



**American Miniature Schnauzer Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2025**

**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Date: July 8, 2025    Time: 7:01p.m. EDT    Location: Zoom    By: Vicki Kubic

Board Attendees: Vicki Kubic, Sara Mathies, Bonnie Keyes, Patricia O'Brien, Barbara Donahue, Jackie Harris, Brian Bogart, Carla Nickerson, Kelly Radcliffe, Stephanie Rae Davis, Sonny Lelle, Carol Henning, Cheryl Dugan, Andy Deer, Terrie Houck, Patty Ledgerwood, Carole Alex, Amy Gordon, Karla Hench

Committee Chairs/Guests:  
Kelly Robison

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Aril 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion to approve the 4/8/25 board meeting minutes was made by Brian Bogart and Patty Ledgerwood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report of the President – Vicki Kubic**

2025 Goals - Reminders

- Update and rewrite committee guidelines that have not already been done. Luana Nedich has taken over responsibility for guidelines.
- Identify and update Board Policies
- Develop a website location for Board Policies & Board Minutes
- Develop a website cloud storage library for AMSC committee information, historical info, and more
- Remember that every committee needs to submit a year-end report for our ZOOM Board meeting on Sept. 23, 2025

**Report of the Secretary – Sara Mathies**

- On 4/10/25, we were informed that the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club has voted to formally dissolve
- Notice from AKC received that with the passing of Jean Heath, the Black Watch kennel name has been officially retired
- An on-line poll was created and approved to donate \$500 to our Jr member, Ava Rawlings to participate in the Jr World Agility Championship in Portugal
- An on-line poll was created and approved to award Kurt Garmaker with a AMSC Lifetime Achievement Award

**Report of the Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes**

See included report

Email received from Ava Rawlings thanking us for the donation.

**Report of the AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue**  
Delegate Report- see reports posted on AMSC-L

**Committee Reports**

**Judges Selection – Amy Gordon**

Final ballots for the 2027 ballots have been tabulated. I'm awaiting contracts being returned from the winners.

**Membership/Insignia – Cheryl Dugan**

**New Applicant - Tule Manyon AMSC NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS** 1629 Glenwood Rd. Vestal, NY 13850 Cell Phone #: 607-427-7338 Email: tule.manyon@gmail.com Applying for Regular membership.

Tule would like to be an AMSC member to network, to support the continued improvement and help preserve its wonderful qualities. She would like to be an asset to the club. Tule has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to support both. Tule has one AKC registered Miniature Schnauzer that she acquired from a breeder. She has one AKC registered Papillon and co-owns 2 others. Tule is not a breeder. Her co-owned Papillon bitches have been bred by her co-owner who is a breeder. In the future there is the possibility that she could become a breeder. Tule has been involved in confirmation for 39 years. She has participated in performance events since the 90's and has participated in obtaining a variety of other titles. She had judged matches in the past. She has also done therapy with her Miniature Schnauzer in the past. She attends approximately 15 shows a year. Tule has been a member of the Tioga County KC for 39 years. She has held a variety of positions on the board and committees. She is a past member of the Papillon Club of America. She had never been disciplined or suspended from any club. Tule is not employed but not ready to say "retired"! Tule is willing to volunteer with Public Awareness, Membership and Awards/Trophies. As she learns she would be willing to jump in as needed. Tule's first childhood dog was a Miniature Schnauzer. Her mother selected the breed after reading the "Complete Book of the Dog" by AKC. She has loved the breed since. She had Miniature Schnauzer's from about 1969 to 2000, when she lost her last one to old age. She discovered dog shows and dog sports in 1986 and has competed on and off since. In 2024 Vicki Kubic's retired Champion, Chilly went to reside with Tule, she has been training and putting additional titles on him. She has also trained and shown Papillons on and off since 1993. Special Skill's: Tule is someone who tends to help out when needed. She has almost 40 years of experience with dogs shows, dog sports and events and hopes that will be helpful in some way. Sponsors: Vicki Kubic and Bonnie Keyes

**New Applicant - Bridget MacMillan – Junior (Alicia MacMillan – Parent)** 2 Folly Mill Rd Salisbury, MA 01952 Cell Phone: 978-979-0761 Email: fatcat1118@aim.com Applying for a Junior Membership.

Bridget really enjoys her Miniature Schnauzer and is looking to gain more knowledge, experience and resources. She would like to grow her Miniature Schnauzer family!! Bridget has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Bridget owns two dogs, an AKC registered Miniature Schnauzer and a PAL registered Miniature Schnauzer mix. Bridget is not a breeder. Bridget and her dogs are involved in

Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Judging, Rally, Barn Hunt, FCAT, Dock diving, Trick Dog, CBCA, Farm Dog, Earth Dog, Happy Ratter and 4H. And she attends 20+ dog shows a year. Bridget belongs to the following dog clubs: 4H – Argos Dog Club – Topsfield, MA – Vice President Earthdog of Greater Boston – Gardner, MA – Member Happy Ratters – Raymond, NH – Judge & Participant Seacoast Dock Dogs – Lee, NH – Member. Bridget has never been suspended by the AKC, UKC or any other dog club. Bridget is a Full-time Student. Bridget is willing to volunteer for Education, Public Awareness and is happy to steward/promote. Bridget would like to share that she is almost 14 years old. She bonded with a family dog early on and became his person. He had a rough start before Bridget but with many years of hard and persistent work they accomplished many things. He just turned 15 and has taught her so much. She has a 1 ½ year old female that is taking her to a new level, she is learning her way around the conformation ring and how to hand strip. It's a work in progress! Bridget is hoping that her eagerness, positivity and willingness to learn and grow will be helpful to the AMSC!! She is also an artist and loves to draw. Sponsors: Vicki Kubic and Barbara Donahue

**New Applicant:** Christine and Ken Macari 96 West Rd Constantia, NY 13044 Christine's Cell Phone #: 315-430-4164 Christine's Email: Crisdms@aol.com Ken's cell phone #: 315-481-2210 Ken's Email: KenMacari@hotmail.com Kennel Name: DOW Miniature Schnauzers Applying for Joint US membership.

Christine and Ken are smitten with the Miniature Schnauzer and have been mentoring with David Owen Williams and Oscar Calvo. They are learning about breeding, whelping and branching out into showing. They have read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agree to comply and support both. Christine and Ken are breeders and have owned an AKC Border Collies (2), Lhasa Apso (1) and Miniature Schnauzers (3). They participate in conformation, P.R. (13 years) and attend about 20 events a year. Christine and Ken belong to the ONONDAGA Kennel Association. They have never been disciplined or suspended by any dog club. Christine and Ken are retired. They are willing to volunteer with Education and Public Awareness. They would like to share that they met David and Oscar in 2020. Prior to this they had a negative impression of the Miniature Schnauzer. Through this relationship their impression has changed, they now love the Miniature Schnauzer and are breeding, raising and showing them. Special skills include, organizing, PR and raising puppies to show careers. Sponsors: David Owen Williams and Oscar E Calvo

### **Nominating Committee**

The 2025 Nominating Committee held Zoom meetings, reviewed candidate qualifications, and solicited input from the membership. We sought individuals who represent the values of the AMSC and possess the skills and commitment needed to fulfill the responsibilities of each position.

Current Officers – Willing to Serve Another Term

- President: Vicki Kubic
- Vice President: Patricia O'Brien
- Secretary: Sara Mathies
- Treasurer: Bonnie Keyes
- Delegate: Barbara Donahue

Nominees for Board – Class of 2029

- Stella Van Cleave
- Leslie Mendelsohn

- Doug Weaver
- Patricia Hartzell

It was brought to our attention that nominee Bill Brown did not meet the requirements to be nominated. As a result, he was replaced with nominee Patricia Hartzell. All nominees have confirmed their willingness to serve if elected. The Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the above slate of nominees for election.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- AMSC Lifetime Achievement Award – The special committee for this award has created their first draft of the guidelines. Due to the importance of this award, we will be scheduling a separate special board meeting toward the end of July (potential date July 29<sup>th</sup>) to discuss fully.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Montgomery weekend – AMSC Stud Dog Social – Thurs. Oct. 2 after Hatboro judging at our ring 17. Bring your boys for a hands-on experience to examine potential sires in a (p refreshments provided by the AMSC. Please email Kate McMillan by 9/20 at katewerk@sasktel.net to register. Fri. Oct. 3 is the Mt. Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Specialty – judge Barry Day. Montgomery is Sun. Oct. 5 – Judge Shawne Imler
- New Member votes – Motion to approve the new members was made by Sonny Lelle and Patty Ledgerwood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- AMSC Litter and Puppy Registration initiative. Encourage all AMSC members to register every puppy they produce. Will it help these numbers? Ideas & suggestions?

Registered Litters	2023
Litter Complement	5,952
Avg. Complement	25,468
Registered Pups (to date)	4.28
Return Rate (to date)	5,966
	23.4%

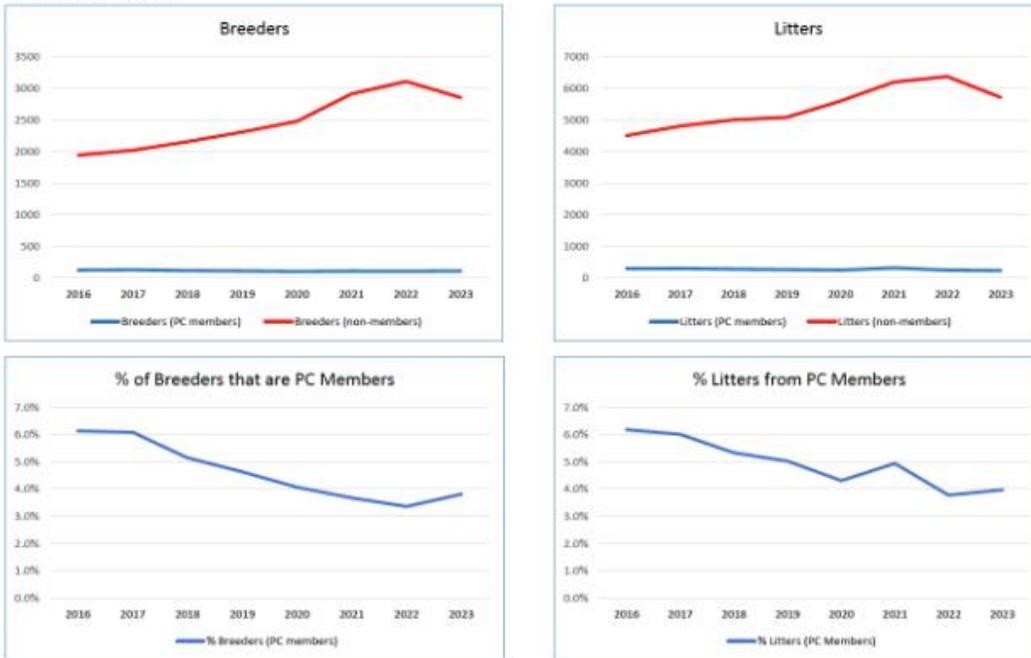
Miniature Schnauzer

Breeders*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Breeders (PC members)	127	131	117	112	105	111	108	113
Breeders (non-members)	1945	2023	2158	2310	2479	2913	3111	2855
Breeders (total)	2072	2154	2275	2422	2584	3024	3219	2968
% Breeders (PC members)	6%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%

\*primary breeders = listed first on the litter

Litters**	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Litters (PC members)	297	307	282	269	252	322	250	236
Litters (non-members)	4510	4808	5008	5090	5601	6205	6379	5716
Total Litters	4807	5115	5290	5359	5853	6527	6629	5952
% Litters (PC Members)	6%	6%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%

\*\*unique litters and primary breeders



**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 EDT by Patty Ledgerwood. This motion was seconded by Karla Hench. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Board meeting will be Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm EDT via Zoom**