



**American Miniature Schnauzer Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2024**

**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Date: Sept 24, 2024 Time: 7:04 p.m. EDT Location: Zoom By: Vicki Kubic

Board Attendees: Vicki Kubic, Sara Mathies, Bonnie Keyes, Patricia O'Brien, Barbara Donahue, Patti Henderson, Jackie Harris, Brian Bogart, Carla Nickerson, Kaye Kirk, Donna Hills, Kelly Radcliffe, Stephanie Rae Davis, Sonny Lelle, Cheryl Dugan, Patty Ledgerwood

Committee Chairs/Guests:

Carole Alex

Jeanette Perosa

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Sonny Lelle made the motion to accept the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Jackie Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report of the President – Vicki Kubic**

Welcome to our last board meeting of 2024.

We had a productive year with quite a few new members voted in, a successful Roving in Utah, new merchandise in our AMSC store, many articles of interest in the AMSCOPE Magazine and finally, one-stop shopping for 4 of our health tests at U of Minnesota (MAC, Myotonia, PMDS and PRA-HIVEP3) simplifying and reducing the overall costs of the tests.

**Report of the Secretary – Sara Mathies**

1. An on-line poll to vote for holding the 2026 Roving Specialty in Palm Springs, CA on January 1-4, 2026. There were 17 votes total; 13 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstain
2. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, new member applications and the approved board minutes from April 9, 2024 board meeting were emailed or mailed to the entire membership.

**Report of the Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes**

See attached financials

**Committee Reports**

**AKC Marketplace – Kelly Robison**

Nothing new to report. They are checked once a month for anyone claiming to be a member that is not and reported accordingly.

**AMSCestry – Carole Alex**

Conformation titles in AMSCestry up to date through October AKC report (would be titles through August) and Performance titles in the process of being updated and should be current through the October AKC report by next month.

**AMSC-L Group** – Cheryl Dugan

404 current AMSC members

272 in the AMSC L- Group

67% of the AMSC membership is in the L-Group.

**Year End Report:**

September 2023 there were 410 AMSC members with 70% in the L-group.

September 2024 there are 404 AMSC members with 67% in the L-group.

Mid way through 2024 the AMSC Roster vs the L-group was reconciled so the decline in percentage of participation in the L-group is reflective of this action.

**AMSCOPE Quarterly Magazine** - Kate McMillan, Vicki Kubic, Bonnie Keyes

We are moving into our 5th year of publication. The magazine is running relatively smoothly now. Since we have the discontinued publishing Board minutes in the magazine, the paid to unpaid page ratio will improve. However, increasing our contract ads would provide the magazine with a more consistent revenue stream.

I'd like to thank those members who support AMSCOPE Quarterly with your advertising, kennel ads, and volunteer contributions. It's only through your support that our magazine is possible!

**Awards** – Sue Ratz/Lynn Baitinger (Versatility)

The recipients for the 2023 Annual Breeder awards have been announced and published In AMSCOpe. We worked with a new vendor who provided a beautiful award, similar to past designs, at a more affordable price. The awards are available for presentation at the AMSC annual dinner. For 2024 we added a new category: Top Owner Handled

**Versatility Awards for 2024**

No. 133 – VA - Marie Murphy, James Murphy & Mae

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Bred By: Marian Harding & Kurt Garmaker & Marie Murphy

No. 134 – VA – CAROL HAFNER & SELENE

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Bred By: Carol Hafner

No. 135 – VA – BETH A SANTURE, LYNN BAITINGER & KIT

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Bred By: Beth Ann Santure

**Companion & Performance Events** – Sue Ratz

AMSC is sponsoring one of the days at the Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster. The trial will happen on October 1. Financial summary of the trial will be provided to the Board after the conclusion of the Cluster.

**Constitution & By-Laws** – Patricia O'Brien

Continuing review of all materials provided by previous committee chair.

## **Health Committee – Patti Henderson**

### **AMSC STATS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee activities continue to support the Amscestry database and the AMSCOPE magazine. Delays are experienced due to publication dates of AKC subscription data but this has not caused an issue. Reports are published on the AMSC website as soon as completed to get the most up-to-date information to our members.

### **AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**GRANTS** -We have had several updates from funded grants which we have included in our periodic reports during the year. These are available for your review. Some are due to be completed by the end of the year so we should be getting additional information.

**AMSC CONTROLLED DNA DATABASE** - There has been some ongoing discussions with Dr Eva Furrow's team about extracting DNA and maintaining it for us to use as we see fit. This will not replace the current and future efforts to participate in the AKC/CHF DNA Databank. However, this new project will allow us to hopefully collect samples of Miniature Schnauzer that can be specific to the Show population for specific diseases, i.e. Congenital Juvenile Cataracts and other eye diseases, Portosystemic shunts, Dental issues and other areas of interest. While AKC/CHF is, practically speaking, at the mercy of the research group that has their research in mind and is looking for samples. Our plan would allow a sample collection to help us approach & attract researchers for our specific needs. This is exactly how we were able to acquire Dr Giger services and we enjoined him to seek the Gray Lady funding source and then ultimately a AKC/CHF grant.

**AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE AKC/CHF DNA DATABANK PROJECT** – The project has completed one test run at the Portland Oregon Miniature Schnauzer specialty. This effort identified a number of process issues that will be addressed for the next run. Despite this, 29 blood samples were collected for the DNA repository. 16 of these were from the Portland clinic. (9 more were collected from Shawne Imler's dogs, 3 from my dogs and 1 client-owned dog).

DNA collection will be offered at Montgomery as before. We need AMC Board members to talk this up and help with advertising. We are looking for other opportunities to expand our PR to the members and are making changes in the website notices. As an example, we have developed a quick FAQ for a concise explanation of this program in the hope that members will be able to read and understand the process

### **AMSC CHIC DNA Repository Project FAQ**

#### **WHAT is the CHIC DNA Repository?**

A collection of DNA processed from blood samples (or less recommended saliva samples) from donor dogs stored in a central location at the University of Missouri

#### **What is the PURPOSE of the CHIC DNA Repository?**

- Facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process
- Provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research
- Allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available
- Foster a team environment between breeders/owners and the research community improving the likelihood of genetic discovery

### **Who OWNS THE DNA samples?**

- Once owners donate their dogs' DNA to the CHIC DNA bank, the samples are the property of the CHIC DNA Repository.
- Dog owners and parent clubs can request that samples be used for specific research projects.
- Also, if a DNA-based disease test becomes available in the future, owners may request that any remaining samples of their dogs be forwarded to the appropriate licensed lab for testing.

### **What is THE COST?**

- The fees for placing samples in the bank are \$5.00 per dog for swab-based samples and \$20.00 per dog for blood-based samples. The fees cover the costs of data management, sample processing, and sample storage. Owners are encouraged to view the fees as supporting canine health research.
- The fee is waived for samples collected at a clinic and sent in a batch.

### **What is REQUIRED for sample submission?**

- Dog MUST have a permanent form of identification: either microchip or tattoo.
- Registration number of the dog plus sire and dam

For more information, see the OFA CHIC DNA Repository website or contact [kshoffmann@gmail.com](mailto:kshoffmann@gmail.com).

Dr Hoffman has done the Yeoman's Work for the Health Committee on this project! She deserves our support and recognition for her work. While we had a few issues, as expected, the program is and will be a success for the AMSC.

### **Judges Selection** – Bonnie Keyes

Nominations for the 2026 Roving in Palm Springs, on Jan 1-4, have been received.

I am waiting for the 2 nominated Judges to get back to me that they will allow me to put them on the final judges' ballot. As soon as I hear from them, I will be sending out the Ballot. Hope to have that out by the end of next week.

### **Legislative Liaison** – Kelly Radcliffe

Nothing new to report. Kelly continues to forward legislative alerts to the members.

### **Membership/Insignia** – Cheryl Dugan

#### **Peggy Mione**

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Applying for Regular membership.

Peggy states that she has had a love of Miniature Schnauzer since seeing them pass by her house. She researched the breed and purchased her first Miniature Schnauzer in 1983. She began showing in 1986. She has had an ongoing bond and love of the breed. Peggy has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Peggy purchased her Miniature Schnauzer's from Brookehaven, Brooke Walker and Sandcastle, Janet Corpin. Peggy is a breeder and has had 2 litters in the past 5 years out of her bitch. Peggy participates in Agility and Barn Hunt with her dogs. She attends approximately 6

shows a year. She is not currently a member of any clubs and had never been disciplined or suspended by the AKC, UKC or any other dog club. Peggy is the Clinical Operations Manager for Home Health Co. and is willing to volunteer for Public Awareness and Health. Peggy shares that her black and silver female finished her championship in Fresno in 2023, shown by Gabriel Rangel. She currently has a 1-year-old male "Miones In It To Win It" that she plans to show in 2025. Peggy has no children so her dogs are cherished. She has provided for them in her Trust. She states her special skill is that she is a great cook for meetings!! Sponsors: Brooke Walker and Janet Corpin

### **Tiffany Elliott**

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Applying for Single US Resident membership.

Tiffany states "I love this breed!" She wants to do more in promoting her breed and become more active in sports with them. She has just started getting into showing and has met some INCREDIBLE people who have encouraged her to join so she can learn and participate.

Tiffany has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Tiffany has 3 Miniature Schnauzers, 2 from Jacee's Miniature Schnauzers who has been instrumental in teaching and showing her the "show" world. And 1 that she bred, raised, and spayed. She also has 3 AKC registered Golden Retrievers purchased from show breeder. Tiffany is not a breeder. Tiffany is involved in conformation, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt and Fast Cat. She is just getting started and has attended 3 shows this year and has more scheduled. She is attending conformation classes regularly. She loves learning new sports with her dogs and is planning to classes in Rally, Obedience and enjoying Fast Cat. She is a member of the Rocky Miniature Schnauzer Club and Bighorn Basin Kennel Club. She had never been disciplined or suspended from any club. Tiffany is Self-employed. She is interested in Public Awareness and willing to assist the club where she can. She is more of a hands-on person and willing to help with setup, organizing, etc. Tiffany is very involved with her dogs. They go everywhere together, camping, hiking, riding horses, foraging, they are constantly outside and active. Tiffany's goals are to continue showing and eventually raise a MS from start to finish! Sponsors: Jackie Harris and Jane B. Flowers

### **Marcelline Brigden**

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Applying for Single Canada membership.

Marcelline is interested in gaining more knowledge about the breed. She believes the club offers access to valuable resources from other breeders, support in health and conformation. This will lead to breeding better Miniature Schnauzer's. Marcelline has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Marcelline has a C.K.C. registered Miniature Schnauzer and a C.K.C. registered English Cocker Spaniel. Both were purchased from breeders in Canada and Portugal. Marcelline states she is a breeder and her bitch(es) have had 5 to 7 litters over the past 5 years. Marcelline is involved in conformation. She attends 10 shows/seminars a year. She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada and the Canadian Kennel Club. She had never been disciplined or suspended from any club. Marcelline is a small breeder with a few Miniature Schnauzers. All have reached their CKC championship. She has been showing for 12 years and only breeds 1-2 litter's a year. She has been doing more DNA testing and researching of pedigrees to help diversify the lines. Sponsors: Silvia G. Soos-Kazel and Lynda Berar

### **Isaac Joseph "Joe" Campbell**

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Applying for Single US Resident membership.

Joe has really enjoyed showing his Miniature Schnauzers for the past 7 years. It has been the highlight of his life since he retired from being a 4-H youth development specialist at two Universities. He loves helping others and making them successful. Training new people and recruiting volunteers are his passion. He feels that the AMSC is an opportunity to learn, explore and give to the organization to improve the breed. Joe has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. All of Joe's Miniature Schnauzer's are AKC Registered. His first MS was given to him by breeder named John Ward, 40 years ago. It was AKC registered but not a show dog. Joe's immediate family members have had Mini's ever since. When Joe started showing he met Kurt Garmaker very early on. Kurt provided guidance and helped with breeding to raise quality show dogs. Joe bought several from Kurt to establish his foundation for Jacee's Miniature Schnauzer's. Joe is a breeder and his goal is always to improve the breed. Joe is actively involved in Conformation, Farm dog and Fast Cat. He averages 2-3 shows a month for conformation and attends other events such as Farm dog, Fast Cat, Agility, Trick and Obedience. Joe belongs to the PDFA – Pensacola, FL where he has served as President (3 yrs), Vice President (1 yr) and Past President (2 yrs). He has never been disciplined or suspended by any club. Joe is a retired 4-H Youth Development Specialist. He is interested in assisting the club with Membership, Health and Awards/Trophies. Joe loves his dogs! He started showing 7 years ago and has finished 15 AKC champions. He has 4 GCH's and 1 GCHB. To summarize, Joe is very proud of his dogs and his accomplishments. He loves helping others to be successful. He is a Dad, Grand Dad, Friend, Co-worker and a happy Dog Dad!! Joe's career centered around working with volunteers. 4-H was his life as a youth and professional. He tries to be organized, dependable and willing to help wherever needed. He can also bring leadership to committees and to the organizations he is involved with. Sponsors: Carma Ewer and Jane B. Flowers

### **Cristy Killeen**

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Applying for Regular membership.

Cristy has always been an animal lover. She got her first Miniature Schnauzer 17 years ago, a S/P named Jasmin. Cristy loved and cared for Jasmin through her college days and into her career as a Registered Dental Hygienist. Cristy met a lady named Peggy who showed Miniature Schnauzers and purchased a puppy, "Hunter". Cristy trained Hunter for show watching YouTube. Gabriel Rangel helped show Hunter and he is now a GCH. Cristy loves to show and had obtained more Miniature Schnauzers. Cristy loves the breed and want to be a part of the AMSC to learn more. Cristy has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Cristy owns 3 Miniature Schnauzers. "Jasmin", her first was purchased from a neighbor. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> "Hunter" GCH Brookhaven's Wicked Huntsman was bred by Peggy Mione. Through Peggy she met Brooke Walker (Brookehaven) and became good friends. Her 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini, "Gunner" ~ Rangel's Sherpa Sardar was purchased from Gabriel Rangel who is a good friend and mentor. Cristy states she is not a breeder and her stud dogs have produced 3 litters. Hunter was used by Janet Corpin and produced 2 champions, he was bred to a Brookhaven bitch who produced an awesome agility bitch and he was used a 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Cristy is involved in confirmation, Barn Hunt and is searching for an agility trainer. She is involved with dog shows every weekend so she says she attends over 100 shows a year. Cristy states she has never been disciplined or suspended by the AKC, UKC or any other dog club. Cristy is looking for a local club to join. The Southern California Miniature Schnauzer Club is no longer active so she is looking into Santa

Ana Kennel Club. Cristy is willing to help with the Magazine, Social Media/Website, Public Awareness, Membership and Dog Sports. She currently does FCAT and is always looking for sports to enter. She is not sure how she will fit it into the AMSC but is open to helping the AMSC. Cristy lives with Peggy Mione who also is applying to the AMSC. Cristy's life revolves around her dogs. Together they have 6 Mini's and a rescue. Cristy trains them, grooms them, takes them to events and provides their general care. She has identified the strength and weakness of each dog and works to ensure the dogs are happy and living life to the fullest. Sponsors: Janet Corpin and Carol Hafner.

**Year End Report:**

2024 – 5-year anniversary pin recipient's – Bronze Pin

Lorna Abreu	Peggy J Ambrosch	Barry Bonds
Heather Dangelmaier	Bonnie E Garris	Brinda Hall
Marinne Kitchell	Marlene J Larson	Alexander Litvinov
Lisa K Miller	Alberto Montila Sanchez	Alejandro Racini
Monica Racini-Angeles	Lisa Raimonde	Linda Reinhold
Tim Sampson	Mary Jane Sampson	

2024 - 25-year anniversary recipient's – Silver Pins

Ken Allen	Rena Bagwell	Florence E Bessemer
Diane E Gardner	Robert Krasniewski	Marie Pletsch
Linda Wahlquist-Soos		

**Nominating Committee – Patricia O'Brien**

Completed for 2024 board slate.

**Publications & Literature – Patricia O'Brien**

Inventory:

Grooming Charts 31  
Illustrated Standards 115  
CDs 8

Income:

Grooming Charts \$ 160  
Illustrated Standards \$ 140  
CD \$ 20

Total Income: \$ 320

Expenses:

Postage \$ 34.99  
Grooming Charts 11@\$7.25 \$79.75  
Illustrated Standards 11@3.60 \$39.60  
Printing/Shipping 100 Standards \$390.24

Total Expenses: \$ 544.58

Loss: \$ 224.58

**Rescue – Kelly Radcliffe**

Nothing new to report. Kelly continues to refer individuals who want to adopt or need to rehome a dog to the appropriate group.

**Ways & Means – Jeanette Perosa & Sheila Marks**

A few new items have been put up on the website. A pop-up shop will be set up for the Montgomery weekend shows. Bonnie to bring petty cash in case someone pays for the throws in cash. Ordered 20 throws. 9 are for pre-orders and 11 will be for direct sale at Montgomery County. Look for additional product next year.

2024 Year End Report:

AMSC store opened in March 2024 with Printify. We are offering 13 products from clothing and household items. We had 46 orders totaling \$1609.77 in sales. We will be available at Montgomery with a Pop Stand.

Custom Throws: Throws are being purchased from Mill Street Design. We sold 9 throws for pick up at Montgomery and will have more on hand for impulse buys. Cost of a throw was \$65.00 dollars for pre-order and \$70.00 for on-site sales. Peggy Ambrose offered to continue with the throws if we have a demand, receiving and shipping.

#### **Website/social media – Jackie Harris**

Website – The website continues to get a high volume of traffic. The top 5 pages for viewing in the last year have been 1) the home page 2) rescue 3) gallery of colors 4) looking to adopt and 5) breeder referrals. We have 31K viewers from the US, with other viewers coming from primarily Canada, Poland, United Kingdom, Australia, China and New Zealand. We encourage regional clubs to send event information to post on the website's calendar.

Social Media – The overall response to the AMSC social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) continues to be positive and our accounts continue to grow followers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. From the Health Committee – All recommended tests are ready for use at the University of Minnesota.
2. AMSC controlled DNA database. It would not replace CHIC. To be used for an specific health issue that could be genetic. Dr. Eva Furrow will extract the DNA to save for this purpose. Ideas include liver shunts, dental, congenital juvenile cataracts, and other areas of interest that members have brought up.
3. Vote on 4 single US memberships and 1 single Canadian membership. Patty Ledgerwood made the motion and Sonny Lelle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 EDT by. This motion Patti Henderson and was seconded by Stephanie Rae-Davis. Motion passed unanimously.