club Canine Health Conference was held in August 2011 and was attended by Dr. Paula Steele. The report is addendum 1 of the minutes.

ITEM 4: PROGENY SOFTWARE database is in the process of being built and Owen Clouss has been helping in this effort by providing files from AMSCestry.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF AMSC MEMBERS WITH CHIC ENROLLED DOGS and REQUIREMENT CHANGES - CHIC numbers will now require Board Certified Cardiology examinations for Cardiac Clearance.

Over the past year we have increased our number of enrollees reached 100 from 73 since last report in October 2010. Brian Beitz, Julie Cooper, Barbara Mazgiel, Gay Oltjenbruns, Jan Taylor

ITEM 6: DR BELL SEMINAR – A seminar for AMSC members attending Montgomery County 2012 is being planned. We will be providing DVDs for purchase. This seminar emanates from our need as a breed to understand how to manage genetic problems in our breed and how to best use genetic tests to protect breed diversity while reducing/eliminating serious disease causing mutations.

Topics will include: Ins and Outs of Pedigree Analysis, Genetic Diversity & Genetic Disease Control, How Matings Manipulate the Genes of Ancestors, The Popular Sire Syndrome, Specific Disorders Affecting Miniature Schnauzers, Use of Genetic Testing, Breeding Recommendations to Manage Genetic Disorders

ACTION: The Health Committee requests BOARD APPROVAL for \$2000 to fund this educational event which will cover Dr. Bell's fees and expenses plus advertising and refreshments for attendees. Sonny Lelle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There will be no charge for members and a minimal charge for non-members.

ITEM 7: HEALTH PRIORITY SURVEY- The Health Committee is in the early stages of developing a Health Summary Priority Survey tool for our Breed.

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ITEM 8: HEALTH COMMITTEE WEBPAGES – The web pages for the Health Committee have been revised in an effort to simplify use and organize topics in a more user-friendly and informative format.

12. **HISTORIAN: Richard Isley**
No Report

13. **JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech** It has become far more difficult to find people who are willing to have their names on the ballot for Sweepstakes Judging. This past time it took twenty four letters. It is possibly due to the economy. The committee made a motion in lieu of a gift, a \$100 gift card for Sweepstakes judges. The motion was seconded by Carole Weinberger. The motion passed 14-2.

14. **LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Kennalea Pratt** No Report

15. **LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES: Cindy Molieri, Ron Azzani, Kelly Radcliff** The winners the best newsletter and best website have been selected and will be announced at the annual meeting.

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

17. **MEMBERSHIP/INSIGNIA: Mary Ann Shandor** No Report

18. **POLICY: Jinx Gunville** No Report

19. **PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin** No Report

20. **PUBLICATIONS and Literature: Patricia O'Brien**

Inventory:

Grooming charts	179
Illustrated Standards	52
CD	4
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy	19

Income:

Grooming Charts	\$122
Illustrated Standards	\$38
CD	\$20
Total Income	\$180
Expenses: Postage	\$33.26
Grooming Charts 9@\$2	\$18
Illustrated Standards 3@\$2.40	\$7.20
Total Expenses	\$58.46
Profit	\$121.54

21. **PUBLICITY: Carma Ewer** No Report

22. **RESCUE: Kelly Radcliffe** No Report

23. **ROVING SPECIALTY: Tom LaSalle** The Board considered various sites to hold the 2014 Roving and the Board voted unanimously to hold it in Arizona in March 2014.

24. **TROPHIES: Terrie Houck, Cathy Pendelton** No Report

25. **WAYS AND MEANS: Carole Weinberger, Vicki Kubic, Gloria Lewis, Catherine DiFranco, Flo Bessmer**

There are t-shirts for sale for Montgomery County.

Carole Weinberger is making a crossstitch of a Schnauzer head to be raffled off at the Annual Dinner.

There are 13 catalog ads in the MCKC catalog from AMSC members.

The committee is looking into bumper stickers with Schnauzer Eyebrows.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
No unfinished business.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:
Carole Weinberger moved to accept the following applicants as new members, Darrell Dennis, Michael Hartley, Chris Hillman, Sara Mathies, Steven and Andrea Yost, and Arlene Smith. Seconded by Penny Hirstein. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Sonny Lelle, seconded by Cathi Rohrer to renew our Dog Fancy ad @ 96.60/month. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and approval of 2012 Budget – Edwards

Sharon Edwards made a motion, seconded by Carole Weinberger to pass the budget presented to the Board by the Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Development of a “recommended minimum standards” or “responsible breeding practices” document, which could possibly be incorporated into the COE at some point – Verna/Constantine

This was referred to the Ethics Committee to discuss if the scenario discussed is covered under the present Code of Ethics or if the Code of Ethics needs to be changed.

4. Approval of Futurity format for 2013 Specialty – Committee

The Board voted to accept Futurity format presented by the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion of allowing posting of puppies/adults available on AMSC-I – Clouss

Wyoma Clouss made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Cooper, that Litter Announcements or Adults to be rehomed will be allowed on the AMSC-L yahoo email list. The motion passed 12/5.

6. The AKC is interested in each Parent Club’s recommendation for health testing required for Breeder of Merit designation, and that they prefer for us to work from the club Code of Ethics, with some clubs using the alternative of CHIC recommendations. – Clouss

When the AKC asks the AMSC for the list of specific tests, the Health Committee will discuss and recommend which tests should be included.

7. Wyoma Clouss made a motion, seconded by Carole Weinberger to have the ballot for the changes in the Breed Standard to be voted on in a line item format. i.e. each item voted on separately. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tom LaSalle made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 PM EST. Seconded by Sonny Lelle. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Gordon
AMSC Secretary

2011 AKC/CHF Parent Club Conference Report

The 2011 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference took place August 12-14,2011 in St Louis, MO. Representatives of all AKC Parent clubs were invited as well as representatives from several Rare Breeds and 25 Veterinary Students from various Veterinary Colleges across the US, I was fortunate to be the representative for the AMSC.

2011 has been declared World Veterinary year in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the veterinary profession. This is the CHF’s (Canine Health Foundation)16th year and they have to date funded 555 research projects at 88 Universities and Research Institutions worldwide ,plus numerous educational programs totaling \$34 million. This conference is held every 2 years to give the parent clubs an idea of what re-

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search the CHF has helped fund and what progress has been made.

Presentations Friday and Saturday were varied and consisted of : a History of Veterinary Medicine and Canine Research, Nutritional Approaches to Enhance Immune Function, Canine Degenerative Myelopathy and it's relation to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Recent Progress in Molecular Genetics of Cancer, Canine- derived Antibody Fragments for Targeted Therapy of Cancer, Advances in the Treatment of IBD (Irritable Bowel Disease), What We Know about the Inheritability of Dilated Cardiomyopathy and Subaortic Stenosis in the dog, and Vitamin D and Cancer as well as a panel Discussion on the Future of Canine Cancer Research and Treatment.

Saturday evening we were treated to a banquet at the new Purina Farms Event Center put on by Nestle Purina.

Sunday morning consisted of a roundtable discussion with the Veterinary Students in which I was asked to participate being a Veterinarian and representing a Docked and Cropped Breed. This roundtable discussion was aimed at countering influence of the AR(Animal Rights) that is unfortunately present at the Veterinary Schools. This was followed by breakout sessions on Chic, OFA, Development of Health Surveys, and Genetic Tests and How to Interpret Them. The Conference also served as a valuable place to make connections with other breed health committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Steele, DVM

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **MACH2 Southcross Majority Vote BN GN OF** (CH Bravo's The Great Gatsby x CH Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) earned his Beginner Novice title on 7/2/11 at the Missouri Rhineland KC trial with three consecutive 1st places and scores of 197, 198 and 199. Major also earned his second Master Agility Championship (MACH2) at the Gateway Agility Club trial in St. Louis on 11/11/11. He was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln and trained by Nancy.

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS For MARCH Board Meeting

Helen Carter

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Helen Carter has owned Miniature Schnauzer for 6 years. She does not breed her dogs. She is active in Conformation and Obedience, attending approximately 12 dog events each year. She belongs to the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer Club and is the Vice President and to the Obedience Club of Daytona. She is an Office Manager.

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Florence Bessemer

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The **Owens** have had Miniature Schnauzers for 12 years and Std. Schnauzers for 15 years. They do not breed their dogs. They are active in Conformation attending approximately 12 dog events yearly. They are members of the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club serving as Treasurer and Hospitality and Raffle Chairs. Mrs. Owen is in Real Estate and Mr. Owen is a retired DDS and in Real Estate.

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Dee Ann Simpson

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Donna Welborn

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Donna Welborn has had Miniature Schnauzers for 2 years. She is not a breeder. She has been active in Obedience for 20 years and Agility for 1 year, attending approximately 20 shows each year. She is a member of the Jefferson county Kennel Club and the Gateway Schnauzer Club. She is retired.

Sponsors: Debbie McDowell
Gale Schnetzer

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Leslie & Paul Menddelsohn

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The Mendelsohn's have owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1995. They do not breed their dogs. They have participated in Conformation for 2 years, attending 15-20 shows yearly. They are members of the Columbia Kennel Club, the Schnauzer Club of Great Britain and the UK Miniature Schnauzer Club. Paul is a Nuclear Engineer and Leslie a Compliance Manager, Health Care. Areas of interest in the Club are, Newsletter, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Membership, T-Shirt Designs, etc.

Sponsors: Donna Hills
Paula Steele

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Janet C. Smith

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Janet Smith has two Miniature Schnauzers and does not breed her dogs. She is active in Obedience and informal Therapy at her Mom's nursing home. She attends Montgomery County, Devon and Hatboro each year. She is a member of the Mt. Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is retired and is a Consultant. Areas of interest in AMSC are the Newsletter, Electronic Media, Public Awareness, Education and Membership.

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Krystal Mason has had Miniature Schnauzers for 5 years. She is not currently a breeder but plans to start a breeding program in the future. She has been active in Conformation for 4 years attending approximately 10-12 dog events each year. She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada, BC All Terrier Club, Rideau Terrier Club and the Ottawa Kennel Club. Her occupation is a Judicial Assistant. Areas of interest in AMSC are Newsletter, Education, Obedience and Health

Sponsors: Catherine McMillan
Lisa Sarvas

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AMSC FUTURITY 2013!!

We are officially announcing another exciting opportunity for AMSC members.

A futurity stakes competition will be held at the roving national specialty during the week long activities at Purina Farms in St. Louis Missouri in 2013!

Litter nominations have opened and can be received now. Futurity rules and both litter and individual nomination forms can be viewed and down loaded from the AMSC yahoo groups files or the AMSC website.

Any questions regarding the futurity can be directed to me Beth Santure, Futurity Chair. at: bjasanture@peoplepc.com

The larger the participation, the larger the stakes prizes to be won and the more exciting the competition will be.

Please support our clubs first ever National Futurity by nominating that special litter which is in whelp now or planned to whelp between now and November 9, 2012.

WHAT IS A FUTURITY

A futurity is a contest for which the prize consists of stakes contributed by the various competitors. It's a bit like making a bet (nomination fees) that your unborn litter will produce a high quality individual who can win the money. The fun and challenge in a futurity is that the litter is nominated after its bred but before it is born. Or in our case up to 30 days after birth for a higher fee. This then allows all puppies from that litter to be eligible for nomination individually for the competition. The greater the participation the higher the stakes winnings. The winnings will be broken down into classes and placements with the largest portion going to the BREEDER of the futurity winner. Many breeds hold both sweepstakes and futurity shows. Breeds with very large entries have stakes winning in the thousands of dollars sometimes. Ours with good participation could have a stakes winner of several hundred dollars. I like to think of a futurity as a sweepstakes with "ATTITUDE"! Sounds like fun right? I hope you all will consider supporting our first ever futurity by placing litter nominations starting now. For detailed information please read all of the futurity rules and nomination forms provided in the AMSC yahoo group files that were published earlier.

Study Shows Dogs Read Human Expressions As Well As Human Infants

A new study shows how man's best friend might be even more human-like than we thought.

The study, published in the journal Current Biology, suggests that dogs are able to read our "communicative intent" — that is, our intention to interact with them — via our faces, an ability that very young humans possess.

"Increasing evidence supports the notion that humans and dogs share some social skills, with dogs' social-cognitive functioning resembling that of a 6-month to 2-year-old child in many respects," study researcher Jozsef Topal of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, said in a statement. "The utilization of ostensive cues is one of these features: dogs, as well as human infants, are sensitive to cues that signal communicative intent."

To test this theory, Topal and his colleagues tracked the eye movements of dogs as they watched video recordings of humans turning toward plastic pots.

When the person said "Hi dog!" in a high-pitched voice and looked straight at the dog, and then turned toward the pot, the dogs were more likely to look at the pot, compared with if the person just said "hi dog" in a low-pitched voice and avoided eye contact.

"Our findings reveal that dogs are receptive to human communication in a manner that was previously attributed only to human infants," Topal said in the statement.

However, Deleta Jones, a dog trainer from California, told MSNBC that she doesn't think the finding means dogs have evolved in any certain way to interact with humans — rather, that's just how they interact with anyone, whether it be dogs or humans.

"When they learn verbal commands, they are learning a foreign language," Jones told MSNBC. "Dogs normally speak through body language and facial expression. It's more natural to them."

2012 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**

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

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AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

— AKC Owner-Handler Series Kicks Off This Month —

New York, NY – This month, we're pleased to launch a new event that will take place at select dog shows around the country – the AKC Owner-Handler Series.

Owner-handlers are the core of the conformation dog sport, making up the majority of show entries. We're pleased to put the spotlight on all of our owner-handlers and acknowledge the time and dedication they put into their dogs.

The AKC Owner-Handler Series will take place after Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. This competition will be open to all non-professional owner-handlers, whether experienced or novice. All dogs' eligibility must be indicated by checking the Owner-Handler box on the entry form at the time of entry and will be marked as Owner-Handler eligible with an asterisk (*) in the steward's book and catalog.

Owner-Handler Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handler eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handler Best of Breed/Variety. If BOB is ineligible and Best of Opposite Sex is eligible, BOS will compete against the eligible Best of Breed dogs of the other sex. If the BOB and BOS winners are both ineligible, the judge will choose Owner-Handler Best of Breed from the eligible Selects and eligible WD or WB. If one of the Selects is eligible, the judge will excuse dogs of the same sex as the Select and judge the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible WD or WB. If the BOB, BOS and Selects are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring.

Based on points from Breed, Group and Best in Show wins accrued throughout the year, we'll rank the dogs and invite our top owner-handled exhibits to a special year-end event to compete for a Best Owner-Handler Award.

AKC Owner-Handler Series Point Scale:

(Note: Owner-Handler Series points do not contribute to championship points)

Best in Show	100
Group 1	30
Group 2	20
Group 3	15
Group 4	10
Best of Breed	5

I hope that many of you will take part and we look forward to your feedback about the new Series. We plan to add shows featuring this new event throughout the year, so stay tuned for updates on www.akc.org.

The first events in the AKC Owner-Handler Series will take place at:

DFA of Oregon – January 21st
Oakland County KC – January 21st
Sahuaro State KC – February 4th
Colorado KKC – February 19th
IKC of Chicago – February 26th
Ft. Worth KC – March 24th
Atlanta KC – April 14th
Greenwich KC – June 9th

If you have any questions or feedback to share about the AKC Owner-Handler Series, we encourage you to contact Bri Tesarz at glt@akc.org or 919-816-3514.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker, Chairman

Ground Rules on Growling

Growling and barking are very natural ways for dogs to verbally communicate with people, other dogs, and other animals. A dog's growl may not be a pleasant sound, but it's an important part of his behavior pattern—and one you should understand.

I'm watching you

When a good guard dog feels his territory is being threatened, he barks or growls. And since he does this at people or dogs that are passing by, he feels he did his job by protecting his home turf and the family in it that he loves.

What can you do to control it? A simple way to help control his growling in this situation is to block his view of the street or property line. When a protective dog feels his territory is being threatened, he barks or growls. And since he does this at people or dogs that are passing by, he feels he's doing his job by protecting his home turf and the family in it that he loves.

I'm bored, therefore I bark

Working and sporting dogs often bark due to sheer boredom. These dogs were bred to run around and to work the great outdoors. So to make up for the lack of aerobic exercise, they choose to exercise their vocal chords by barking or growling.

What can you do to control it? You can help to alleviate his boredom by setting aside a couple of extra hours each day for some energetic and fun playtime.

It's just nerves

If you obtained your dog from a shelter it is possible that he may have a history of neglect and abuse. Through no fault of their own, these dogs were never given the opportunity to develop proper social skills early on. Thus, they growl and bark a lot.

What can you do to control it? A great deal of patience is required in these cases. Dogs with a history of neglect or abuse take a bit longer to train, but with a little understanding and extra care in building trust, in time they can come around. It's important not to reinforce the behaviors you don't want your dog to repeat.

Growling and senior dogs

Growling is not uncommon with aging dogs. In many cases it's an early sign of senility. Put another way, he may be becoming a grumpy old dog. But there are things you can do about it.

What can you do to control it? Reward-training and disruption techniques can work well in some cases. It's important to be patient and consistent. Contrary to popular belief, you can teach an old dog new tricks.

In more extreme cases, his growling could be due to a genuine medical condition, such as joint pain exacerbated when "kindly" strangers touch him.

OBITUARY: Janice Rue

A dismal day turned black very quickly when I got the call early in the morning that my dog partner of more than 45 years had passed away. She fought kidney failure for three years but finally lost the battle on Monday, December 19, 2011.

While we owned and showed both miniature schnauzers and wire fox terriers, I really believe her true love was the mini schnauzer. Jan was the historian and correspondent of our team which she loved doing. She corresponded with friends all over the world and this brought us our black import Malya Gunter who in turn sired Ch. Aljamar Tommy Gun, our first black champ. As a team we produced champions in all three colors.

She was a great lady and I will miss her and our almost daily calls as well as her visits to check out a new crop of babies when they were old enough to be evaluated. She was a dedicated breeder and worked hard to keep the breed as clean of genetic problems as any person could.

Marilyn Laschinski

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Cost of the mat is 65.00 plus 15.00 shipping and handling.



AFGHAN

This beautiful colorful woven 100% cotton afghan of Miniature Schnauzers in a garden setting will be a keepsake. Black, Salt/Pepper and Black/Silver Minis are at home on green grass with colorful shrubs, trees and flowers in the background. Lori Bush and Mildred Shultz collaborated with the artist at We Love Country on this very unique design. \$75. Includes Shipping

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CMSC/IKC February 25, 2012
Regular Classes: Peter Green

Note - there will be NO sweepstakes

MSC of Atlanta April 15, 2012
Regular Judge: Mrs Chris Levy

Sweeps Judge: Mrs. Gwyn Mathis

Gateway MSC May 3, 2012
Regular Classes: Merle Taylor
Sweepstakes: Teresa Handlen
Obedience: Bill Oxendale

Greater Cincinnati MSC May 24, 2011
Regular Classes: Judy A Smith
Sweeps : William (Jim) Livsey ,III

Centennial State MSC June 1, 2012
Regular Classes: Michael Dougherty
Sweeps: Kathleen Dvorak

CMSC/GLATA June 16, 2012
Regular Classes: Richard Miller
Sweeps: Chris Walkowicz

MSC of Southern California June 22, 2012
Regular Classes: Desmond Murphy
Sweeps: Yvonne Phelps

MSCSC/GWTA June 23, 2012
Regular Classes: David Kirkland
Sweeps: Patricia O'Brien

Twin Cities MSC August 24, 2012
Regular Classes: Pat Hastings
Sweepstakes: Sunny Lambert

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Fort Worth March 23, 2012
Regular Classes : Carole L. Weinberger
Sweepstakes: Jan Taylor

Great Western June 24, 2012
Regular Classes: Lynda Berar
Sweepstakes: Santos Diaz

Montgomery Co. October 7, 2012
Regular Classes: Ken McDermott
Sweepstakes : Linda Drost

Roving, Grays Summit, Mo. May 11, 2013
Regular Classes: Clay Coady
Sweeps: Brian Bogart
Futurity: Amy Gordon

Great Western June 23, 2013
Regular Classes Michelle Billings
Sweeps: Patty Ledgerwood

Montgomery Co. October 6, 2013
Regular Classes Penny Hirstein
Sweeps Joan Huber

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