

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2017
AMSC Board Teleconference Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Teleconference Board Meeting was called to order by President Carole Weinberger at 8:02 PM EST.

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

Board Members Present: Nita Ainsworth, Vicki Kubic, Gale Schnetzer, Brian Bogart, Amy Gordon, Laurie Moore, Donna Hills, Patti Henderson, Sonny Lelle, Patricia O'Brien, and Beth Santure

Guests Present: Wyoma Clouss, Theone Hutchman, Kaleigh Gonzales, Chris Levy, Luana Nedich

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Carol Hafner and seconded by Sonny Lelle. The motion passed unanimously.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 2016 and MINI BOARD and ANNUAL CLUB MINUTES ON OCTOBER 8, 2016 - Motion to support adoption of the October 7 and 8, 2016 Board, Mini Board and Annual Club Minutes was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Vicki Kubic. No corrections were made. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Carole Weinberger

2017 is well underway and we have had our first Specialty of the year in Portland, Oregon. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend because of my husband's health, but we did not have a quorum so I decided to stay in Florida. It appears that it was well attended and I was pleased that member's dogs won BOB and Top Schnauzer. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the members who supported the Specialty. In terms of Board actions, we have had a quiet winter so haven't needed to address much. I do have a few things to report on though.

1. The changes we approved to the Code of Ethics have been well received by the Membership to date. We only had one "letter of protest" from a member, citing threats of lawsuits and the "Internet Police", but we sent a letter to him explaining that the Board has the authority to modify the COE under the "Business of the Club" and that there would be no Internet Police. It seemed to mollify him and he renewed his membership, perhaps under protest, but we have heard no more from him.
2. The Judges Groups were pleased that we have taken a stand on nasty behavior towards them by M.S. Exhibitors and we have had numerous positive comments from them. The goal of encouraging better behavior seems to have helped, as we have had only one additional complaint about exhibitor behavior since sending the letter. We encourage them to use the AKC to handle these situations and not to let them go by unchecked.
3. Our judge for Great Western, Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine will not be judging other breeds as previously thought. Our contract expressly requests that the judge take no other assignments on the day of our Specialty.
4. The Standard Schnauzer Club representative and I have had several telephone meetings and plans for the 2019 Schnauzerpalooza are moving along. The cost for the facility for 5 days will be about \$3-4000 per club, depending on the Giants coming in. They expect them to at least have a regional. This includes all the equipment and locations for Conformation and any Performance events we plan for, including Agility, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, and even Lure Coursing. I plan to go out to the membership and lock in some volunteers to help with the events, and hopefully we can get several of our local clubs to participate as well. We plan to have the agility folks run that event as they did for Minipalooza but we'll need volunteers for all areas. Our 2019 judges will be selected this year so I'm going to ask that the membership nominate judges who are approved to do Standards and Giants as well. We will need a lot of help and support from members for agility, barn hunt, obedience, rally and conformation. PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Arrangements are being made for a health seminar too.
5. By now you will have heard about the passing of Dan Kiedrowski on Sunday night. We don't usually make a big deal about memorialize games individuals who have died, but in this case, I would like us to talk about something that we might do in his honor. He has been the guardian of the history of our Breed for over 50 years and I can't image how we will get along without him. The Board directed Brian Bogart to act on his idea for an AMSC "Hall of Fame" type of recognition for Dan, other people and dogs that have passed that were significant to our breed. The committee will

develop categories and guidelines for recognition by the AMSC. Brian will choose the members to work with him on this committee.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Board Discussion Action Items:

1. In late November 2016, Board voted to approve the Code of Ethics as updated by the Ethics Committee. There were 15 votes in favor and the update was published on AMSCope and the Yahoo list.
2. On December 29, 2016, the Board has approved the \$95 expenditure for the 2017 AKC Meet & Compete Show Guide. Seventeen board members voted in favor of the expenditure and four members did not vote. Here is the text that was used for the publication: "American Miniature Schnauzer Club With their distinctive eyebrows and bushy beards, the Miniature Schnauzer is a wonderful family breed. It is the AMSC's charter to protect, preserve and promote the characteristics that make these dogs so very special! For more information visit our website. vickikubic@aol.com www.amsc.us"

Correspondence (Received):

AKC

- a. AKC Delegate forms to be completed.
 - b. Judging panel not received and Event Overdue notifications for April 2, 2017.
 - c. AKC Canine Partners Spotlight newsletter received.
 - d. Event Overdue notice received for March 31, 2017.
 - e. Event Overdue Notice received for April 1, 2017.
 - f. Event Approval Notice received for Portland Specialty on January 21, 2017.
 - g. Crop and dock survey participation request.
 - h. Club Development Department announcement.
 - i. Breed club flier updated for the AMSC.
 - j. Participation request for 2017 AKC Meet & Compete Show Guide to be distributed at Westminster.
 - k. Event Pending notice received for June 25, 2017 GWTA designated specialty due to lack of membership list received.
 - l. Event Close Out notice for January 21, 2017 Portland designated specialty and sweepstakes
 - m. Invitation to nominate a member for AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
 - n. Sweepstakes Approval Notice received for GWTA on June 25, 2017
 - o. Event Approval Notice received for GWTA Specialty on June 25, 2017
2. AMSC
- a. Email from Marie Edwards expressing concern over new member applicant from Australia.
 - b. Letter from Lisa Curry, attorney for Cheryl Dugan, concerning breeding contract violations.
 - c. Invoice from Dristas, Groom & McCormick, LLC, for the auditing of ballots for the AKC delegate election.
 - d. Christine requested future consideration for the AMSC to offer an AKC Obedience Classic medallion.
 - e. Lone Star Miniature Club Specialty requesting judges are listed in AMSCope.
 - f. Question on who handles the top producing bitch award.
 - g. Question about whether a finished champion can be shown in an AMSC puppy sweepstakes (Yes, they can, according to John Constantine).
 - h. Eligibility question for Versatility Award from committee.
3. Miscellaneous
- a. Support and membership request from National Animal Interest Alliance.
 - b. Advertisements for Learnfit.org, a dog training website.
 - c. Westminster Kennel Club catalog advertising request and ticket information.
 - d. Pet Boarding and Daycare Expo advertisements.
 - e. Advertisement for Qasim Scissors (www.qasimscissors.com).
 - f. Animal Rescue Aid notice of free grooming available in Yorba Linda area for rescues and opening of grant application filing.

- g. Pet referral for Indiana or Ohio.
- h. Question on miniature schnauzer nutrition sent to Health Committee.
- i. Question on how to find a retired or rescued miniature schnauzer.
- j. Groomer-to-Groomer advertisements.
- k. Advertisement for how to travel with your pets.
- l. Better Pet Gazettes received from Foster Hospital for Small Animals at Cummings Vet Medical Center.
- m. Question on how does a person check on a breeder to see if they are reputable.
- n. Antique bowl given out at an AMSC Specialty in 1958 available to the club.
- o. Hilton Garden Inn Fort Washington deals for staying there from January through March 2017.
- p. Terrier Group online magazine advertisement.
- q. J.W. Pittard & Company scrimshaw fashion accessories designed with dog breeds.
- r. Looking for puppy in Texas.
- s. Prize Possessions show dog awards and gifts advertisement.
- t. Pet Care Insurance advertisement.

Correspondence (Sent):

- a. Listing of AMSC Officers sent to AKC.
- b. AKC Delegate position credentials sent for Barbara Donahue.
- c. Email to AKC notifying that there will not be an event on April 2, 2017 for the AMSC.
- d. Email to AKC notifying that there will not be an event on March 31, 2017 for the AMSC.
- e. Email to AKC notifying that there will not be an event on April 1, 2017 for the AMSC.
- f. AMSC membership list submitted electronically to AKC on February 9, 2017.

Membership:

As of 2/07/17 our membership totaled 430 Regular members (of which 98 have not paid their dues yet) 5 Life Members 32 Foreign w/voting privileges and 28 Foreign w/o voting privileges, for a total of 495 which includes the 98 who have not paid yet. We have lost 6 Members who passed away, and 4 who have told Bonnie Keyes that they will not be renewing their membership.

AMSC Montgomery County Specialty:

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club show in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Linda Drost judged 20 Sweepstakes entries. Jon R. Cole judged 68 regular class entries. The 2016 AMSC Specialty in Blue Bell, PA compares with 2015 as follows:

REGULAR CLASSES	2016	2015	UP OR DOWN
Total Entry	90	84	6
Competing	69	68	1
SWEEPSTAKES			
Total Entry	20	18	2
Competing	18	15	3
VETERANS			
Total Entry	2	2	0
Competing	2	2	0

All files on various flash drives have been reformatted with new names to start with the date in the following format: YYYY MM DD Topic (for example 2016 10 07 GWTA Agenda) and copied to 128G flash drive under a new filing system. All hard copy documents have been scanned and saved to the new flash drive. The archiving process will be completed once the emails with club business have been transferred to the flash drive from my personal computer for future reference and safe keeping. The transfer process should be completed by the June Board meeting. Motion to accept the Secretary report was made by Sonny Lelle and seconded by Gale Schnetzer. Motion passed unanimously.

AMSC Profit and Loss Summary
(compared to Budget)
January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016

	Income 1-1-16 thru 12-31-16	Expense 1-1-16 thru 12-31-16	2016 Budgeted Income	2016 Budgeted Expenses	Notes have to do with Actual Figures NOT Budget (Unless notated)
Other Income Items					
Other			\$100.00		
Purina Parent Club Program	\$1,130.42		\$1,200.00		
Rescue	\$150.00				
General Expenses Items					
AKC Delegate		\$312.74		\$4,000.00	
AKC Entries/annual dues		\$25.00		\$25.00	
AKC Fliers		\$216.81		\$225.00	
Advertising					
Audit, Annual Accounting		\$100.00		\$100.00	
All Other/Miscellaneous Expenses				\$75.00	
Bank fees & Interest Income	\$6.82		\$10.00	\$25.00	
Donations				\$250.00	
Insurance, Dir & Off, Liability		\$1,502.00		\$1,500.00	Directors/Officers, Liability, Crime
Meet the Breeds NYC				\$750.00	
Meet the Breeds - Eukanuba		\$110.00		\$700.00	
Membership (2016 Actual)	\$17,132.50		\$14,200.00	\$175.00	Income is dues collected for 2016 and some of 2017.
Membership Election Audit		\$1,326.65		\$1,200.00	
Conference, Reg & Travel				\$1,000.00	
Dues NAIA				\$250.00	
Health Seminars @ Specialties		\$3,336.50		\$3,000.00	
MAC Expenses		\$1,260.41			
PayPal Fees		\$493.27		\$450.00	
Secretary Expenses		\$56.27		\$800.00	
Treasurer Expenses		\$75.99		\$150.00	
President Expenses		\$206.96		\$100.00	
Web site maintenance		\$300.00		\$500.00	
Web Site hosting		\$25.02		\$300.00	
Committee's					
AMSCOPE (annual amount)		\$1,642.60		\$3,000.00	

	Income 1-1-16 thru 12-31-16	Expense 1-1-16 thru 12-31-16	2016 Budgeted Income	2016 Budgeted Expenses	Notes have to do with Actual Figures NOT Budget (Unless notated)
Rescue / AMSCare Expenses		\$2,500.00			
Awards - Local newsletter/website				\$100.00	
- President's / Life time memb				\$100.00	
- Breeder Awards		\$1,087.89		\$1,300.00	
Health - Supplies	\$585.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	
- JRD Study - U of GA				\$200.00	
Judges Education		\$1,604.83		\$1,000.00	
Judges Selection				\$225.00	
Membership		\$225.58		\$300.00	
Publications & Literature	\$558.00	\$76.87	\$400.00	\$100.00	
Trophies	\$1,826.00	\$2,425.48	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	
Ways & Means - Merchandise	\$265.00	\$82.16	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	
Special Events					
Spring Roving (No Roving in 2016)					Replaced with Minipalooza in 2016
Great Western					
Chair Expenses	\$20.00	\$222.73			
Hospitality		\$957.66		\$300.00	
Judge's Expense		\$900.35		\$1,200.00	
Steward Fee		\$200.00			
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$100.00		\$200.00	
Meet & Greet				\$1,000.00	
Board Meeting Room				\$100.00	
Entry %					
Montgomery					
Show / Chairman Expenses		\$432.00		\$50.00	
AKC Show Fee		\$15.00		\$56.00	
Catalogue adv/Other Fees					
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$295.34		\$300.00	
Judge's Expense		\$1,248.74		\$1,200.00	
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$100.00		\$200.00	
Steward Fee				\$100.00	
Meet & Greet	\$1,073.00	\$1,893.74	\$2,800.00	\$2,300.00	
Raffle/auction			\$500.00		
Board Meeting Room		\$370.22		\$200.00	

	Income 1-1-16 thru 12-31-16	Expense 1-1-16 thru 12-31-16	2016 Budgeted Income	2016 Budgeted Expenses	Notes have to do with Actual Figures NOT Budget (Unless notated)
Entry %	\$590.00		\$300.00		
2016 Minipalooza Specialty	\$44,631.56	42,701.19	\$3,500.00		
Totals	\$67,968.30	\$68,630.00	\$31,610.00	\$36,106.00	
Net Profit / (Loss)		(\$661.70)		(\$4,496.00)	

	Beginning Balance 1/1/2016	Ending Balance 12/31/2016	Net Change
General Checking	\$48,921.64	\$51,309.60	\$2,387.96
Trophy	\$5,075.57	\$4,044.60	-\$1,030.97
Health	\$4,854.76	\$5,230.27	\$375.51
Rescue	\$7,541.56	\$5,142.16	-\$2,399.40
Savings	\$52,004.89	\$52,010.09	\$5.20
PayPal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$118,398.42	\$117,736.72	-\$661.70

Trophy donations are way behind this year. \$1,151 has been donated thus far. PLEASE DONATE!!! Remember local clubs can donate too!

AMSC Budget 2017

	Budget 2017 Income	Budget 2017 Expenses	Budget 2016 Income	Budget 2016 Expenses	Expense Notes
Contributions					
Other	\$100.00		\$100.00		
Purina Parent Club Program	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00		
Rescue	\$100.00				
General Expenses Items					
AKC Delegate		\$2,000.00		\$4,000.00	
AKC Entries/annual dues		\$25.00		\$25.00	
AKC Fliers		\$225.00		\$225.00	
Advertising		\$100.00			
Audit, Annual Accounting		\$100.00		\$100.00	
All Other/Miscellaneous Expenses		\$100.00		\$75.00	
Bank fees & Interest Income	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	

	Budget 2017 Income	Budget 2017 Expenses	Budget 2016 Income	Budget 2016 Expenses	Expense Notes
Donations				\$250.00	
Insurance, Dir & Off, Liability		\$1,600.00		\$1,500.00	Directors/Officers, Liability, Crime
Meet the Breeds NYC				\$750.00	
Membership	\$14,990.00		\$14,200.00	\$175.00	Based on 496 Members at end of 2016
Membership Election Audit		\$1,400.00		\$1,200.00	
Conference, Reg & Travel		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
Dues NAIA		\$250.00		\$250.00	NAIA, Parent Club & Legislative
Health Seminars @ Specialties		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	3 Educational Seminars @ Specialties
PayPal Fees		\$500.00		\$450.00	
Secretary Expenses		\$800.00		\$800.00	Postage & Supplies
Treasurer Expenses		\$200.00		\$150.00	Postage & Supplies
President Expenses		\$100.00		\$100.00	
Vice President Expenses		\$100.00			
Web site maintenance		\$500.00		\$500.00	
Constitution & By-Laws		\$1,500.00			
Web Site hosting				\$300.00	
Committee's					
AMSCOPE (annual amount)		\$2,950.00		\$3,000.00	Printing, postage, supplies
Awards - Local newsletter/website		\$100.00		\$100.00	
- President's / Life time memb		\$100.00		\$100.00	
- Breeder Awards		\$1,100.00		\$1,300.00	
Health - Supplies	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	Report fees/Postage/Print/Pro geny software upgrade/training
- JRD Study - U of GA		\$300.00		\$200.00	
- AKC/CHF Conference		\$1,000.00			
Judges Education		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
Judges Selection		\$250.00		\$225.00	
Membership		\$300.00		\$300.00	Letter printing & postage
Publications & Literature	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	
Trophies	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	
Versatility Awards Committee		\$50.00			
Ways & Means - Merchandise	\$7,125.00	\$4,333.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	

	Budget 2017 Income	Budget 2017 Expenses	Budget 2016 Income	Budget 2016 Expenses	Expense Notes
Special Events					
Spring Roving - Portland					
Chair Expenses					
Catalogue adv/entry fee					
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)					
Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$100.00			
Meet & Great / Top 20	\$1,750.00	\$3,077.00			
Board Meeting Room					
Entry %					
Great Western					
Chair Expenses / Show Expenses		250.00			
Catalogue adv/entry fee					
Hospitality		1,000.00		300.00	
Judge's Expense		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	
Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$100.00		\$200.00	
Steward Fee		\$200.00		\$100.00	
Meet & Greet				\$1,000.00	
Board Meeting Room				\$100.00	
Entry %					
Montgomery					
Chair Expenses		\$50.00		\$50.00	
Catalogue adv/Other Fees	\$150.00			\$56.00	
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$300.00		\$300.00	
Judge's Expense		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	
Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$100.00		\$200.00	
Meet & Greet	\$1,050.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,300.00	
Raffle/auction			\$500.00		
Board Meeting Room/& expense		\$450.00		\$200.00	
Entry % & Show Exp	\$505.00	\$432.00	\$300.00		
2016 Minipalooza Specialty					
Overall Profit			\$3,500.00		
Totals	\$30,180.00	\$42,842.00	\$31,610.00	\$36,106.00	
Net Profit / Loss		(\$12,662.00)		(\$4,496.00)	

A friendly reminder has been sent to AMSC members who have not paid their dues. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Gale Schnetzer and seconded by Patricia O'Brien. Motion was passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Barbara Donahue

Barbara is now receiving delegate communications from AKC. Estimated budget of \$2,000 for meeting attendance at 4 meetings has been submitted. Previous delegate has been unresponsive to her email and phone requests for a transition call. Crop & Dock is an informal committee; I've been in communications to join their meetings / discussions. Barbara will attend the AKC Delegate Meeting on March 14, 2017. Hotel secured via AKC Delegate portal. Barbara requested Board direction on which Standing Committee she should participate in. Board directed the primary committee shall be the Parent Club and AKC communications going to the delegate should be shared if it impacts our club. These types of communications can be posted to the Groups.io list. Club communications will be transitioning from Yahoo to Groups.io.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Special Committees:

2017 Summer Specialty – Irwindale, California - Vera Potiker: Carole Weinberger reported that GWTA costs are unknown at this time. There will be specialty food trucks at the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area. No lunches will be provided this year. Everyone will need to get their own lunch. The show costs were prohibitive at Long Beach and are the reason for the move to Irwindale. One Up tents will be available for grooming and ring side. Smooth fox terriers will be sharing a ring with miniature schnauzers and will show first. Two hotels have been contracted for special GWTA rates; both are Days Inns.

Something to think about: If GWTA does not have a permanent location, maybe we need to make it a roving specialty and move every year and make the spring site a permanent location like Louisville, Chicago or Purina Farms.

2017 Montgomery County National Specialty: Lloyd Amodei – No report.

Cathy Rohrer had volunteered to coordinate a dinner event at Montgomery County. Carole will verify with Cathy. A health seminar is being worked on too.

2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, Georgia: Amy Gordon

It will be 5 days of shows from Wednesday through Sunday. It will be a very full schedule and a get together is being planned. Since the decision was to move the 2018 Roving specialty to Perry, Georgia, with the Central Florida club hosting, the 2019 Roving specialty will be Schnauzerpalooza II in Missouri. Also, the committee recommends the location of the Roving specialty in April 2020 to be in Sacramento with the Northern California Terrier Association.

B. Standing Committees:

AMSCare: Jana King– No report received.

AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli - No report.

AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss, Kennelea Pratt, Don Farley, Vicki Kubic – The committee did not intentionally refuse to post Jean Heath's email about the passing of Dan Kiedrowski. It is believed that there was a problem with the account it was sent from. There are no moderators on this list. The plan is to switch to Groups.io from the Yahoo list. Vicki will check into this transition process.

Audit: Bonnie Keyes– The financial statements have been sent to the Auditor and waiting for tax season to be over then she will do the audit.

Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms– No report received.

Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger

For the year 2016, Lynn is proud to announce that Eleven AMSC Members have earned the Versatility Award. She has sent to Carla a list of the awardees for publication in AMSCOPE.

Breeder Referral: Deborah Huff – No report.

Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms, Robin Ohrt– No report received.

Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy, John Constantine -

Chris Levy apologizes for the time this has taken to provide this report. She has been busier this last 6 months than probably any time in her life and had to put this on hold until now, but should be able to get this going as soon as the Board makes their decision on how we want to proceed (see end of report). She has had several conversations and numerous emails with the Parliamentarian hired by the AMSC. He informed her that with the significant number of changes proposed to our Constitution and Bylaws, that this be considered a *revision* as opposed to an *amendment* which is small in scale. He has been difficult to get a hold of and getting cost estimates done for a revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. He has responded to the Board's questions. She has omitted some of his points because they are background information. Motion for that Bylaws for the appointment of the Nominating Committee remain as is and there will be no requirement that the slate will be approved by the Board was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Beth Santure(?). Roll call vote was taken 11 to approve with 5 abstentions. Motion passed. Wording changes needed prior to publishing in AMSCOPE. Changes would need to go to Carla Borelli by May 12th for the June meeting. The parliamentarian will be asked to review and recommend changes submitted and will request his billing. Language changes should be submitted to Chris Levy for help and making sure it is consistent and appropriate for the amendment or in policies and guidelines. The Constitution and Bylaws is a general document. Specifics should be addressed in policies and guidelines. Currently, the Constitution and Bylaws has no reference to the Ethics Committee. AKC Club Relations will be contacted for guidance on this matter by Chris Levy. Motion was made by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Patti Henderson to amend, not a wholesale revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

Montgomery County Hospitality: Barbara Donahue and Luana Nedich

Homewood Suites in Audubon / Valley Forge has again been contracted as the host hotel. Meeting room secured for the Friday Board meeting and Saturday member reception/meeting. Contract was forwarded to Bonnie Keyes. Members suggested looking at alternative hotels. 10 hotels in good proximity to the show sites and at various price points were contacted and none have comparable sleeping room configurations available or the proximity to restaurants. In an effort to get an early jump on planning for Montgomery County week, hotel reservations are already being accepted. Homewood Suites is now accepting room reservations; room prices increased \$5 per night but will remain at this new rate in 2018. More of the two bedroom suites have been secured than in previous years. Upon the request of members, I investigated the availability of reasonably priced, comfortable hotel options within reasonable distance to show grounds, restaurants and other amenities. It was determined we'd continue to use the Homewood Suites Valley Forge, 681 Shannondell Blvd, Audubon, PA 19403. The room rates and available configurations are: \$134 for studio suite (1 King bed with pullout), \$154 for one bedroom suite (1 King or 2 Queen with pullout rooms), \$189 for two bedroom suite (1King and 2 Queen with pullout), Additional 10% room tax applies and \$75 pet fee, one time charge. Guests may book one of two ways:

1. Call the hotel at [610-539-7300](tel:610-539-7300) and mention you are booking with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, group code **AMS**
2. Go online to www.homewoodsuitesvalleyforge.com and under the reservations tab enter the group code **AMS**.

Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine - We presented at the AKC Institute in December. We had about 30 attendees. Wyoma asked the Board whether or not there will be a judge's education seminar at GWTA 2017. She needs to know the hotel location and if they can accommodate presentations. Judges are being approved quickly. AKC online judges' education (Canine College) is being developed for all breeds. It appears to be exclusionary of information/input from parent clubs. The Board feels that potential judges need to go to Parent Clubs prior to breed judging approval. Wyoma will check with the Parent Club online group and will check with judges' groups for training needs of our breed. Carole will contact the AKC and notify them that the Judges' Education contact for the AMSC is Wyoma Clouss. A One Up tent will be reserved for judges' education at GWTA.

Electronic Media: Vicki Kubic, Jana King, Chris Franck - Please remember that you need to submit information regarding upcoming specialties to Vicki for inclusion on the website. If you send it to AMSCOPE, remember to send it to Vicki Kubic too!!! Website is doing fine. As the Guidelines are updated, they will be posted on the AMSC website once they are approved. There is no limit on the number of pages for the AMSC website.

Ethics: Margo Klingler, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson, Marie Murphy - Since the first meeting of the Ethics Committee and some revisions and re-wording to existing policies have taken place. These revisions will be considered after completion and review of our constitution and bylaws in the coming months. In the mean time, the committee had 5 referrals which have been discussed and handled and/or referred to appropriate committee: two complaints regarding registration of dogs which were resolved with personal calls and registered letters and interaction with AKC, one Judges complaint letter regarding an exhibitor which is pending awaiting more information, one veterinary issue which was referred to Health Committee for resolution and one letter to member regarding his misunderstanding of policy and procedures of AMSC. It is the current philosophy of this committee to handle each complaint with a personal call and documentation from committee member and if this does not resolve the issue then stronger action will be taken. The updated Code of Ethics will be released to the public portion of the AMSC website. Luana will send the format for guidelines to Patti. Improvements have been noted on communications by AMSC members.

Guidelines: Luana Nedich, Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe - We have received several updates but not all are ready to be reviewed and approved by the Board. We will forward as soon as in correct formats. Luana hopes to have several updated guidelines ready for the next Board meeting.

Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Patricia O'Brien, Sheila Marks Anderson
MAC Update – Thanks to Patricia Asian and her efforts following Montgomery County to get samples from Argentina. The number of tests being submitted from Argentina will surpass the U.S. There have been about 360 samples submitted here with an approximate rate of 8% with a slightly higher rate in Argentina. Things are going well and results are being posted to the AMSC website. The next big project will be port systemic shunt and micro vascular disease and are in the process of collecting information. The Health Committee will conference call with University of Tennessee on this project. Two cases of megaesophagus with amyloidosis have been reported and are separate cases and is being looked into also.

Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley - No report.

Judges Selection: Carma Ewer, Galen Ewer – The letter addresses many concerns voiced by AKC and is more specific as far as expenses and what is reimbursed. Motion to approve the draft text of the Judges' letter/contract as written was made by Nita Ainsworth and seconded by Patricia O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic– Alerts are being transferred over as they occur.

Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale - We would propose adding social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to our awards. Motion was made to add local club social media to the committee's review process in 2018 by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Nita Ainsworth. Motion passed unanimously. This would be a third category.

Membership: JacquE Eversbach –The Board discussed developing and encouraging new breeders in the club. The club needs to have a plan for getting people that are interested in breeding and showing. The grooming community may be a good resource for future confirmation breeders. All members are requested to think about a future outreach plan. Education is the key to getting new breeders. Having member applications available at national conformation events should be considered. A different approach to spaying and neutering may need to be considered our breed is going to remain viable. At a future Board meeting, a change to the Code of Ethics will be discussed to remove the mandatory spay/neuter language.

Nominating Committee – The Board is in the process of selecting Nominating Committee members and will be voting for six committee members within a week. Email voting will be tabulated by Carol Hafner.

Public Awareness (Social Media): Vicki Kubic

The flyer that accompanies new puppy registration has been updated with correct addresses for current contacts. The proposed language for the updated flyer will be submitted to the AKC after minor corrections. Diet language will be

modified to lower fat content in food. Motion to approve the informational flyer that comes with puppy registrations with some edits as long as no substantive changes were made was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Barbara Donahue. Motion passed unanimously.

Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien - Patricia requested Board direction on reformatting the grooming charts to a booklet rather than a plastic spine leaflet. There is currently no master copy currently. There will need to be an electronic format created and she will explore the costs of doing it. She will get quotes for the new format options also. The postage is getting more and more expensive. For foreign shipments, it is \$20 in postage and in the U.S.; it is over \$3 in postage. The cost has doubled since she took over the committee. It will save the club money. She will report back her findings at the next Board meeting.

Inventory:

Grooming charts 32
Illustrated Standards 229
CD 14
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income

Grooming Charts	\$121.00
Illustrated Standards	\$32.00
CD	\$20.00
Total Income =	\$173.00

Expenses:

Postage	\$39.16
Grooming Charts 8@\$2 =	\$16.00
Illustrated Standards 2@\$2.40 =	\$4.80

Total Expenses = \$59.96

PROFIT = \$113.04

Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe— No report received.

Trophies: Barbara Donahue, Amy Gordon - Members should send trophy suggestions to Barbara Donahue and Amy Gordon.

Ways And Means: Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion was made by Carol Hafner and seconded by Gale Schnetzer for adopting all Board decisions that had been made by polling AND allowing electronic or telephone votes as allowed by the AKC. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Jacquelyn Ebersbach – Motion to approve new members was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Patricia O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously. The Board approved the following as New Members: Angela Christopher, Cathy Farr, Connie Krohn, Debbie Hoy, Jeff Hoy, Jan M. Van Syckel, Karin Kinnan, Lisa Seay, Susan Churn, Theone Hutchman and Tyler Rath.

NEW BUSINESS

Roving Specialty process and coordination (Bonnie Keyes) – Roving Specialty guidelines need to get to the Roving Specialty Chair, so they know what to do ahead of time. There is a version in the Yahoo files that may need to be updated and can be used for any roving specialty. Top Dog/Top 20 guidelines need to be included. Laurie Moore will write them up with John Constantine's guidance, if he is available. Brian Bogart's guidelines for Montgomery County are a great example. Updated information will be posted to the Member's Section on the AMSC website. Updated information will be posted to the Members' Section of the AMSC website once completed. John Constantine will be asked to look at the guidelines and update them before he steps down as the Specialty Coordinator.

AKC Sportsmanship Award discussion – No names have been nominated from the AMSC. Generally, the announcement is put on the list and people are supposed to submit letters with nominee’s names and information. Sportsmanship award includes leaving the ring in a positive manner and the person’s interaction with other competitors and judges. A survey could be put on the AMSC Yahoo group with the criteria for the sportsmanship award to inform members and to submit a name. Motion was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Beth Santure that Dan Kiedrowski be nominated as the AKC Sportsmanship Award recipient. Motion passed unanimously.

National Club Trophies (Patti Henderson) – Some Board members were disappointed that the AMSC award was soap imbedded with a schnauzer figure. The Trophy Committee will continue to decide what trophies will be awarded while using the very limited club budget for trophies. The Board will not micromanage the Trophy Committee.

Polling Board attendance for GWTA quorum: If there isn’t a quorum at GWTA, there will be a teleconference either in May, June or the first part of July. The Board will be polled in advance of GWTA events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Carole Weinberger adjourned this teleconference meeting at 12:03 AM EST.

Next Board Meeting will be determined once a quorum is verified for Friday, June 23, 2017 at a location to be determined in Southern California at 6:00 p.m. PST or following Breed judging whichever is later.