

AMSC Board Meeting
October 7, 2016
Homewood Suites, Valley Forge, PA

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 pm by President Carole Weinberger

Officers and Board Members present:

President, Carole Weinberger; Vice President, Sharon Edwards; Treasurer, Bonnie Keyes; Amy Gordon, Rod Hartshorn, Donna Hills, Kaye Kirk, Vicki Kubic, Patty Ledgerwood, Carole Meitzler, Marie Murphy, Luana Nedich

Guest attending:

Barbara Donahue, Jackie Ebersbach, Kerrie Rousey, Beth Santure, Silvia Soos-Kazel

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Bonnie Keyes, seconded by Rod Hartshorn. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vicki Kubic, seconded by Kaye Kirk to accept the minutes of the last meeting as corrected. The correction was to change the date of the Portland Roving Board meeting to Friday.

Report of the President:

Election Results: Barbara Donahue is elected our new AKC Delegate.
All other officers and board members are as published.

Report of the Secretary:

1. AKC
 - a. Sweepstakes approval received for Portland Roving Specialty
 - b. Specialty approval received for Portland Roving Specialty
 - c. Correction of AMSC informational flyer that goes out to new puppy registrants with Patricia O'Brien's new address
2. AMSC
 - a. Notice to Board that Amy McGovern's new member information had not been published twice in AMSCOpe and will be added to the October Board new member applicants for approval
 - b. Question submitted on availability of MAC testing from Ray Franklin
 - c. Inquiry from Cathy Williams for newsletter delivery
 - d. Communications/conformation from Dristas, Groom & McCormick auditing firm for AKC Representative election
 - e. Thank you letter from Susan Carr for club support for research on urinary stones in miniature schnauzers
 - f. Correction for listing for Teresa Handlen on AMSC website
 - g. Request from Jean Heath that AMSCOpe publish a correction to a misleading statement which was published in the Oct. AMSCOPE concerning Joan Huber's status as the first breeder(non-AKC judge) to judge at Montgomery County
3. Miscellaneous
 - a. Event center advertisement from Capital Plaza Hotel in KS and Yellow Breeches Sports Center in PA
 - b. Invitation to Groom Expo 2016 in PA
 - c. Inquiry from MB-F on trophies for obedience and rally
 - d. Request from LearnFit.org for an training article
 - e. Advertisement from Universe for event ticketing
 - f. List of safety oriented articles available for publishing From Tilda Moore

- g. Looking for a well bred black & silver in US, inquiry from UK
- h. Looking for a stud dog for pet breeding from Hugo Martinez
- i. Inquiry on how does a person join the AMSC from Andrea Johnson
- j. Groomer to Groomer September edition
- k. Advertisements for Dean & Tyler dog products
- l. Invitation to Pet Boarding and Daycare Expo in PA
- m. Request from Dogster magazine (previously "Dog Fancy") for photos of miniature schnauzers
- n. Animal Rescue Aid advertisements
- o. Advertisement from improving Social Media and Organic search engine traffic for amsc.us
- p. Foster Hospital for Small Animals at Cummings Veterinary Medical Center newsletter
Advertisement for Pet Boarding and Daycare Sept/Oct 2016 Pet Boarding and Daycare EBook

Membership:

As of 10/6/16 our membership totaled 427 Regular, 5 Life, 31 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 29 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) for a total of 492. There are 13 new member applicants (11 Regular and 2 Foreign). There have been 5 deceased members in 2016.

Local MS Clubs:

1. There are presently 17 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.
2. Reminders to all Local MS Club Delegates to please have their show chairman forward a marked catalog to the AMSC Secretary following their show. Or email, to the AMSC Secretary, a link with your show results from the Superintendent's website. That information allows us to track the data shown below.

Treasurer's Report:

Will appear in separate addendum

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE - Don Farley

AKC Delegates Meeting

9/11-12/2016

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Parent Club Committee Summary (Pat Laurens, Chairperson):

-- To date, there are 40,100 CGC titles. Not all are part of AKC; mixed breeds must have an AKC "Partner" ID. If the dog is not registered, they can only get a CGC Certificate not a CGC "Title."

-- There are 200 Breeds involved with the HEART Program.

-- Pet Disaster Trailers:

341 Clubs have participated

there have been \$1,016,506 in donations; \$250K is being donated by ReUnite, for a total of \$1,266,506

51 trailers have been donated

in Indiana, the trailer was on-site within 12 hours along with the Red Cross trailers

in Louisiana, clubs are working to get trailers to New Orleans and Baton Rouge; there were none in the immediate area

The question came up if an area needs to be declared a "disaster" in order for the trailers to be deployed. Does it need to be in the contract for the area?

It can be deployed for other "disasters" besides tornados, floods, fires, etc.

-- Parent Club Self Evaluation:

Median score: 96/130

Mean score: 93/130

58 were compliant with: boiler plate membership form; Code of Ethics; most had judges education, breeder and judges' mentoring. 7 out of the 58 responding clubs only do conformation
The question was raised as to what the Parent Club Committee (PCC) was going to do with all this data --- they will publish a master list for PC Delegates.
There were comments on what/how much the PC's learned by going through this process. No specific conclusions were made.

-- Archives for Parent Club materials

AKC has an Archivist that can help clubs with their own archiving
Clubs should inventory their collections before contacting AKC Archivist
Archivist is putting together guidelines on what to do for archiving

-- Specialty Show: Steven Pessech (SBP@AKC.org) will help Parent Clubs be sending emails for their Specialties

-- Parent Club Conference:

They are considering another Parent Club Conference. Details will be sent to the people on the Parent Club Conference List. Peter Piuz will send the email. One of the challenges is finding a ballroom large enough at a place which can also take care of meals.
There will be a Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference in August 2017 in St. Louis. The last conference was 2010; it takes 3 years to plan and execute, so the next one can't be until 2020. Suggestion as made to focus on 2018 - the opposite year from the Canine Health Parent Club Conf. Need a budget discussion and decision made. AKC did not release the actual cost of 2010 conf. so PCC doesn't know how much it cost per person/club.

Legislative Report:

Sheila Geoff gave a report. They're monitoring over 2000 Federal/State/Local issues on owning dogs. They're tracking at the Federal level but don't have the same ability at the local law level. AKC is relying on the Legislative Liaisons from each club to share that information.
HSUS has an agenda against commercial breeders. HSUS is trying to force retailers to ONLY get dogs from shelters/rescues and not from responsible breeders

Clubs joining AKC:

AKC is trying to get parent clubs to join AKC when they move from Miscellaneous to regular groups. Question was asked what exactly are the requirements to be a Member Club? No answer was provided.
How many Parent Clubs do not have Delegates? No answer provided

Other items:

-- Showing spayed & neutered Dogs: the Board decided this did not work positively with where AKC wanted to go. Since the Board shut this down, nothing further will be considered by the PCC.
-- Juniors: what about when foreigners want to compete -- one option is to transfer owners for the ONE event (seems an odd choice). Suggestion to focus on 4-H engagement to encourage Juniors.
-- Vet Outreach: there are scholarships from the AKC, and some clubs are providing scholarships also
-- AKC Marketplace: suggestion to identify Parent Club Rescues on the Marketplace; Breeders --> Parent Clubs --> Rescues
-- Group Realignment: 551 emails sent out, 361 responses. 71.79% Yes address restructuring; 71.71% Yes create new groups; 70% Yes rearrange existing groups. The discussion with include Clubs not just Delegates. The question was asked about doing a group at a time; Board member said that was too involved, and the re-programming impact was more difficult than it seems
-- Genetic Diversity: prompted by the NPR story against Bulldogs; UC Davis said they were not genetically diverse and made other derogatory statements. They noted Switzerland had laws against "torture

breeding" brachial cephalic breeds; more going on in Europe and will be coming to US. Breeders were sited as the problem no longer being responsible.

-- AKC has a Scientific Committee and proposed each Parent Club has their own scientific resource to speak about their breed's genetics and health

--- DO NOT HAVE ADVERSE MESSAGES on breed websites as the first item people see! This was emphasized by the PCC

-- Reinstatement Procedure: Club must be notified 2 weeks in advance and agree to it; demonstrate insurance on the dog provided by the owner; AKC provides insurance for all judges; dogs must leave the grounds immediately; at time of DQ, must swab for DNA. Means DNA swabs must be available at EVERY event; is this realistic? Who would do the swabbing. Increase the cost of reinstatement also. NOTE: Identifying the dog is different from identifying the "breed" of a dog

By Laws Committee ("BLC") Summary (Gretchen Bernardi, Chairperson):

-- Need to address Delegate Eligibility

-- "Glossary of Terms" needed: Constitution vs By Laws; Member Club vs. Associate Club vs Licensed Club

-- "Determine the Rating of each breed" will be posted to the Delegate list for feedback.

-- Note: the Delegates vote on RULES, we do NOT vote on REGULATIONS

-- Proposal to have no fee for Delegates who are judges who want to get a new breed since they are unable to recoup that expense because they are prohibited from charging a fee. This is a policy not a by-law. The Committee can ask the Board to change this policy. The BLC voted to have the Chairperson request a non-binding sense of the Delegates vote.

-- All judges should have a contract. And Delegate Judges may NOT request a "contribution" if it's a condition of their agreement to judge.

-- Nominating Committee:

Propose a 9 member Nom. Comm. for Board seats; could be 1 member from each Standing Committee or from the Delegate Body.

Chairperson selected by them.

Electioneering by Board nominees is discouraged

Caucus should be chaired by someone from the Nom. Comm.

Currently the Nom. Comm. is chosen by the Board; this would let Delegates choose the members

Suggest Nom. Comm. have set of 15 questions to be answered by each candidate

Alternate N.C. members should be involved throughout the nominating process

-- "Parent Club Membership": question was raised if, when a "new" Breed is recognized, should the Parent Club automatically become a Member Club? Discussion tabled for later date.

Crop & Dock Ad Hoc Committee (Peter Piuz, Chairperson):

-- Anyone not receiving emails, let Peter know and he'll add them to the Yahoo list.

-- He asked if we should respond to the Bulldog article written by Karen Bulliard. I said yes, we should respond and quickly. I said we should have some standard pro-C&D materials ready to use as responses all the time. We should not be waiting to decide days or weeks later IF we're going to respond as an AKC group. The other Delegates present agreed and tasked Peter with sending a response.

-- Government Relations: Marilyn DeGregorio from the Doberman club is dealing with govt. issues. She's helped the Doberman club prepare positive arguments/rebuttals, and they have positive messaging on their website.

-- One reason noted for no support by Vets is they believe they will lose business if they promote crop or dock, even for non-canines, i.e. sheep, pigs, other livestock. AKC's official veterinarian, Dr. Jerry Klein, is scheduled to talk about Crop & Dock at the December Delegates' meeting.

-- the Association for Preservation of Purebred Dogs ("APPD") is the Canadian pro-crop & dock group. They want to work with AKC and the NAIA.

-- Suggestion was made to collect and compile the questions we receive about C&D, and how we answer them so the C&D group could put together an FAQ-type of resource.

- The AVMA has little info on C&D; one person said vets are not taught to crop or dock anymore; sources for AVMA information -- one Scientific Journal article and a compendium on C&D written for the AVMA.
- One Delegate noted that even our own Delegates and Member Clubs are discriminating against us, sometimes being unaware of the results of their statements or actions.
- The Ministry of Agriculture in Canada controls the Standards, as does the Kennel Club in the UK, which allows them to prohibit C&D. We discussed AKC's lack of visible and vocal support in our positions; and noted that because these are "cosmetic" we are not allowed to make them DQ's.
- Suggestion made to compile short movies/promo materials showing puppies being okay after docking, and showing puppies that are not harmed by proper cropping. Should there be a possible channel on YouTube or put these on a website:
- Do we have a C&D position statement on the AKC Website? The PWCCA.org has a position statement on their website.
- If there are any questions for Jerry Klein, send them to AKCDOCKCROP@yahoogroups.com

AKC DELEGATES MEETING:
Highlights from meeting:

Three new members clubs were approved: Berger Picard Club of America, Hendersonville Kennel Club, and Irish Red and White Setter Association of America.

Financial Report: Net assets of \$74.3 million have increased by nearly 14 percent since August of last year. Total revenue of \$43 million has been offset by total expenses of \$38.6 million, which reflects an operating income of \$4.4 million. Dog registrations are currently 359,000, which is 11 percent above the eight-month period of 2015.

Voting: The first vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 4, 5, 7, 17, and 19, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This amendment would in Section 4, change the italicized paragraph to become part of the rule rather than a Board clarification, with no change to the wording; in Section 5, it would add the statement regarding the first day of a multiple-day show being used to calculate age; in Section 7, it would change the italicized definition of professional handlers to be part of the rule, not a Board clarification, with no change to the wording. Additionally, in Sections 17 and 19, it would change the italicized paragraph to become part of the Rule, not a Board clarification. The only change to the wording is removing the effective date. There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The second vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This amendment would allow entries in any form to be accepted for 24 hours after the closing date and time when it falls on a postal holiday. There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

Read for voting at the December meeting: The proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, would extend the closing time for entries to be no later than 11:59 p.m.

Additional Notes:

- Carl Ashby discussed the AKC PAC and urged Clubs to participate and help fund candidates believed to be favorable in helping protect our rights as dog breeders and owners.
- Six Delegates were acknowledged for having served as Delegates for 25 years. Three Clubs were also noted for celebrating 100 years of membership in the AKC: Atlantic Kennel Club, Detroit Kennel Club, and Louisville Kennel Club.
- The election of members for the Standing Committees was completed and all seats filled.
- The Nominating Committee was introduced and Patti Strand, chairperson, presented the nominees for the Class of 2021: Rita Biddle, from Ingham County Kennel Club; Dominic Carota from the Pharaoh Hound Club

of America; Dr. Gregory Paveza, from the Elm City Kennel Club; and Harvey Wooding from Westminster Kennel Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Special Committees:

2015 Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Lloyd Amodei

All is set for our 201st Specialty show. Judge John Cole's accommodations have been arranged. Stewards have been assigned to our ring. We have a great entry of

20 - Miniature Schnauzers Sweepstakes (10-10)

2 - Miniature Schnauzers Veteran Sweepstakes (1-1)

101 - Miniature Schnauzers 25-36-(19-7)-14

2017 Roving Specialty - Portland: Laurie Moore

Laurie worked with Bonnie Keyes, Vickie Kubic and Amy Gordon to gather the information needed by the Cluster Chair including trophy, ribbon and other information needed by the superintendent for the premium list

2017 Summer Specialty – Long Beach, California - Vera Potiker

We had a wonderful show at our old location at Cal State Long Beach. GWTA considers our club very lucky to be back at our old location (Good parking and great grass). We had a good entry of 52 which included brace and other non-regular classes. We also had Regular Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes. Linda Moore was our judge and was very respectful and pleasant. We plan on using this show as a model and anticipate a bigger and better show next year.

2019 Roving Specialty – Sacramento, California: John Constantine

The committee would like to move to hold the 2019 Roving Specialty in Conjunction with the Sacramento Kennel Club on Saturday April 13, 2019. The MSC of NoCal would be the host. There is a Terrier Group show and NorCal will have a specialty as well. We should be able to hold OB/Rally over the weekend. The motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood, seconded by Vicki Kubic, and passed unanimously.

Standing Committees:

AMSCare: Jana King

In February rescue was needed to take in some dogs due to the illness of the owner.

Schnauzer Love Rescue took in these dogs to rehome. Since then, Carole and I have talked about how we should approach this in the future and what could be done to prevent emergency situations in the future.

Carole shared with me that a committee was previously created, but nothing further had been done.

Carole asked me if I would chair this committee---

Why place retired dogs:

Why feed 30 dogs if you are only showing or breeding 10 of them?

Why pay vet expenses for dogs you aren't doing anything with?

Why not let them have a home of their own?

the kind we all want out puppies to live in where they are:

Live in a family with a couple of dogs

get more individual attention than we can give them

Live in the house and share a close bond with their family

When a person nears the end of their career, gets ill, has financial difficulty, etc, there will be far less dogs needing urgent placement.

Why place through a rescue:

Rescue guarantees home for life, Must return to us, if they ever can't keep

You won't have to worry about getting this dog back when they're 12yo

Rescue has the resources to do a thorough screening including:

Hour phone interview (discuss keeping on leash, feeding good food, appropriate vax, grooming requirements, etc.)

Reference call to veterinarian to verify their current/past dogs are well cared for

Home visit (we have people all over our areas to do HVs/hard for most people to do)

Three pronged approach:

Help people get their number of dogs down to just what they are currently using

Then, start placing dogs as they retire.

This gives the dog more years of a family life

Allows people to focus attention and finances on the dogs they are using

Keeps number down so if there is an emergency, there are less dogs to place, ensures there will be no emergency where we have a lot of older dogs that need homes

Easier on rescues to place dogs at 6yo than 10yo

Place dogs in any emergency situation: illness, death, financial difficulties

Vetting required before placement: (this is what rescue promises people that get a dog from us)

Spay/neuter

Vaccines: DHPP, Rabies, Bordetella

HW test: treat if positive for HW

Fecal test: treat if positive for parasites

Initial Objectives:

Get more rescues around the country on board- Goal was to get all AMSC approved rescues participating

19 rescue names given by Kelly, Rescue Chair

13 are on board, many complimented the idea

5 have not responded after two emails sent

1 can't help due to small size of rescue (only 2 foster homes)

2 rescues had someone interested in being on committee

1 new rescue suggested for AMSC approval, starting the process

Change the perception among club members from:

Dumping dogs in rescue -to- using rescues resources as a screening/placement service

Outline procedures and requirements for placing dogs through rescue

Utilize a standard forms for dogs being placed through rescue:

Need a form for each dog, name, age, sex

Questions to help with placement:

Good with Dogs?

Good with Cats?

Good with Kids?

Ride well in a Car?

Walk well on a Leash?

Special needs?

On any Medications?

Must document that vetting is current for each dog, identify anything that is not
Spayed/neutered
Current on vaccinations?
Current HW & fecal tests
Ensure any medical issues are documented
Current on dental or not

TO DO:

Determine minimum level of vetting required of the club member
Not right for the AMSC or the rescue to assume the costs
Personal opinion, dogs that are current on healthcare are the difference between
dogs needing rescue vs
using rescue as a screening service
Marty Morgan, SLR opinion was member have the dog current on vax, HW & fecal tests, rescue would cover
the dental.
Forms and rescue documentation to Carole for input
Discuss fundraising ideas with Carole and the board. This would help members that can't afford to vet their
dogs and are in urgent need of help placing them.

AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli - No report.

AMSC—L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss, Kennelea Pratt, Don Farley, Vicki Kubic
The list has 355 members, has been in existence since 2001 and 54,648 messages have been posted. Our
2016 activity is about the same as 2015. Don't forget you can post stud service and available puppies or
adults for sale.

Audit: Bonnie Keyes

Bonnie recommends Squires Tax & Accounting Service, Barbara Squires to do the audit of the club financials.
The motion was seconded by Patty Ledgerwood and approved unanimously.

Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms

Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Meeting following the Board Meeting.

Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger

None reported

Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen

No report

Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms, Kaye Kirk

Kaye Kirk was added to the committee

Updated Performance Committee Guidelines for Board Approval:

AMSC Performance Committee

PURPOSE:

In line with the policies and procedures approved by the AMSC Board of Governors, this committee will:

Educate the general membership about the sports of obedience and agility, rules pertaining to AKC Obedience or Agility Trials, and training techniques. The Performance Committee shall answer questions from the membership regarding any of the above. The Performance Committee will foster positive relationship with the general membership by emphasizing positive training techniques, good sportsmanship and proper care of dogs trained in AKC obedience or AKC agility. The Performance Committee will address question posed by non-members as needed in order to foster education and good will with the public. The Performance Committee will be responsible for gaining AKC approval for AMSC Obedience or Agility trials in conjunction with selected AMSC specialty shows.

Procedures:

The Performance Chairperson shall serve as the primary point of contact for the general membership, officers of the club, or the board of the AMSC for all obedience and agility-related issues. The Performance Chairperson shall also address any issues posed by AKC or non-members to the club regarding obedience or agility concerns or questions.

The Performance Chairperson shall write a column titled STAND FOR EXAM to be submitted to the *AMSCOPE* editor as appropriate. The column should address tips, techniques, discuss changes to AKC rules and regulations for obedience or agility trials, or simply inform the membership on a particular topic.

The Performance Chairperson will designate a Co-Chair as needed to perform duties related to hosting Obedience or Agility Trials.

At all times, the Performance Chairperson shall try to maintain a professional demeanor, and shall remain in good standing with the AKC; with the intent of maintaining good sportsmanship and upholding the sports of AKC obedience and AKC agility.

After discussion, the following will be added to the committee guidelines:

There will be a liaison to the Montgomery County All Terrier Trial performance trial

Add Barnhunt

The committee will be an integral part of the planning of official AMSC performance trials

Luana Nedich, with a second by Kaye Kirk, made a motion to approve the committee guidelines as amended.

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

Chris Levy is working with the parliamentarian at this time and will have something for the next Board meeting in Portland.

Montgomery County Hospitality: Barbara Donahue and Luana Nedich

Barbara ordered dinner to be catered at the board meeting and has organized the Saturday night get together. Luana will have hospitality on Sunday at the show.

Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine –

John Constantine presented the AMSC Judges Education at Louisville, KY, and Wyoma Clouss presented at the MiniPalooza in Grey Summit, MO. Discussion by the Board for education at the Portland 2017 Specialty resulted in a preference for a Top 20 instead, with all possible time slots otherwise occupied. We will be part of the AKC/DJAA Judges Institute in Orlando. Our presentation will be on 12/16/16 at 8:30 AM. John Constantine will be the presenter. These institutes typically draw very large numbers nowadays. We expect about 20 - 30 judges.

Electronic Media: Chris Franck, Jana King, Vicki Kubic

The website continues to expand. The public MAC page is constantly kept up to date and has about 10K hits. As we update our Committee Guidelines, A section in the Members Only section will be added for them. Our largest number of hits is on our Referral pages at approximately 99K followed by our interactive map at about 60K hits. All About Mini Schnauzers 36K, Pet Grooming received 45K hits, Members Long-In page almost 16K, General Health 21K, Photo Gallery of Colors, Activities, Regional Clubs, Breed Standard and Rescue all received about 19K hits.

Ethics: Margo Klingler, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson, Marie Murphy –

Although the committee has not met, we have talked in length about possible changes to ethics issues. The committee members were asked to make suggestions and bring them to the meeting on October 8, 2016 at the Devon Dog Show. As soon as comments and suggestions are made, the Committee will present to Marie Murphy for a legal interpretation and then to the President and Bylaws Committee.

The Committee suggests more presence to enforce whatever suggestions are made and changes accepted. The committee suggests publishing policy in AMScope and then maybe having members sign a new Code of Ethics policy which will be kept on file. These harsh statements are to include social media, personal assaults, both verbal and physical. If the Code of Ethics policy is signed and dated and with Marie's review of legalities, I would like to see memberships terminated. I just do not know the legalities of this action. I would like to see 1, 2, 3 warnings and final terminations. These complaint forms can be downloadable from the website. If written or verbal threats are made against the AMSC, these should be admissible.

I understand that after review of the Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Ethics can be included with this review. I would also ask that no one but the Ethics Committee members review what is presented on the form. I will develop a form for the internet use once the Board decides what items should be included in the letter and form. Although actions are nebulous at this time, clarification will be clear after suggestions from the Board.

A motion was made by Luana Nedich, seconded by Patty Ledgerwood, to add Marie Murphy to the ethics committee. The vote was all in favor with Marie abstaining.

Guidelines: Luana Nedich

A motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood, seconded by Brian Bogart to appoint Luana Nedich to take over the guidelines committee. She will contact each committee to work with them to make sure all committee guidelines are updated and posted for club members to have access to.

Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Patricia O'Brien
AMSC Health Committee has had a very busy year since last annual report. Ultimately our primary focus became the administration of the MAC DNA program which put other plans on the back burner for the greater part of the year. We were successful in several projects – Genetic Education Program for AMSC members (AMScope articles) coordinated and developed by Dr. Sheila Anderson plus 2 excellent seminars to augment breeder education in genetics by Dr Carmen Battaglia PLUS ongoing research in Stone Disease in Miniature Schnauzers presented by Dr Eva Furrow – both outstanding speakers and researchers. Dr Giger's grant approval by the AKC/CHF was approved for funding in March 2016. In May 2016, he contacted the Health Committee to advise he had found a DNA test and would hold any announcement until we had a process in place to manage the sample testing. This we did as quickly as possible, identifying helper surrogates who knew the process and had DNA swabs to send out for Europe, UK and South America. By the beginning of June 2016 word went out worldwide that a DNA test had been found and testing began immediately with Legends, Sandypaws and Destineez being the first to participate. MAC DNA testing has been added as an optional test on CHIC. Clear by Parentage still remains problematic for the CHIC program but is recognized. As a result of our leadership managing the MAC project, we have been able to identify promising collaboration for PRA Research in Europe and have begun work to establish solid contacts with

non-US Health Committees and similar organizations. Our global outreach has been reciprocated and we have received financial and volunteer support in our MAC DNA project from several European Clubs as well as appreciation for our efforts. We have not had as much success with our Russian Miniature Schnauzer breeders despite earnest efforts. We will continue to reach out to anyone needing support and assistance to take advantage of this testing. So far the AMSC Health Committee has distributed Over 1400 swabs and we have received 210 results of which 14 are carriers. This is closely comparable to what Dr Giger's data has shown in the past. He will review the complete dataset at MCKC. We were able to identify the Lola case sire which only furthered support for the accuracy of the test. We would like to give special thanks to Brenda Fishburn for her assistance and cooperation in helping to identify the Sire of Lola.

SUMMARY

1. The AMSC Health Committee policy was rewritten, submitted and approved by the Board with corrections. An additional section was suggested for Record Storage and is a top priority project for this upcoming year. As part of this project, our Progeny Software program is being reevaluated for its usefulness to accommodate record storage requirements and solve data retrieval issues. Since whatever we will use will be pivotal in any Record Storage policy statement, the HC database has to be nailed down first. Past use/access by a single individual is not appropriate and must not be permitted. Estimates for a web-based 5-User license is far too expensive (\$2500/Annually) and we are now looking at alternatives and have requested possible solutions from the vendor to reduce recurring costs. A subgroup will be developing a plan to use that will afford analysis and retrieval. Our current system is virtually unusable for meaningful analysis.

2. We are attempting to catalogue all AMSC Health Information projects from CJC, PRA, Cataract, etc. Narrative summaries of specifics of the program and program development and administration are being developed with project coordinators. This will serve to document health issues that have occurred in the Breed and will provide a rich history for future use. How this information is archived will largely impact record storage and retrieval plans.

3. There has been an additional case of PRA reported from UK not previously included in any report from the Health Committee, Jaxman's Moves Like Jagger, a 4-year-old, with US lineage. Pedigree available upon request. We are establishing a collaboration with Drs Maria Kaukonen and Hannes Lohi at Helsinki University in Finland for PRA research and have been given access to the complete (1990-2016) list of PRA affecteds from the Finnish Database (<http://jalostus.kennelliitto.fi/frmkoirat.aspx?TK=13&TA=162&VuosiA=1990&VuosiY=2016>). While disclosure is not mandatory in Finland, the breeders recognize the benefit to a central open registry and fully participate for the benefit of the Breed.

MAC DNA testing is continuing to grow primarily outside the US. We have helped to coordinate a Skype meeting between Dr. Giger and several European clubs whose breeders are meeting in September. The Danish MS Club is reimbursing every breeder \$50 for each DNA test they perform. In addition, Swedish, Norwegian & Danish clubs have now assumed full responsibility for obtaining swabs for European requestors. The MAC DNA project has helped to significantly open the communication between the AMSC and Non US Miniature Schnauzer clubs.

We received a donation to the Health Fund of \$275.00 and a \$255 donation to offset MAC project mailings. At the date of this report, the Health Committee remains well below its projected budget despite unplanned expenses resulting from MAC DNA testing.

We are in the process of LOOKING INTO the possibility of establishing a non-profit Health Trust for the Health Committee whereby members or interested individuals can make donations which will have tax advantage for them as individuals. This will be patterned after the Non-Profits which have been set up for

other larger kennel clubs. I have asked Sharon Edwards to help us get this started to investigate the possibilities which will be presented to the Board for their approval or further discussion as to how this might best be used for our club. The discussion of a Non-profit foundation was tabled.

A motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood, seconded by Bonnie Keyes to have Vicki Kubic a donation button on the AMSC health webpage if anyone is interested in donating to any health committee projects. She will also install one on the future AMSCare page and rescue page. Motion passed unanimously.

The AMSC Health Committee Code of Ethics & Conduct was approved. The motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood and seconded by Amy Gordon. Motion passed unanimously. Upon approval by the Board, all members of the committee, including the President are required to re-sign the committee Code of Ethics.

AMSC Health Committee Code of Ethics & Conduct

Membership on the AMSC Health Committee (AMSC HC) is by specific appointment and is a unique and honored position of all the committees in the organization because of the nature of the work and the standard of conduct set for all members. The AMSC HC is the central repository of sensitive and, oftentimes, confidential health information within the American Miniature Schnauzer Club. Thus, the AMSC Health Committee member has access to highly private, sensitive and confidential information concerning breeding programs. The protection of this information is paramount and access to this information is crucial for a productive and successful health committee. As a member, each individual is required to sign this oath of behavior and confidentiality and referred to the AMSC Health Committee Code of Ethics & Conduct, in addition to what is required as an active AMSC member. In so signing, members must adhere to the highest standards of interaction and conduct and must behave in a manner that serves to credit the position held and to leave NO perception that inappropriate disclosures are occurring. Any infringement of ANY AMSC HC member will be presented to the Health Committee by one of its members and thoroughly investigated by the Health Committee under the guidance and oversight of the President of the AMSC; facts will be presented and, if substantiated, recommendations for action (to include expulsion from the AMSC under constitutional guidelines) will be made to the full Board. Any breach of confidentiality will not be tolerated and information received by a Health Committee member as an individual or as a collective group will be deemed confidential and subject to disciplinary action beyond an individual's membership/tenure on the committee

Confidential information received by any member of the Health Committee from any member or non-member regarding Health matters will become the property of the AMSC Health Committee. (NOTE: Exempted in this pledge is the veterinarian patient-client information)

Information will be shared with the entire committee or not accepted. At no time will information be held by one member and one member solely.

Project assignments for committee members will require all communication to be shared either in summary when verbal or as copies of email correspondence to and from the Health Committee member. Every member will strive to ensure that ALL members will be as informed regarding any project as the member who is specifically assigned. There will be no member who is singularly privy to information or communication regarding a committee directed project.

There will be no discussion among members in a public environment where it can be misconstrued to be an infringement of confidential information. "Curbside Consults" are not excluded.

There will be NO personal feelings or references to personalities included in discussion of any issue on Health Committee email. We will deal only with content of discussion/opposing opinion as it pertains to Health and leave personalities out of the discussion. Every member is expected to moderate the

discussion and conversation to maintain focus on the content and mission of the AMSC Health Committee.

Discussions will be respectful at all times –differences of opinion are encouraged but discussion will be presented in a strictly factual and non-emotional way.

Protection of Confidential information gained while a member of the Health Committee will extend beyond membership and will be subject to disciplinary action.

The Health Committee member recognizes and acknowledges that the AMSC Health Committee possesses certain confidential information that constitutes a valuable, special and unique asset of the Health Committee and the AMSC. Confidential information is defined as any information received while a member of the Health Committee which includes ALL information and materials and files belonging to and used by and in possession of the Health Committee related to its purpose and existence. To the extent any inventions, technologies, reports, memoranda, studies, writings, articles, plans, designs, specifications, exhibits, media or other materials are prepared by the member during his/her tenure on the committee, these shall be deemed property of the Health Committee. ALL documents, magnetically or optically encoded media, and other tangible materials created and maintained while a member of the Health Committee as part of the services of the Health Committee shall be owned by the AMSC Health Committee and will be turned over to the Health Committee or the President, AMSC, within 2 weeks of termination of membership. In addition, all materials as described above, either in hard copy or residing on electronic storage and computer devices belonging to any individual no longer a member of the Health Committee, will be removed upon termination of membership.

The AMSC Health Committee member agrees that upon termination of membership all materials as described above will be returned in total to the AMSC Health Committee. Confidential information is not excluded. The following AMSC Health Committee member acknowledges and agrees fully with this AMSC Health Committee Code of Ethics and Conduct statement and will abide by its tenets:

Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley - No report.

Judges Selection: Carma Ewer, Galen Ewer

The new committee will be Carma and Galen Ewer.

Bonnie Keyes has rewritten the judges contract. The contract will specify reimbursable travel expenses and what is reimbursable in case of show cancellation. The following changes were suggested.

Adding the word Actual to the sentence "No Judging Fees will be paid, but actual expenses incurred in getting to the show will be." 2. Last paragraph adding the words "with copies of actual receipts". 3.

Adding "not to exceed \$5.00" down under the per dog judging fee.

Brian Bogart has resigned his sweepstakes assignment at Montgomery County 2017 due to becoming a licensed judge. The board voted to allow Bonnie Keyes to switch from her Portland OR assignment in January to do Montgomery County. Since the board is not aware of the voting results of the sweepstakes voting, it was discussed that maybe a judge wanting to start judging Miniature Schnauzers might want a sweepstakes assignment. Some of the names mentioned were the judges that attended the judges education/ringside mentoring at Minipalooza in April. Patty Ledgerwood volunteered to work with Laurie Moore (Portland Roving Show chair) to find a new sweepstakes judge and will recommend some names.

Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic

Your Legislative Committee continues to share AKC legislative alerts and other pertinent Legislative issues to the AMSC-L list. As needed, practical and fiscally prudent, your committee is also willing to attend appropriate legislative seminars.

Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale
No report

Membership: Jacqueline Ebersbach

Wyoma is working on formatting the breed CD for the thumb drive given out to the judges and will be included in the new member packet.

Public Awareness (Social Media): Vicki Kubic

Facebook continues to grow. Over 22K people that like our page. Our daily "reach" ranges from 3K to 40K people! Good quality photos of our dogs in any venue are appreciated! From show wins, to candid to seasonal! Twitter is hard to keep up with. I'd appreciate an AMSC member who is well versed in Twitter to help me out! Please contact Vicki Kubic if interested.

Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien

Inventory:

Grooming charts 40

Illustrated Standards 231

CD 15

So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3

So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income:

Grooming Charts \$42.00

Illustrated Standards \$12.00

Total Income = \$54.00

Expenses:

Postage \$8.28

Grooming Charts 3@\$2 = \$6.00

Illustrated Standards 1@\$2.40 = \$2.40

Total Expenses = \$16.68

PROFIT = \$37.32

Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe

Kelly has submitted a committee guideline draft for board review. In lieu of approving, the board has asked Kelly and Jana King (AMSCare Chair) to come up with guidelines to combine both committees.

Trophies: Barbara Donahue, Amy Gordon

Trophies are ready for the Montgomery County specialty. Trophies for next year are chosen and the trophies for the Jan. Portland roving are ordered. We have decided to offer trophies for any Mini that places in performance on Saturday to support the minis in performance on the roving weekend.

Ways And Means:

This committee is in need of volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

Amy Gordon made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Keyes to elect the following new members.

Rebecka Christensen, Jackie Harris, Carol Henning, Amanda Ingram, Amy McGovern, Lisa Miller, Monica Payne-Konkel, Karen Prokopetz, Alberto Montila Sanchez, Marsha Rae South, Joanne Tuttle, Yolanda Viggiano.

The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood, seconded by Rod Hartshorn, to send the application for Belinda Dicker back to her sponsors for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Roving Specialty process and coordination- A motion was made by Bonnie Keyes, seconded by Patty Ledgerwood, to make sure that the Roving Chairman has the guidelines for the Roving Specialty.

Sportsmanship Award discussion- The President will come up with Committee members by the Portland Roving meeting. The committee will discuss ways to emphasize the sportsmanship award among club members. The board would like to work on emphasizing good sportsmanship among all club members.

Next Board Meeting will be Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Red Lion Inn-Janzen Beach, Portland OR at 6:00 p.m. PST or following Breed judging whichever is later.

A motion to adjourn was made by Patty Ledgerwood, seconded by Vicki Kubic, at 11:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Amy Gordon