

Minutes – February 28, 2014

AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting held in conjunction with the Scottsdale Roving Specialty was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 6:30 PM MST.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary, John Constantine – Past President

Board Members Present: Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Cindy Molieri, Carla Nickerson, Patricia O'Brien, Brooke Walker

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion was made by John Constantine to delay the discussion on the location of future AMSC National Specialties until the next teleconference in April, seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed 10 to 2. Wyoma Clouss made a motion that the agenda be approved with flexibility as to order. This was seconded by John Constantine. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meetings: Minutes of the November 13, 2013 teleconference meeting were approved by consensus as submitted.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Wyoma Clouss

Once again, I find it amazing how so many of our members work so tirelessly for our Club and our beloved Miniature Schnauzers! Some things are more visible, like our great newsletters that appear like clockwork... do you have any idea of how many years Carla Borrelli has been our AMSCOPE editor? Cindy Molieri has been working, working, on our Arizona specialty, with John Constantine as her backup advisor. But seriously, take a look at the reports in this agenda, and the number of people involved in each committee! Plus a special thanks to Carol Hafner, our new Secretary, who has been great at keeping on top of things, and organizing this humongous agenda!

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Correspondence (Received):

1. AKC
 - i. Letter acknowledging receipt of application for GWTA with two pending factors
 - ii. Approval letter for GWTA sweepstakes
 - iii. Letter acknowledging receipt of application for Montgomery County
 - iv. Approval letter for Montgomery County sweepstakes
 - v. Memorandum on 2 recent changes to parent club rules:
 - A clarification was made to Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 1. If a Parent Club decides not to offer the opportunity for a three point major to the Reserve Winners at their National Specialty, the club is required to notify the exhibitors of this decision in their Premium List.
 - A modification was made to the AKC Board Policy on All-Breed/Specialty Conflicts. A scenario was added to the list of the circumstances that allows a Parent Club to appeal to an AKC Event Review Committee when an all-breed or group club refuses to grant permission for the Parent Specialty club to hold a regional specialty. If the regional specialty is held in conjunction with a national Parent Club performance event the Parent Club may appeal.
 - vi. Events overdue letters for May 2014 (3)
 - vii. Letters on events and judging panels not received for May 2014 (8)
 - viii. Monthly AKCommunicates newsletter
 - ix. Email and letter requesting Member Club dues payment for 2014
 - x. Approval letter for Scottsdale sweepstakes
2. Various Newsletters/Magazines/local club specialty show results
3. Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services

4. Hotel/Facility advertisements
5. Miscellaneous
 - i. Inquiry on foreign judge usage by AMSC for Montgomery County to share
 - ii. Request for veterinarians that do ear cropping for pets

Correspondence (Sent):

1. Written response to AKC on pending factor for GWTA
2. Letter to AKC addressing no AMSC events in May 2014

Membership:

As of 2/14/14 our membership totaled 470 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), 26 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), and 6 new membership applicants (3 regular, 3 foreign), for a total of **543**.

Local MS Clubs:

1. There are presently 18 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.

Month in 2014	Club	Entry History							
		2014		2013		2012		2011	
		RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V
January	Cactus State	8	0/0	21	X	10	3	X	X
	Portland	32	11/0	41	9	37	14	X	X
February	Chicago			14	X	20	0/0	19	2/0
	Cactus State			24	5	21	4	21	0
March									
April	Northern California			25	6	20	3	23	7
	Atlanta			X	X	32	6	32	7
May	Gateway			160	36	18	1	18	1
	Twin Cities			165	54/4				
	Greater Cincinnati			25	5	31	5	20	3
	Centennial			13	3	28	5	35	9
June	Chicago			22	X	18	0/0	18	0/0
	Southern California			46	11/3	74	18/4	56	17
July	Lone Star			28	3/1	78	21	36	7
	Paul Revere			25	5/0	21	4	17	6
	Milshore			9	0/0	14	4	16	3
August	Metro Cleveland			6	0/1	11	3	13	1
	Twin Cities			10	0/0	11	X	21	3
September	Centennial			25	4/0	17	10	X	X
	Michigan			24	8/0	29	2	25	7
October	Northern California			36	6/0	38	11	X	X
	Mount Vernon			26	2/0	21	3	17	4
November	Greater Columbus			14	4/0	X	X	17	4
December	Florida			28	0/0	33	X	X	X

RC = Regular Classes, S/V = Sweeps/Veterans, X = No Data Available

The value of keeping the specialty show statistics was discussed and determined by the Board to continue tracking the statistics. Local club delegates please remind their specialty show chairs to send the show results to Carol Hafner to be recorded.

AMSC Fall Specialty:

The AMSC Fall Specialty was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Joan Huber judged 22 Sweepstakes entries. Penny Hirstein judged 92 regular class entries. The 2013 Spring Specialty compares with the 2012 Spring Specialty as follows:

REGULAR CLASSES	2013	2012	UP OR DOWN
Total Entry	92	75	+17
Competing	85	62	+23
SWEEPSTAKES			
Total Entry	24	20	+4
Competing	22	18	+4
VETERANS			
Total Entry	2	0	+2
Competing	2	0	+2

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards

Treasurer’s Report – January 31, 2014

Financials

	Balance 10/31/2013	Balance 1/31/2014	Change	Variance Explanation *
Checking	\$43,221.25	\$52,319.07	\$9,097.82	Dues payments for 2014 of \$13,700 offset by expenses detailed below
Rescue	\$7,539.27	\$7,539.65	\$.38	interest
Health	\$5,648.52	\$5,723.91	\$75.39	Portland MSC donation of \$200, P. Hirstein donation of Montco judge’s fee \$100 offset by JRD study expense of \$225
Holding	\$14,003.06	\$14,003.77	\$.71	interest
Savings	\$33,914.96	\$33,919.23	\$4.27	interest
PayPal	\$4,482.09	\$1,203.35	-\$3,278.74	PayPal receipts (dues, mdse sales) not yet transferred to bank accounts
Trophy	\$7,160.84	\$7,220.90	\$60.06	Donations of \$75 less shipping expense of \$15
TOTAL	\$115,969.99	\$121,929.88	\$5,959.89	

* Material variances are explained; all other small variances account for change in balance, including interest. Note that the AMSC uses the cash basis of accounting and all reports reflect this methodology.

Income/Expense Recap

Significant transactions not detailed above since the November report include the following.

Income:

Sales Special Projects \$840 Afghans

Net income Montco KC \$142 Entry credit less catalogue advertising expense

Expenses:

New website design	\$3,750
Purchase – Special Projects	\$1,345
Donation - AKC Disaster Fund	\$1,000
Travel – Delegates Meeting	\$890
Travel - Montco judge	\$678
AMSCOpe (3 months)	\$439
AMSC stickers	\$338
Postage	\$136
Quicken (current version)	\$115
2013 Web and newsletter awards	\$100
Agility entry fee – Scottsdale	\$100

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Statement of Activities 2013

Cash Basis

Contributions

Donation - general
Health
Purina Parent Club Program
Trophy Fund
Trophy donation Paypal fee
Cost of trophies
Shipping trophies

Donations

Donation to tornado victims
Donation to NAIA

General Expenses

Awards - Pres/top dogs/web & newsletter/sportsmanship
Bank fees
AKC Dues
Facebook fee
Software
Web Site hosting

Health Committee

JRD Study - Univ. of GA
Bell Health Seminar DVD
Bell Health Seminar Paypal fee
Bell Health Seminar - supplies
Canine Health Conference - travel

Insurance

Directors & Officers
Fidelity Crime

2013 Actuals	
Income	Expense
\$ 174.00	
\$ 700.00	
\$ 1,214.91	
\$ 4,743.00	
	\$ (31.40)
	\$ (5,987.00)
	\$ (62.65)
	\$ (250.00)
	\$ (250.00)
	\$ (960.74)
	\$ (12.00)
	\$ (25.00)
	\$ (10.00)
	\$ (114.99)
	\$ (119.88)
	\$ (275.98)
\$ 705.75	\$ (347.42)
	\$ (39.81)
	\$ (53.26)
	\$ (706.80)
	\$ (330.00)
	\$ (569.00)

Liability		\$ (600.00)
<u>Interest</u>		
Checking, Money Market & CD, Paypal	\$ 7.07	\$ (12.00)
<u>Membership Dues</u>		
Dues Collected	\$ 16,585.00	
PayPal fee related to dues		\$ (253.33)
Dues Refund - overpayment		\$ (47.50)
<u>Postage & Printing</u>		
AMSCOPE:		
AMSCOPE (bulk purchase of stamps)		\$ (2,000.00)
AMSCOPE printing		\$ (1,734.33)
Secretary		\$ (23.66)
Treasurer		\$ (168.73)
AKC Fliers		\$ (260.85)
<u>Printing Only</u>		
Club Manual (500 copies)		\$ (860.08)
<u>Sales</u>		
DVD - Montco 2012	\$ 105.00	\$ (1,356.97)
DVD - Montco 2012 PayPal fee		\$ (4.70)
DVD - Montco 2012 Postage		\$ (315.44)
Publications	\$ 725.00	
Postage pubs		\$ (291.65)
PayPal fee related to Pubs		\$ (33.79)
Special Projects - Merchandise	\$ 3,268.00	
Postage Special Projects		\$ (329.60)
Paypal fee related to Mdse sales		\$ (49.08)
<u>Schnauzapalooza</u>		
AKC event application fees		\$ (225.00)
Event Center fee		\$ (4,007.38)
Entry fee to Superintendent		\$ (2,913.00)
Refund of 2010 Advance to Combo Group		\$ 3,000.00
Catalogue Advertising	\$ 1,825.00	\$ (1.75)
Catalogue - printing missing pages		\$ (343.98)
Catalogue Production (AMSC's share)		\$ (1,746.00)
Agility	\$ 19,396.00	\$ (4,875.78)
Blood Draw	\$ 170.00	\$ (160.00)
AMSC dinner	\$ 3,982.00	\$ (4,063.96)
AMSC Dinner PayPal fees		\$ (53.91)
DVD	\$ 2,220.00	\$ (1,369.73)
DVD PayPal fees		\$ (45.84)
Conformation	\$ 17,562.00	\$ (2,461.00)
Futurity	\$ 1,230.00	\$ (1,746.75)
Obedience	\$ 4,020.00	\$ (875.00)
Rally	\$ 2,368.00	\$ (419.57)
Grooming Space Refund		\$ (160.00)
Judge's fee - conformation		\$ (100.00)

Judge's travel - conformation		\$ (482.00)
Judges' lunches (judges/stewards)		\$ (163.49)
Judge Withdrawal fee refund		\$ (96.00)
Ribbons		\$ (2,241.84)
Futurity Refreshments	\$ 600.00	\$ (1,041.19)
RV parking reservations	\$ 1,010.00	\$ (2,375.00)
Raffle	\$ 760.00	
Gateway MSC share		\$ (5,729.00)
Twin Cities MSC share		\$ (6,424.57)
Final income Distribution from Combo Group	\$ 5,184.13	
<u>Special Events</u>		
Great Western:		
AKC event application fee		\$ (15.00)
Travel - conformation judge (booked late due to judge change)		\$ (2,188.89)
Dinner - sweeps and conformation judges		\$ (95.00)
Lunches - sweeps and conformation judges		\$ (30.00)
Ring Steward fee		\$ (100.00)
Montgomery:		
Montco KC entry income	\$ 570.00	
AKC event Application fee		\$ (15.00)
Travel - conformation judge		\$ (677.91)
Montco boxed lunches	\$ 418.00	\$ (438.50)
PayPal fee related to Lunches		\$ (13.55)
Montco dinner	\$ 2,310.00	\$ (2,301.59)
PayPal fee related to dinner		\$ (49.84)
Montco hospitality		\$ (989.53)
Montco catalogue advertising	\$ 450.00	\$ (464.64)
PayPal fees related to Montco advertising		\$ (4.95)
Montco golf cart rental		\$ (150.00)
Scottsdale 2014		
AKC event application fee - agility		\$ (100.00)
Other Special Events:		
Purina Farms - deposit for 2016		\$ (500.00)
Meet the Breeds NYC	\$ 300.00	\$ (306.39)
Meet the Breeds - Eukanuba		\$ (88.92)
<u>Conference</u>		
NAIA Conference Registration (local attendees/no travel)		\$ (250.00)
Note: Dec. Delegates Meeting and AKC Legislative Conf -- expense reports not received until 2014		
<u>Totals</u>	\$ 92,602.86	\$ (68,389.09)
<u>Net Change in Assets</u>	\$ 24,213.77	

Treasurer also recommends looking at investments that can be easily liquidated since there are funds available to invest. According to the IRS, 35% of your gross receipts, including investment income, can come from outside their membership. Of the 35%, no more than 15% can come from services to the general public. If the club

exceeds the 15%, there must be a facts and circumstances report submitted to the IRS. Since we are a non-profit organization, we would have to prove why we are making a profit beyond the IRS restrictions of 15%. Items sold to non-members are now being tracked for this purpose.

Membership – 21 members who have not paid yet. Emails and hardcopy letters have been sent to these members.

The Board discussed the donation of a perpetual trophy with names of Montgomery County winners which was appreciated, but not approved by the Board to move forward.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley

Delegate Report, AKC Delegate meeting, Orlando, December 13, 2013

1. Nominees for the AKC Board of Directors, 2018 Class

Nominees are Dr. Charles J. Garvin, Dalmatian Club of America, Ronald H. Menaker, Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club, Patricia C. Scully, Obedience Training Club of Hawaii and James R. Dok, Gig Harbor Kennel Club

Garvin, Menaker, and Scully were nominated by the Nominating Committee; Jim Dok was nominated by petition from the Delegate body. I listened to all of them give their short qualifications speech, and looked at their bios. My recommendation is Dok, Scully, and Garvin. The Board supported Farley's recommendations by consensus.

2. Other items from the meeting:

- Financial figures for 2013 are good. Revenue is up \$4.5 Mil.; Costs are \$2.1 Mil. below what they were in 2012. AKC has a stronger Balance Sheet for 2013 than it did for 2012.
- Chris Walker has joined AKC working on their Social Media outreach. AKC on Facebook is now reaching 5 million likes. His group has also put together a video for Story Core. They also had a presentation of the "Bailey Awards 2013" for outstanding achievement by various groups.
- There was a discussion of the Canine Good Citizen, STAR Puppy, and AKC Community Canine programs by Dr. Mary Burch. There was also a discussion about AKC partnering with Petco for administering the Canine Good Citizen program, and the potential problem of the public viewing this as a Petco program and not an AKC program. Research indicated AKC clubs did not offer CGC testing because it originally did not "count" - it was not a title. AKC changed that and now offering CGC testing does count as an activity for a Club.
- There are six completed disaster trailers, and there are monies and pledges of over \$200,000. AKC Reunite has also committed \$250,000 in matching funds.
- Lack of television coverage of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship was also discussed. The Chair stated that it was in the contract with Proctor & Gamble that there would not be TV coverage, and there would only be live streaming video available on the PC. Many Delegates mentioned that even the residents of Orlando did not know there was a dog show taking place this weekend. It was requested that AKC revisit the contract with P&G to see about reinstating TV coverage.
- Alan Kalter introduced a short video to commemorate the members of the Delegate body, Judges, and the Fancy who we lost this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Committees:

1. Spring Specialty: Cindy Molieri Thanks to everyone for participating.

2. Summer Specialty: Vera Potiker

- a. The three specialty shows at Great Western will be held from Friday, June 20, to Sunday, June 22, 2014 at the Queen Mary Events Park next to the Queen Mary ship and hosting hotel.
- b. Other hotels in the area include The Current Hotel on the Pacific Coast Highway, the Marriott Residence Inn on the Queens Highway and the Maya Hotel.
- c. The judges for this circuit will be Robert Black, Claudia Seaburg and Marcia Feld. The Sweepstakes judges will be Tammy Colbert, Janet Allen and Kim Cox Griffin.
- d. Lunches will be available and electricity will be offered as they were last year.

- e. Don't forget the Special Classes for Stud Dogs, Brood Bitches and Veterans!
- f. More information will be available later in AMSCOpe and the Jack Bradshaw Superintendent website.

3. Fall Specialty: Brian Bogart

- a. Contact info of the 2014 AMSC Specialty Coordinator and Advertising Chair was sent to Carol Carlson, show chair of the 2014 Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) Dog Show.
- b. Both the AKC Event Application for Confirmation and AKC Special Attraction Application were submitted to the American Kennel Club with a copy to Carol Carlson of the MCKC. The AKC Events Club Information for Conformation, Obedience and Rally form was also sent to the AKC.
- c. Permission was granted by the AKC to hold the 2014 AMSC National Specialty in conjunction with MCKC. Conducting Regular Classes and Sweepstakes Classes were also approved by the AKC.
- d. Since this show is a National Specialty, the AKC has given the AMSC permission to award the Reserve Winners (Dog and Bitch) a three-point point major.
- e. Contact info and letters of acceptance from both our Regular Class and Sweepstakes Class were sent to Carol Carlson.
- f. Entry Closing Date for this event is Friday 9-12-14. MB-F is the Superintendent.
- g. I sent an email to Terrie Houck and Sharon Edwards requesting the 2014 AMSC National Specialty-Montgomery County Kennel Club Show Trophy List including prize money, if offered to me no later than 4-30-14.
- h. Correspondence was received from Barbara Donahue requesting information about Trophies given at past MCKC shows as well as the duties of her committee. I suggested she contact Vicki Kubic, AMSC Guidelines Committee Chair for a copy of the Guidelines with respect to responsibilities of the Trophy Committee. (Correction-Diane Gardner and Kelly Radcliffe are the Guidelines members)
- i. Montgomery County Show video company - Patty Ledgerwood heard from video company that sells directly to the customer which takes the responsibility away from AMSC. All revenues and risk is handled by the company and they set their prices accordingly. They will make a two DVD set for our show and will be available for purchase. Preorders are discounted. DVD Live streaming video and real time live streaming is available post production too. Motion to move forward with the video company was made by Patricia O'Brien and seconded by Carla Nickerson. Approve unanimously.

4. AKC Reserve Winners Policy: AKC has given AMSC permission to award reserve winners a 3 point major. If the club decides not to award the reserve major, it must be printed in the premium list.

5. 2016 Roving Specialty: John Constantine

Minipalooza 2016: Purina site is reserved and deposit sent. He will begin planning details shortly. John recommends having 2 days of all breed agility, and 1 day of schnauzer only with the same for earthdog. The dates of the show are March 30 through April 3, 2016. These events could be a big moneymaker. He will be looking into having barn hunting also.

Standing Committees:

AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli

Equipment sales were included in the February 2014 AMSCOpe which hasn't been done before. The Board will be checking for a Board approved policy to include such ads in AMSCOpe.

AMSC –L: Wyoma Clouss

We have 337 online members, 46,710 messages since inception.

Audit: Bonnie Keyes

In accordance with the AMSC's Financial Policy, dated 11/5/10, I have reviewed all AMSC bank statements for the months of June 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013. I have traced all transfers from one account to another; I have viewed the PayPal account and have traced the transfers of dues, CD purchases and trophy donations into the different checking accounts of the AMSC. I have also, reviewed selected checks and their corresponding invoices. I find nothing to be out of order or questionable.

Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms

All the awards for 2012 have been made and delivered with the exception of the Obedience Agility Breeder awards, which went to Sonny Lelle. They were mailed to her, but she never picked them up so she is making her own arrangement for delivery with McDowell Awards. Unless there is another idea, the Committee will use the same glass awards for 2013 as we have the past few years. Everyone seems to like them. 2013 Awards will be distributed at the Annual Meeting in October 2014. Sportsmanship award nominations are moving forward.

A. Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger

For the year 2013 we have had two awards:

Versatility Award Excellent

Katherine Dodge and TK

CH MACH Katcha's Starta Commotion RN

MX MXS MXJ MJS ME EE

Bred By Katherine A Dodge

Versatility Award

Mary Paisley

CH MACH2 Oakpoint Tomar Bring It On CDX MXS

MJG XF T2B

Bred By Polly Sleeper and Mary E Paisley

Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen, Gloria Lewis, Marcia Feld, Buzzy Alfano, Carla Nickerson

AMSC Website Breeder Referral System: John Constantine and Carma Ewer have reworked a draft based on the April 2000 version for Board consideration. There was extensive discussion on individual items of the draft concerning known inheritable diseases. The future intent of the system is to have interested members respond annually if they wish continue to be listed on the website under Breeder, Breed Information, Agility/Obedience, Groomer or Trainer categories. The requests would go to the Public Awareness Committee for approval. The signed request to be listed will hold a member to the items listed under the breeder referral system. This system will give the Board or committee the ability to remove a member from the listing when complaints are received from the public. The Board requested the draft be reworked and compared to the Code of Ethics. During this review process, AKC will be checked with for compliance.

Breeder Referral: The new website for breeder referral will have an interactive map that could direct potential buyers to local clubs for contact of breeder referrals and individual breeders who don't necessarily belong to individual clubs. This system will help alleviate the pressure on current breeder referral members (see list below) to help find puppies for the public. The Board suggested that current breeder referral committee members refer potential buyers to local clubs also. Whether or not this system is continued once the website is functional will be reviewed by the Board in the future.

Buzzy Alfano	Western States	Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Hawaii
Carla Nickerson	Rocky Mountain States	Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
Marcia Feld	Mid Western States	North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky
Donna Hafen	Northeastern States	Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia
Gloria Lewis	Southeastern States	Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida

Catalog Advertising for Montgomery County: Gloria Lewis

The Board had no recommendations for Gloria to improve participation and recommend that all ads received by Gloria be sent to MB-F for ad development.

Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms

I am working with Barbara Donahue and the trophy committee to insure that there are awards offered at the companion events held in conjunction with the MCKC shows. I would like to resume occasional articles for the AMSCOPE column called "Stand for Exam". When I looked at the guidelines for my committee, it was mentioned. I would write some and solicit the membership for articles and other ideas. I'm open to any suggestions from the board about what they would like to see this committee do.

Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting: Brooke Walker

Host hotel (Homewood Suites) has been contacted for a block of rooms for members and for a hospitality room in which a social get together with served hors d'oeuvres and standup bar can be done rather than a formal dinner. It was suggested that the club pick up the costs for the hors d'oeuvres since there will not be room for hospitality at the show site. This will be considered once actual costs will be determined.

DVD Sales: Vicki Kubic

The Board has moved forward with a vendor for videos for Montgomery County.

Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine, Beth Santure

Judges Education seminars in NJ were cancelled due to lack of participation. Judges Education seminars in Scottsdale had 17 attendants which included 13 judges.

Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Wyoma Clouss

Wyoma Clouss faxed the signed website contract to GMR on January 10, 2014, and Sharon Edwards sent the 50% down payment of \$3,750 later that week. We have a website committee - Chris Franck, Vicki Kubic, Patty Ledgerwood, Kathy Colby, and Wyoma Clouss. We sent GMR a draft design mock-up questionnaire, and the committee continues to discuss layout issues, gather photos. The mock-up of the front page was shared with the Board. The Board decided to keep the header with the American flag and three schnauzers.

Health: Vera Potiker, Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Bill Brown, Patricia O'Brien

- a. **MAC Update** – We have received a recent update from Dr Giger and it is included as an attachment. We did have one recent affected case added to the samples which takes the number of affected to 13. Pedigree analysis of the known cases strongly suggests an autosomal recessive mode of transmission yet the curiosity remains that the numbers of case reports should be significantly higher given the breeding history of 2 super Sires. The importance of this research cannot be overstated.
- b. **JRD Update** - There has continued to be concern with the Dr Whiteley study for JRD and the evidence continues to mount. After publication of the article several very critical reviews were received by the Journal and as a result the editors of PLOS One (Public Library of Science Open Source Journal) reviewed the manuscript again and have appended a notice of concern. I include their notation in full below but the link will give full access to the article as well as this notice of concern.

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0016684#p>

Expression of Concern: Novel Allelic Variants in the Canine Cyclooxygenase-2 (Cox-2) Promoter Are Associated with Renal Dysplasia in Dogs

After the publication of this article, a number of concerns were raised in relation to different aspects of the research reported. The PLOS ONE editors carried out an evaluation of the history of the manuscript, which revealed that due to a failure in the peer review process, several aspects of the research were not adequately evaluated before publication.

As a result, the PLOS ONE editors have undertaken a thorough re-examination of this study, involving both external and internal advisers. This assessment has revealed the following concerns regarding the study:

1. The description of the alleles in the article is inadequate.

2. There are concerns over the study design employed to study the association; a single-gene association study based on Cox-2 or a genome-wide association study have been recommended as more appropriate approaches to study this association.
3. The validity of the control population employed in the study is compromised as it involved a different breed.
4. There are concerns about the strength of the evidence shown to support an association between the Cox-2 variant and the dogs' phenotypes, as the evidence from other breeds suggests that this may be a neutral DNA variant.

In the light of the concerns outlined above, the PLOS ONE editors are issuing this Expression of Concern in order to make readers aware of the concerns about the reliability of the results and conclusions reported in the article.

c. Supported & Other Research

While we are disappointed about the apparent failed study by Dr Whiteley, the AMSC Health Committee has been seeking other avenues to explore kidney disease in our breed.

- UGA, Athens Diagnostic Laboratory, College of Veterinary Medicine (Dr. Cathy Brown, VMD, PhD DACVP):

FSGS (Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis) Study is beginning to ramp up and will investigate the relationship between proteinuria, FSGS & the prevalence of kidney disease in miniature schnauzers. Details are being worked out but a call for urine sample (free catch) will be issued when Dr Brown is ready. She will do urinalyses and urine protein creatinine ratios for free. This grant is funded through the Gray Lady Foundation with AMSC Health Committee recommendation.

- University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, Stone Center (Dr. Eva Furrow):
Dr. Furrow is investigating the most common type of urinary stones in dogs - calcium oxalate (CaOx) and has identified a genetic variant that is associated with stone risk in the Miniature Schnauzer. She is now performing studies to investigate the function of this variant. The Schnauzer variant is present in some other stone-forming breeds, but there is evidence that additional mutations for CaOx stones exist in dogs. Furrow has initiated genetic studies in the Bichon Frise, the second most common CaOx stone former, to identify a second mutation. Of note, Dr. Eva Furrow is the 2014 AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellow from University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine.

- Broad Institute of MIT & Harvard, Dr Kersin Lindblad-Toh (associated with Dr. Andrew Lundquist, DVM):

Renal dysplasia occurs in many breeds and an increased prevalence in certain breeds suggests a genetic influence. Identification of the genetic cause in dogs is essential as there is no treatment and affected dogs progress to renal failure and death at a young age. Despite prior candidate gene studies, the genetic cause of canine renal dysplasia remains unclear. It is unknown if the same gene is affected in all breeds with renal dysplasia or if different genetic variants exist in each breed.

We recently conducted a preliminary genome-wide association study in boxers with renal dysplasia. The analysis suggests an association adjacent to a gene previously implicated in human hypodysplasia, a common cause of pediatric kidney disease. In this grant we propose genetic and functional studies to identify the causative mutation in boxers. We also propose to collect additional samples from Boxers and other breeds affected by renal dysplasia (including miniature schnauzers, soft coated wheaten terriers and Shetland sheepdogs) to allow genome-wide association analysis of additional cases of renal dysplasia in boxers and other breeds to be performed in the future. This will help us dissect the genetics of canine renal dysplasia, improve our understanding of renal development in dogs and humans, and determine whether breed specific genetic tests will be required for prevention.

So far this year we have performed targeted large-scale sequencing of the candidate disease region linked to juvenile renal dysplasia in boxer. We have found a large number of differences between sick and healthy dogs and continue to carefully analyzing these to determine which variant might be the causative mutation. The primary candidate gene is an excellent candidate, making us enthusiastic about the further study of this gene.

Sample collection from other breeds is ongoing and we welcome the help from pet owners and breed clubs in collection samples. We are emphasizing miniature schnauzers, soft-coated wheaten terriers and Shetland sheepdogs, but are interested in working with any breed.

Information and consent forms can be found at: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/dogsamples>.

- d. **Ocular Disorders Report for Miniature Schnauzers 2013 (ACVO)** has been published and is available for your review. The report compares 3 periods – 1991-1999, 2000-2009, and 2010-2012. A copy of the report is attached to this report and is available upon request to members. Of note, there appears to be a fewer number of total dogs examined from 2000/2009 compared to 2010/2012 adjusting for time. Aside from a significant drop in the numbers of dogs identified with retina disease, there does not appear to be significant change in any other problem area. A copy of the current (2013 ACVO) breeding recommendations are posted to the Board list.
- e. **PENDING PROJECTS:**
- AMSC Health Survey 2014** - Health Committee member Patricia O'Brien is currently working on a revised survey based on the responses from the recent CHF online survey. It is expected to be announced sometime in the Spring 2014.
- AMSC Health Articles** - Health Committee member Sheila Farvo will be reviewing and revising the Health Committee pages once the new website is available to do so. It is our intention to limit article and content to the public and keep the more scientific and disease-oriented information limited to members' only pages.
- Animal Health Trust (AHT) Sample Solicitation** - AHT is seeking DNA and pedigree information on all VO diagnosed BILATERAL cataracts. Collection material and mailing information is available from AMSC Health Committee members.
- Montgomery County 2014 Seminar** – The 2014 annual AMSC Health Committee Seminar which will be given by Dr. Urs Giger and will include current research findings and data analysis. We will be requesting modest fund support for this effort. Although we will not have airfare for Dr Giger, I would like to request the same amount we requested for the Bell seminar, \$2000.00.
- f. **BOARD ACTION REQUEST:** The Health Committee requests BOARD APPROVAL to fund the GIGER seminar for \$2000 to cover room reservation, any travel/housing requirements for Dr Giger and refreshments. Motion was made by John Constantine to support funding request from the Health Committee and seconded by Kathy Colby. Motion passed unanimously.

Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech

The Board decided to leave the current system of judge selection as is and to put a reminder on the AMSC-L list with an attached ballot about the voting when the ballots go out.

Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic

January 2014 AKC Legislative Conference Report – A discussion on to whom the report should be distributed to took place. The intent of this report is to be shared with as many people as possible like legislators and related businesses. The report is geared toward dog people, so members may want to tone it down a bit. Bulleted talking points work better with legislators than full lengthy reports. The report will be posted to the AMSC-L list and an abbreviated version will be put into AMSCope.

Local Club Liaison and Member Retention: *Need volunteers to take on this committee.* This committee would work on how to get and retain new members, help struggling clubs, and help distribute information to the local clubs in a timely manner like the Legislative report.

Public Awareness: Vicki Kubic, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Brooke Walker

Facebook AMSC page: People that “like” our page has increased by over 1100 people since we took over the page on Oct. 31st. We “reach” from about 2500 to 8000 people per day. 68% of our fans are women, 31% are men. Our most popular age group is 35-44 years old. The majority of our fans are from the US followed by Mexico, Argentina, Spain and the UK. We have followers in 45 countries across the globe! Interestingly, the few times I’ve tried to put up something somewhat educational, it tanks compared to the photos I post. However, exposing the Facebook public to well-bred, good looking dogs was our goal and we are accomplishing that quite nicely! A lot of positive feedback is being received. Pictures for Throwback Thursday Facebook postings would be greatly appreciated; please send them to Vicki Kubic.

Publications and Literature: Patricia O’Brien

Inventory:

Grooming charts 92

Illustrated Standards 307

CD 16

So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3

So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income:

Grooming Charts \$166

Illustrated Standards \$49

CD \$155

Expenses:

Postage \$ 89.55

Grooming Charts 12@\$2 = \$24

Illustrated Standards 4@\$2.40 = \$ 9.60

Judges Education (Ill.Std.) 10@\$2.40 = \$24

Total Income \$ 370

Total Expenses \$ 147.15

Profit \$ 222.85

Postage charges need to be adjusted for the new website as the rates have increased significantly especially for foreign shipments. Sharon Edwards and Patricia O’Brien will work on averaging the postage charges for the website. Grooming charts will need to be ordered in the future. In order to keep shipping costs at a reasonable level, the charts will need to be scaled down to fit into a standard sized manila envelope and the binding needs to be changed. The current chart must be shipped in on oversized envelope and additional shipping charges are needed to hand stamp each envelope due to the comb binding and size. A mock up will be done for review by the Board.

Trophies: Mary Paisley, Nita Ainsworth, Barbara Donahue, Pat Jacobs

- a. The new members of the Trophy Committee want to thank Terrie Houck and Catherine Pendleton for their many years serving as the AMSC Trophy Committee, and for graciously helping the new committee members.
- b. The Trophy Committee has approved adding a new donor level for the Trophy Fund Standard Bearers. The new level is Titanium, for donations of \$250 and above.
The levels are as follows for donations of:
Pewter up to \$24.99
Silver over \$25 up to \$49.99
Gold over \$50.00 up to \$99.99
Platinum \$100 up to \$249.99
NEW - Titanium \$250 and above
- c. The trophy fund will be standardizing on trophies for Companion Events (agility, obedience and rally obedience) held in conjunction with MCKC, the Roving Specialties, and Schnauzapalooza/Mini Schnauzapalooza.

- d. Trophy Fund donations have recently decreased, yet all exhibitors like attractive trophies at AMSC Specialties. A new, rejuvenated plea campaign will be executed starting in March 2014. Additionally the committee is looking at ways to decrease expenses while maintaining the quality of the trophies.
- e. For 2015 trophies, Connie Krohn has been contacted for the art work.

Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth

The committee has been busy coming up with some new products that will be available at the Board meeting, at the dinner at Mimi’s Cafe, and also on line via the website. We also have ordered more of the AMSC afghans. New Merchandise includes hoodies, t shirts, and doggie T shirts, along with the existing floor mats and aprons. We are going to try something new, with a generic schnauzer hoody that does not say AMSC that we can try to market on our Facebook page as a fundraiser. Concept was supported by consensus. We are always open to new ideas, for merchandise and designs and will be meeting as a committee to do some brainstorming in Scottsdale. We had a few issues with the old website and the AMSC store, but Chris Franks was able to help straighten that out and remove items that are no longer available. Carma would like to send out a Survey Monkey to the membership to see what ideas they may have for future products.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on ordering of AMSC Logo Decals – Logos have been ordered and delivered to Stephanie Davis-Rae for new members. The motion to approve all the following new members was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Brooke Walker with unanimous approval: Barbara Fraile from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Judy Rowley from Carmel Valley, CA, Becky Nagel from Huntington Beach, CA, Bernardo Buechner Regazzoni from Bohn, Germany, Andy Deer and Randy Clay from Charleston, WV, and Vera Van Wassenhove from Zelzate, Belgium.

Insignia: New Decals have been received, three decals sold for a total of \$3.00

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. AMSC Secretary Position description update – Carol Hafner & Jane Nielsen: The document that describes the Secretary is very out of date. Jane Nielsen and I updated the document for Board approval, see following text.

AMSC SECRETARY

I. PURPOSE:

In line with the Constitution and By-Laws and with approved policies, procedures and guidelines from AMSC Board of Governors:

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence; notify members of meetings; notify officers and board members of their election to office; keep a roster of club members with their addresses; and perform such duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws and by the Board. In the absence of the Secretary, these duties may be performed by such person as the President may appoint. (*Article III, Section 3(c) Duties of the Secretary, Constitution and By Laws*).

II. PROCEDURES:

- A. Receive letters, e-mail and phone calls from the general public who
 - 1. Want a puppy
 - 2. Want stud service
 - 3. Want to join
 - 4. Want information or answers to specific questions.
- B. Received letters and literature from organizations, etc., ranging from promotional materials, requests for donations, and informative literature to letters from other dog clubs, judges, and the AKC on various matters and requiring thoughtful answers. Some of these letters should be brought to the attention of the Board at regular meetings.
- C. Receive notifications from the AKC of specialty approvals for regional clubs and forward copies of those approvals to the President, AMSCOpe Editor and Specialty Chairs.

- D. Send notification to AKC Event Operations in May or June the year before events are to take place for blanket approval for all local clubs to hold specialties. This notification should be done in 2 year increments during even numbered years.
- E. Maintain records on all local club officers, especially secretaries and delegates.
- F. Maintain up-to-date listing of AMSC officers, Board of Governors and local club delegates for insertion in 3 specialty catalogs and to keep AKC informed of our current membership.
- G. Send out notification of Board meetings and teleconference meetings at least 3 to 4 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Meeting notices should be sent to officers, board of governors and to the local Miniature Schnauzer AMSC delegates.
- H. Contact all committee chairs for reports prior to preparing preliminary agenda for each face-to-face Board meeting. Committee reports are not required for teleconference meetings unless specifically requested by the President for discussion.
- I. Prepare Secretary's report for each Board meeting and teleconference meeting. This report should include a summary of correspondence that is both received and sent. It should also report on current membership totals and include a breakdown of entry totals for the most recent Specialty shows.
- J. Record and transcribe minutes of every Board and teleconference meeting. Following President's approval, minutes should be submitted for inclusion in AMSCOpe.
- K. Forward informational materials to committee chairs as needed.
- L. Receive and tally ballots when there is no quorum at a Board meeting for:
 1. Elections – Notify nominees and newly elected board members of their election OR
 2. When a single agenda item requires a special report of the Board.
- M. Board Property and Records.
Following his/her term in office, each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the beginning of the new club year.

Revised by Carol Hafner and Jane Nielsen
March 2014

- 2. Possibility of Roving Specialty at Palm Springs in 2017: John Low spoke to Kathy Colby about having the Roving Specialty in January. It would take Board approval to have the show prior to January 15th. The local miniature schnauzer club would need to request to have the roving specialty at Palm Springs.
- 3. Nominating Committee Selection: Board member representatives will be Carla Nickerson (Chair) and Patty Ledgerwood with Carole Weinberger as the alternate. Non board member representatives will be Bonnie Keyes, Eunice Revsbech, and Jackie Ebersbach with Stella Van Cleave as the alternate. Interested members wishing to serve on the Board should contact Carla Nickerson. Unanimously supported.

ADJOURNMENT:

Wyoma called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 09:26 PM MST. Motion to adjourn was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Patricia O'Brien.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014, BY TELECONFERENCE

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Hafner