

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Carole Weinberger at 4:30 PM CST.

Officers Present: Carole Weinberger – President, Sharon Edwards – Vice President, Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary, Wyoma Clouss – Past President

Board Members Present: Nita Ainsworth, Brian Bogart, Carma Ewer, Amy Gordon, Alice Gough, Donna Hills, Kaye Kirk, Vicki Kubic, Patty Ledgerwood, Laurie Moore, Marie Murphy, Luana Nedich, Gale Schnetzer

Guests Present: Susan Shelton, Jackie Ebersbach, Kerrie Rousey, Diane Felder, Cheryl Dugan, Janie Seper, Owen Clouss, Terrie Houck, Patti Henderson, Janet Taylor, Brooke Walker, Kathy Colby

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was changed to include Wyoma Clouss as Past President/officer, add confirmation of the auditing firm for 2016 to New Business, and to add the Annual Meeting and Mini Board meeting minutes from October 3, 2015 for approval. Amy Gordon made a motion to accept the revised agenda and seconded by Brian Bogart. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on October 2, 2015, the Annual and the Mini Board Meetings held on October 3, 2015: There was a date correction for the Mini Board Meeting to October 2, 2015. The Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on October 2, 2015, the Annual Meeting and corrected Mini Board Meeting minutes on October 3, 2015 were approved. Amy Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Bonnie Keyes. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Carole Weinberger

Welcome to all at MiniPalooza! Thanks to John Constantine and his committees for making this event such a success! The Board will be conducting business on the Board list. Board members are encouraged to vote. The rewrite of the Bylaws to reduce the size of the Board from 16 to 9 governors and from 4 years service to 3 are the major changes being proposed. Thanks to John Constantine, Chris Levy and Wyoma Clouss for taking on task. The hope is to get the proposed changes to the AKC for approval before Montgomery County in October 2016. Each Board member was given a Board Manual that includes The

Principles of Operation, the current Bylaws, a copy of Roberts Rules of Order, AMSC Procedures and a list of Board Policies. Board members are requested to bring their manual to each meeting. Sharon Edwards went through six years of Board minutes and a list is included in the Board Manual. Member Placement Services Committee that would assist in the placement of dogs when members/owners are unable to care for them and was voted on in September 2012, but never instituted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Board Discussion Action Items:

ITEM #1: Should we place an ad in Schnauzer Shorts in January memorializing our members who have passed during the previous year and in AMScope in the January issue, continuing each January? Item was supported by the Board on October 31, 2015. The list will be published in AMScope and the March/April edition of Schnauzer Shorts. Vicki Kubic completed the project and sent a thank you to Dan Kiedrowski for not charging the club for the ad.

ITEM #2: Should we continue to use regional volunteers for puppy referrals now that the club website has been activated? By a simple majority, 12 votes were cast and 12 votes were for elimination of those positions. Therefore, effective December 4, 2015, all AMSC referrals will be done by means of our online referral system. This does not impact on referrals made by local club members through the local clubs.

ITEM #3: Should an applicant for membership in the AMSC who is voted in at the annual Montgomery County Board Meeting in October be required to pay dues for the ensuing year? Board voted 14 in favor and 1 against on January 19, 2016 for these members to be considered paid in full members for the next year and will not be required to pay dues for that year.

Correspondence (Received):

1. AKC
 - a. Pending event approval notice for Unbenched Designated Specialty at Montgomery County on Sunday, October 9, 2016 due to unpaid fees. Fees were paid and event has been approved.
 - b. Event approval notice for Unbenched Parent Club Specialty, Veterans Sweepstakes, to be held at GWTA on Sunday, June 26, 2016

- c. Event approval notice for Unbenched Parent Club Specialty & Obedience, Non Regular Class Weave Pole Relay, Agility Trials, and Rally events at MiniPalooza

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Requests for puppy referrals (2–Minnesota)(1–Nicaragua for white puppy)(1–New York)
- b. Vendors for dog club logo apparel, breed awards and gifts,
- c. Potential show sites at Yellow Breeches Sports Center in PA advertisement
- d. Invoice for auditing Vice President ballots from Dristas, Groom & McCormick
- e. Potential hosting hotel site at Biltmore Hotel in OK advertisements
- f. Request for groomer referrals (1–Massachusetts)
- g. Photo credit for Payton Adams photo on website denied
- h. Inquiry about club magazine or publication
- i. Invitation for judges education opportunity at Oklahoma City Summer Classic shows
- j. MCKC special offers to Specialty Clubs including \$5 per entry and pewter plate & MCKC medallion for BOB
- k. Requirements for Versatility title
- l. Update of Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club officers and AMSC representative
- m. Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar sponsored by Penn Vet on April 30, 2016
- n. Request for letter of support for Virginia Tech research on calcium oxylate urinary stones in miniature schnauzers

Correspondence (Sent):

- a. Change to Breeder Referral contact to Deborah Huff to AKC

Membership:

As of 4/1/16 our membership totaled 418 Regular, 5 Life, 31 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 27 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and seven new member applicants (5 Regular and 2 Foreign) for a total of **488**.

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 4, 2015. Sharon Edwards judged 17 Sweepstakes entries. Michael Dougherty judged 68 regular class entries.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER WILL BE IN JUNE AMSCOPE**REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE - Don Farley****AKC Delegates Meeting - March 7 & 8, 2016****COMMITTEE MEETINGS:****Parent Club Committee**

CGC Titles – As of February 1st, 42,000 dogs have passed the CGC test.

Rescue Alliance – There are 14 new members.

AKC Marketplace – The Parent Club Committee will address the store front issues in the AKC Marketplace. Since December, the request for breeder information has dropped significantly and we need to find out why. Sixty clubs have assigned liaisons to the AKC. The Committee will send store front information to those that haven't assigned a liaison.

Health Statements – Peter Piusz reported that the health policies of the Parent Clubs are what is being used as an educational component for puppy buyers. They are also the health standards for the Bred with Heart program. Many clubs have not submitted their health statements, only 112 have been received so far. The statements need to be submitted on club letterhead stating it has been approved by the Board of Directors and signed by someone the AKC can contact in case there are any questions. It was reported that the health statements can combine required health tests and optional health tests.

Bred with Heart — Mark Dunn of the AKC spoke about the Bred with Heart program. He stated there is much misinformation circulating about the program. Two of the false topics are that this program was developed for commercial breeders and that the program is so onerous a breeder would have to hire a lawyer to get out of it. This is a voluntary program in which the Parent Club health test documentation must be available and you must agree to inspections by the AKC. The Parent Club health tests are what are used by the inspectors. If an inspector finds a gap in the paperwork, the breeder will be called, and the necessary tests/paperwork will be explained. If the breeder is unwilling to comply, they are taken out of the program. Most of these have been readmitted to the program after providing proof of the missing health tests or paperwork. Breeders of Merit (and BOM candidates) only produce 17% of puppies. USDA regulated breeders and those

that produce 7 or more litters per year produce 13% of puppies. Therefore, 70% of puppies are produced by everybody else. These breeders average 1.3 litters per year. Non-fancy breeders and hobbyists might not understand what is required but want to do the right thing for the dogs. The Bred with Heart program has an educational requirement. AKC's Canine University has been adding webinars on many subjects.

Puppy of Distinction – Pat Laurens explained the motion made by the All Breed Committee on this issue. A lengthy discussion resulted. The Committee adopted the same motion to be sent to the Board of Directors. The name will be changed to Puppy of Achievement, it will not be a title, the owner will receive a certificate or medallion, or both. The 10 points must be earned from the 4 to 6, 6 to 9 or 9 to 12 puppy classes, and there need not be any competition to receive a point. If the judge withholds the 1st place ribbon, no points are awarded.

Disaster Relief Trailers – Forty three trailers have been delivered to 23 states. There are 8 more in production and there are 15 more funding efforts underway. A total of 319 clubs have raised \$936,743 and AKC Reunite has donated \$250,000.

Parent Club of Excellence – A self-evaluation form was developed and 51 clubs have participated. The findings and FAQ's will be sent out shortly. The maximum score is 130, the clubs who participated scores ranged from 37 to 126 with a median score of 96. One club had non-compliance issues with AKC's By-Laws, 22 clubs increased membership, half of the clubs support the Breeder with Merit program, some have Jr. Scholarships. Forty-four have canine health and welfare programs and 40 have a monitored e-list. More than half reported special projects such as disaster preparedness, senior handling classes at their specialty and Jr. programs.

Parent Club Conference – Discussion was held on holding a Parent Club Conference. Most of the Parent Club Delegates showed an interest in attending. There was discussion on how this would be funded.

Member Parent Clubs – There was a discussion on parent breeds clubs who are licensed, but are not member clubs. Some have been licensed for many years, but have not joined. A new Parent Club outreach program is being developed to encourage membership. There are 11 Herding Parent Clubs, 5 Sporting, 5 Hound, 5 Working, 5 Terrier, and 5 Non-Sporting clubs that will be contacted. The benefits of AKC membership

will be outlined, most importantly, member parent clubs own and control their Standard.

Crop & Dock Meeting

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America is funneling funds to the group that has filed a law suit against the cropping ban in British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Joe Kinnarney is now the President of the American Veterinarian Medical Association. Dr. Kinnarney of NC performs crop and dock. There was a lengthy discussion on American breeders who are buckling to the European ban on crop/dock. Many sporting breeders are not docking their puppies in case a European wants to purchase a puppy. We are asked to support the Parent Clubs commentary when judges are not judging to the AKC standard. In addition, clubs are polarizing over the crop/dock issue. There is a faction in the Rottweiler Club that wants to add tails to their Standard.

All Breed Club Committee

Best Practices Project – A second survey was sent to 800 clubs. There were 488 responses with 188 pages of input. The All Breed Committee is working to condense and analyze the data to prepare a summary report. A short email will be sent to all breed clubs with instructions to help them find the Best Practices on the AKC website. The Best Practices is meant to help clubs hold successful events. From the AKC Main page, click on "Clubs"; "Manage Clubs"; "All Breed Club Resources"; on the drop down menu are a Word document and a Power Point presentation. The Word document can be printed or the presentation can be downloaded for a program at a club meeting. Discussion was held on adding a Table of Contents to the document to avoid having to scroll through it to find what you are looking for and to save time. Any suggestions can be sent to Ann Wallin, Chair of the All Breed Committee at ann.wallin@harrynorman.com.

AKC Staff is preparing a Power Point presentation on the economic impact of dog shows in a community. The target audience will be city councils, Rotary Clubs, community groups, etc.

Carl Ashby spoke on a new program called All Breed Show Advisors. He reported that entries declined 24% between 2005 – 2015, however, the number of all breed shows increased by 9. In 2005, the average all breed show had an average entry of 1,200 dogs. In 2015, the average was down to 915. Fifty percent of 2015 shows had less than 750 dogs entered. Entries in the puppy classes have declined 38%, the open classes have declined 42% and Bred By

Exhibitor classes are down 27%. The number of specials has increased by over 20%. Discussion was held on how to attract new exhibitors and breeders. Some inquiries into why people are not showing revealed cost as the #1 reason and the judging as the #2 reason. Some expressed they would like more shows during a weekend. Entries saw an increase in the first couple of years after the National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) was introduced. The Board of Directors thought the NOHS was a great idea and clubs are urged to offer it. The Advisor Program, Chaired by Carl Ashby and Tom Davies, is an advocacy group that wants to work with clubs to help them be more successful. They will compare past events with Best Practices and make recommendations. Field Rep's will recommend clubs they believe are in trouble. The Show Advisors will then reach out to the club and offer their help. This is not mandatory. Discussion was held on judges and judging. Carl reported that 80% of all judging is done by 27% of licensed judges.

Doug Lundgren spoke on the Puppy of Distinction (POD) program, which has been sent back to the Board for more consideration. The POD program as proposed would be a suffix title if a puppy earned 10 POD points from the 4 – 6; 6 – 9 and 9 – 12 puppy classes. Points are awarded on a sliding scale (i.e. Entry of 2 = 1 pt.; 3 = 2 pts, etc.) As puppy entries have declined 38% in the last 10 years, we are seeing very few new exhibitors in the sport. There would be no change of procedure at the shows and it will take no extra time. Doug would like input from the Committee on the following question; "How many of the 10 points should be earned from competition, keeping in mind that only 27% of puppy classes actually had competition?"

There was a long discussion on this and the All Breed Committee is sending the following motion to the Board of Directors: The name be changed to Puppy of Achievement, it will not be a title, the owner will receive a certificate or a medallion, or both, and there need not be any competition to receive a point. If a ribbon is withheld or if a single entry receives a second place ribbon, no point will be awarded. The Committee felt that this will help low entry breeds and new exhibitors will benefit from the experience.

ACT – Agility Course Test: The AKC is having programming issues with the ACT. It was supposed to be launched on January 1, 2016, however that has been moved to May 1, 2016.

The proposal for one point for BOW, if there is a single dog and single bitch entry has been sent back to the Board for review.

Discussion was held on whether this would help low entry breeds and if it should be limited to low entry breeds.

AKC K-9 Offices Program – The AKC will acknowledge dogs working in a public capacity. They are looking for purebred and purpose bred dogs. Delegates are asked to get their local clubs involved. Let the public know what our clubs are doing to support these dogs. Local clubs will nominate the dogs and present the award.

Show Committee Seminars – These seminars are designed to help show chairs. Subjects covered include rules and regulations, premium lists, superintendents, catalogs, paperwork, event hearings and more. The AKC wants to facilitate the seminars. If anyone wants to host or attend a seminar contact Brie at the AKC. Brie's email address is GLT@akc.org or call her at (919) 816-3514. There is no charge for these seminars.

Effective April 1st, 2016, visiting judges will be allowed to judge the 4 to 6 month puppy class.

Superintendent Validation – This is a tool for superintendents. AKC is programming an information tool for superintendents to verify entry information. The information provided would include all entry information except for the owners information.

National/Regional Specialties & local events – The rules regarding a local clubs territory when a National/Regional is being held in that territory have been changed to include performance and companion events. If the local club refuses to give their permission for a National/Regional event or release the breed from their own event, the Parent Club can appeal to Event Operations.

Legislative Caucus

AKC's Government Relations office is currently tracking 1,600 bills. This is an election year and many politicians are trying to pass "feel good" bills to make themselves look good. AKC is working with the USDA on many issues and has met with them on the Animal Welfare Act.

The West Virginia mandatory spay/neuter bill was defeated. The AKC is working to change breeder oversight bills in IA, TN, MI, MA and NJ. In Tennessee, AKC had to hire a lobbyist. There have been frightening attacks on pet stores in New Jersey. The animal rights activists are saying the puppies sold are coming from puppy mills. They are pushing a law to stop pet stores from selling anything but dogs from shelters or rescues. Sheila

Goffe reported that 120 similar bills have been passed at the local level in the past 2 years. The AKC is working to change or kill similar laws in 4 other states.

By the end of the current legislative session it is hoped we will be able to discuss decisions that are being made having to do with importing and transportation of rescue dogs. It is believed we are moving in the right direction.

DELEGATE MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. New Delegates seated since the last meeting were introduced.

Election of Board of Directors, Class of 2020

The Delegates nominated by the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors Class of 2020 were

Linda Ayers-Turner-Knorr,
Greenville Kennel Club

Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi
Valley Kennel Club

Tom Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly
Hills.

Four additional Delegates were nominated by petition:

Rita J. Biddle, Ingham County
Kennel Club

Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains
Kennel Club

William J. Feeney, Sir Francis
Drake Kennel Club

Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club
of America

Votes for the Board of Directors Class of 2020 were taken, and the newly elected member of the Board are

Pat Cruz

William Feeney

Karolynne McAteer.

Chairman's Report – A documentary film was recorded at the AKC/Eukanuba Championship by AT&T Uverse Sports Television. It is a 23 minute film giving an inside look at our sport. The project stayed true to our message. There are segments on agility, conformation, Jr. showmanship and Meet the Breeds. The documentary will have a 90 day run beginning February 22, 2016

and has been seen by 15 million households. It will run on Fido TV from April 1 – June 1. FMI go to uverse.com or AKC.org. (Note: A separate email with the Chairman's entire report will be sent out.)

PAC Challenge – The Humane Society of the US invested 66 million dollars last year in advocacy and public policy. There is an all Delegate Challenge to sign up for a monthly donation by credit card to the AKC PAC. Club presidents, corresponding secretaries and Delegates will receive notification of the Club Challenge. Delegates are asked to urge their clubs to participate. Clubs cannot donate to the AKC PAC, only individuals. The Challenge will run through June and the goal is \$100,000.

Amendments:

The proposed amendment to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which would allow Delegate Judges to charge a fee of no more than \$150 per day, was defeated.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 12 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules, which would allow for the creation of a National Championship event for the Beagle Two-Couple Pack sport, was passed.

Additional discussion:

There was some discussion regarding the new AKC Pet Care Facility, and questions were raised regarding the appropriateness and viability of such a venture. Mr. Sprung's response (from the published meeting transcript):

"For some clarification, it is not a grooming store, it is a pet care facility. It is an amenity within a residential complex. All risks were actually vetted. There was almost two years of due diligence before our lease was signed. Obviously, your questions make perfect sense. There will be an experienced management team for this type of retail setting. But who knows dogs better than us? Who knows care and conditions better than the people in this room and the people of the AKC? We want to do more to be relevant to the general dog-loving public. We see this as a natural extension of what we do. It is the next step. We see it as a positive move. It builds brand equity and we see it as a growth opportunity. Nevertheless, your comments are appreciated."

Next Delegate meeting is June 13th.

The Board amended the adopted budget to increase the AKC Delegate expenses to \$3,500.00. The motion was made by Carma

Ewer and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Special Committees:

1. 2016 National Roving Specialty - MiniPalooza: John Constantine

MiniPalooza rundown of entries:

37 Obedience entries

43 Rally entries

25 Sweepstakes entries

99 Conformation entries

13 Schnauzer of the Year

Minimum 880 agility entries over 3 days.

Everything is on track. The Board acknowledged all the great work done by John Constantine and his committees to bring MiniPalooza to reality!

2. 2016 Summer Specialty – Long Beach, California – Kathy Colby

The Queen Mary site raised their rent considerably, so the new site will be at California State University Long Beach (CSULB) soccer field. There will be two all breed shows sponsored by Long Beach and Beverly Hills Kennel Clubs on Friday and Saturday. Great Western Terrier Association show will be on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Grooming tents will be available and close to the show rings for terriers. Entry fees will be \$37 and covered parking is available for \$5 per day. Specifics on the event including hotels will be published in AMSCOpe and the website. There will not be a host hotel; the Board meeting will be at CSULB. Hospitality arrangements are being worked on. Generators will be needed. Kathy Colby has tables available for use at the show. Thursday, June 23rd, the local club would like to do two specialties at another site close by. They are working with a Motel 6 in Claremont for these events to set up tenting for the specialties.

3. 2016 Montgomery County Specialty: Lloyd Amodei

Specialty is approved by AKC. Judges contracts have been sent to the MCKC Show Chair. MCKC Chief Steward has asked if we have someone that we want to steward for us. Lloyd will reach out to the club to see if anyone wants to do it.

We can no longer put this stewards request out to the judges list. Hatboro is moving to New Jersey for this year only. Location to be determined.

4. 2017 Roving Specialty - Portland: Laurie Moore

P.M.S.C. ROVING SPECIALTY PROPOSAL

The Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club would like to welcome AMSC to Portland, Oregon for the 2017 Roving Specialty. The year is significant because it is our clubs 50th Anniversary. So far we have this to offer. We are open to change.

1. 5 days of Shows/2 specialties*
2. Reserved Grooming in adjacent (connected) room. Plenty of electricity
3. Airport Shuttles
4. Host Hotel with Shuttles - Red Lion at Jantzen Beach
5. Available Rooms for meetings and seminars at show sight or host hotel** Wyoma Clouss and Chris Levy are working on judges' room.
6. Experience – We hosted in 2008 where we had an entry of 60 in regular classes and 22 in Sweeps.
7. Obedience, Rally, Agility and Barn Hunt available
8. 4-6 Puppy Show
9. Heart Health Clinic, CERF Clini
10. Seminar on genetic testing at Expo offered for breeders. Laurie will send out a list of tests available.
11. Wednesday, January 18 PMSC SPECIALTY and Terrier Club provides food.
12. AMSC Board meeting (time to be determined) at the host hotel.
13. PMSC providing a potluck type buffet with food and drinks Friday. PMSC Raffle Drawing Friday at 2pm.
14. AMSC Specialty in conjunction with Dog Fanciers of Oregon on Saturday. Banquet/hospitality room at host hotel. Informal food plus no host bar. This is planned for Saturday night.

***We provide morning coffee with assorted muffins and rolls daily. On Wednesday the Terrier Club provides a luncheon and we will provide dessert in the form of an Anniversary Cake with Ice Cream. On Saturday we will provide lunch after the AMSC Specialty.

The Board requested more information on the specifics of scheduling for miniature schnauzers from the superintendent, Onofrio, in order to see what options would be available for the Board meeting, Judges' Seminar and Breeders' Seminar. The Board list will be used for feedback and direction from the Board on the final schedule.

5. 2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, GA: John Constantine

The committee would like to make a motion to hold our 2018 roving specialty at the Peach Blossom Cluster on Sunday April 15, 2018 in Perry, GA as part of the Atlanta Combined Specialties. The Central FL MSC has requested to host it. Carol Hafner made a motion to accept the 2018 Roving Specialty location in Perry, GA and Nita Ainsworth seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committees:

1.AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli - No report. The 2016 Roster will be out shortly. Bonnie Keyes will be publishing the 2017 Roster on behalf of Carla. Someone is needed to coordinate the publication in the near future.

2.Audit: Bonnie Keyes

2015 Financial Report has been given to the auditor. Results of the audit will be forthcoming after tax season.

3.Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms

Kathy Colby spoke with the President, Carol Weinberger, regarding the awards several months ago and informed her of the following problems:

1. It is quite expensive to ship the crystal awards from California to Pennsylvania for the Annual Meeting.
2. Often, several of the recipients of the awards are not present at the Annual Meeting, in which case the awards are shipped back to me in California.
3. Kathy sends an email to the recipients trying to confirm a correct address, as they have been returned as undeliverable in prior years.
4. If she does get a confirmation (2014, not one confirmation), then the award is shipped again.
5. This year she hand delivered two of the awards and two are still sitting in her garage

Kathy Colby proposes the following: 1.

Each recipient will be mailed a letter stating that they are "eligible" for the award. The recipient is asked to return the letter stating whether they plan on attending the Annual Meeting. If they are planning to attend, then the award will be ordered and shipped to Pennsylvania. If they are not planning to attend, then the recipient needs to provide a valid shipping address so the award can be shipped directly from the vendor. If there is

no response, then the award will not be ordered.

2. At the Annual Meeting, we can provide a nice certificate in lieu of the award so each recipient is recognized.

Brian Bogart made a motion that very nice certificates be made to be presented at the Annual Meeting at Montgomery County and the actual trophy will be mailed directly to the recipient after confirmation of a valid mailing address. It was seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed by majority (15 Yeas, 3 Nays).

Kathy has not received a Sportsmanship Medallion from AKC this year, but she assumes that we are still doing this. The form for the Sportsmanship award needs to be published in AMSCOPE, so people can make nominations. Kathy will contact AKC for the medallion.

4. Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms, Helen Carter
- Lynn Tamms is planning to do a STAND FOR EXAM article about the show after it's over

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

The Committee responded to requests from the AMSC Board of Directors and made the following recommended changes:

1. Change the Board of Governors from 16 to 9, serving 3 instead of 4-year terms. (The transition mechanism is not a part of the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, so will be dealt with once the Constitution and Bylaws is going through the approval/voting process.)
2. Change the AKC Delegate from an officer to an appointed Chair and clarified the role.
3. Include AKC-recommended wording so that at some point in the future the club membership may vote electronically (paper ballots still available for those members not wanting electronic means). This wording is in Article VII, Section 2 and Article XI, Section 2. (This is full club voting and is not the same as the already-included AKC wording that allows the Board members to conduct business, including voting, electronically.)
4. Clarified that business of the Board, including voting, may be conducted by any one of the following means: telephone conference call, mail, fax, or email.
5. Added wording from AKC's recommended Constitution and Bylaws for parent clubs to Article IX, Section 1 that clarifies the relationship between the Board and the

Committees. Added Section 3 in that Article from the same source clarifying committee appointments. The committee recommended the following changes: 6. Changed the word "by-laws" to "bylaws" removing the hyphen to agree with commonly-accepted practice.

7. Removed the sentence in Article III, Section 1: "No person may concurrently hold an executive office in the AMSC and in a Local Miniature Schnauzer Specialty Club."

8. Moved the description of the Nominating Committee to Article VIII concerning the elections process rather than Article IX concerning Standing and Board committees because the Nominating Committee is not either a Standing or Board Committee and is strictly a part of the elections process

A methodology for reduction of the Board was discussed. The Bylaw changes are due to Carol Hafner by Wednesday, April 20, 2016, and were tabled until a Board Item Discussion conference call on April 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. PST/8:00 p.m. EST.

6.Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine

John Constantine is presenting the AMSC Judges Education program at the Louisville cluster March 17, as part of the ADSJ judges' group seminars for Terriers. Wyoma Clouss will present the program April 1 at the Minipalooza. Flash drives were created for judges' education with all appropriate forms and information. The current CD needs to be reformatted to flash drive format for \$400. 100 blank flash drives will be used for new member orientation information. Motion was made by Wyoma Clouss to spend \$400 to reformat the current CD to flash drive format and was seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Vicki Kubic

The website continues to expand and please remember to check it often for updates! Our interactive referral map gets the most hits at almost 75K! So it's VERY important that you list yourself there! The referral form is on the web in the Members section. Jana King has joined our team and is responsible for updating the Interactive Referral Map. The "All About the Miniature Schnauzer" section and the "Pet Grooming" section are neck and neck on hits at about 25K!

8.Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe – No report. In the Board Manual, there is a list of changes to various guidelines that were instituted by the Board, but were not included into individual committee

guidelines between 2010 to 2016. The changes to guidelines will go to the Guidelines Committee that will incorporate changes from the Board Manual and will notify the appropriate committee. In the future, the Secretary will send committee/policy change to the committee chair. Motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood to delete Item 62 from the Board Manual (Best of Opposite Sex at all three specialties will receive a medallion equal to Best of Breed medallion) and was seconded by Vicki Kubic. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Patricia O'Brien

1. AMSC Disease Priorities - Each year the AMSC Health Committee assembles a list for the AKC/CHF to make available to researchers. This list does not limit our ability to seek support in other areas or from other sources. List is based on current veterinary practices and experience.

- a. Blood Disorders\Hyperlipidemia
- b. Cardiac Disorders\Sick Sinus Syndrome
- c. Endocrinology\Hyperadrenocorticism(Cushing's disease)
- d. Endocrinology\Diabetes Mellitus
- e. Endocrinology\Hyperlipidemia
- f. Dermatology\Schnauzer Comedone Syndrome
- g. Gastrointestinal\Pancreatitis
- h. Gastrointestinal\Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- i. Hepatic Disorders (Liver)\Portosystemic Shunts
- j. Immunology\Skin Allergies
- k. Immunology\IMHA
- l. Immunology\MAC
- m. Oncology\Lymphoma
- n. Oncology\Melanoma
- o. Ophthalmology\Cataracts
- p. Ophthalmology\Progressive Retinal Atrophy
- q. Ophthalmology\Retinal Dysplasia
- r. Ophthalmology\Glaucoma
- s. Oral Disorders\Periodontal Disease
- t. Renal and Urological Disorders\Urolithiasis
- u. Renal and Urological Disorders\Juvenile Renal Disease

TOP 3 MOST SERIOUS CONCERNS FOR MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

1. MAC

2. JRD
3. PANCREATITIS

TOP 3 MOST COMMON HEALTH CONCERNS IN MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

1. PANCREATITIS
2. UROLYTHIASIS
3. ALLERGIES

TOP 3 MOST IMPORTANT HEALTH CONCERNS IN ALL DOGS IN GENERAL

1. OBESITY
2. CANCERS
3. SKIN ISSUES

2. AMSC HEALTH SURVEY – The Health Committee is in the process of redesigning the health survey to collect information from the AMSC Membership. Previous survey was difficult to analyze because there was restriction from the CHF survey tool and it was open to any schnauzer owner. We will seek professional assistance as necessary in the development of this survey so that the resultant data will be useful.

3. MAC/GIGER – The AKC/CHF Grant is currently being reviewed and will be a 12-month grant. Preliminary work accomplished thru the GLF allowed Dr. Giger to develop the basis of his study hypotheses and suggested a strong signal in one specific small chromosomal area. His goal is to substantiate this data and will include whole genome sequencing to identify the precise cause. The Health Committee is asking ALL members who have information or sources of information to assist in getting ANY new confirmed case to Dr Giger's lab for inclusion in this study is encouraged to do so. His research represents our BEST chance to have a DNA test for this mutation. In addition, the Health Committee encourages members to participate in a positive manner to encourage and support breeders and owners who experience this disease. Of the 3 recent cases previously discussed – one had Newsprint/Future Shock on one side of the pedigree; one had NO Newsprint or Future Shock in the pedigree, and; one did have lines back to Newsprint/Future Shock. It is these cases whereby no evidence can be found in the pedigree sometimes more than 10-12 generations back that do not have Newsprint or his Mother in the pedigree that are most concerning. We are closely working with Dr. Giger and he has every bit of any information that we have. Our hope is in his work and we remain encouraged.

4. REPORTS & RELATED

a. OFA/CERF/CAER – Reports currently being produced by OFA for Eye data is NOT as

specific as previous reports provided by CERF which does not facilitate comparative data analysis with past data. We have requested a reporting format that is more consistent and comparable to the old CERF reporting format NEW FORMAT

OLD FORMAT -Broken down by age & sex & by specific lesion (lens, globe etc.)

b. MEMBER REPORTS

- i. Myotonia C. – 2 cases
- ii. Sterile Pustular Erythema - 2 (familial)
- iii. Hyponatremia & Adipsia – 1 case
- iv. JRD – 1
- v. PRA -5 {1 (Myers (Shazzam of Oz published data on FB) known lines)}

c. RETINAL DISPLASIA – The Health Committee has received a letter from Kate McMillan notifying the Health Committee and membership that she will no longer maintain the RD test breeding program. **ALL puppies** including pet puppies **MUST** have an eye exam. Retinal Folds, the mildest form of RD, can **ONLY** be picked up from an eye exam done before 12 weeks.

ACTION: Recommend the Board amend the Code of Ethics to make eye exams mandatory for all puppies.

The Board does not support mandatory eye testing on all puppies. The Board strongly recommends that breeders with at risk lines have their puppies' eyes tested.

5. MYOTONIA CONGENITA – There have been 2 cases reported that have Shooting Sparks many generations back in the pedigree. Since the Myotonia DNA test is an approved and viable test the Health Committee is recommending that this test be made mandatory in the CHIC program. We believe that given the identification of this disease some 8 generations from the originating source that it is prudent that we once again clear lines for breeding by performing this test. Myotonia DNA test will be made mandatory for CHIC pins. We further recommend this test be performed on ALL breeding stock to clear offspring.

The item was tabled and will go back to committee for further discussion.

6. STERILE PUSTULAR ERYTHEMA (SPE)

– This is a rare disease in our breed but it is none the less devastating. We have no definitive explanation except to say that the recommendations and comments of Dr Nesset and others seem most appropriate (paraphrased)–

Sterile Neutrophilic Dermatitis, Staph Toxic Shock Syndrome and of course some drug reactions present very similarly to Sterile Pustular Erythema. Early diagnosis is KEY –if a Miniature Schnauzer presents feverish and bright red erythroderma, a biopsy is needed for definitive diagnosis so that proper treatment can be instituted to better chances

of survival. SPE cases that have survived have done so on high dose steroids which suggest hypersensitivity or auto-immune reaction.

7. HYPERNATREMIA & ADIPSIA - A rare disease that has devastating effects and is generally not survivable. In the literature, we found 3 other cases of miniature schnauzers, unrelated, being diagnosed with “essential hypernatremia” and impaired thirst function. We will be collecting information and reviewing any research in this area.

8. PRA - There are a number of other ANECDOTAL cases that we cannot include except to say that we need to get ahead of this as quickly as possible. The Health Committee will be reaching out to European and Non-USA Clubs to join in this effort. Since the Mode of Inheritance is unknown and current DNA tests, PRA-A and prcd-PRA, are inappropriate for the Miniature Schnauzer-type PRA we must endeavor to take appropriate action to contain it (for more specific information refer to http://www.optigen.com/opt9_test_a_pra.html). The difficulty is that this disease may not become apparent until many years into the reproductive life of the carrier/affected dog. Moreover, PRA may sometimes be mistaken for SARs also of unknown cause but theories for this syndrome include endocrine disorders, autoimmune disease, toxicity and neoplasm as an example. Per conversation with Dr. Charles Martin, Veterinary Ophthalmologist, ERG may differentiate SARs from PRA in the early stages as pupil response is different in chromatic light but both will eventually flatten. SARs usually has a fast onset and there may be Cushingoid symptoms, i.e. drinking a lot water, increased urine output. PRA is not so dramatic but can be. Age is not a factor in the differential diagnosis of SARs and PRA. Clinical history and VO examination should be able to make the determination.

Optigen is actively supporting a genetic research project aimed at identifying the other mutation(s) that cause PRA in the Miniature Schnauzer. The Health Committee would rather that we as a breed work towards a common purpose and goal which is to be sure that cases of VO confirmed (NOT suspected) are referred to OptiGen. The President and CEO of Optigen has agreed to perform type-A PRA DNA tests free of charge on ANY Miniature Schnauzers diagnosed with PRA AND will include these animals as part of the study. It is very important that sample cases outside the US are sent to them as foreign samples can sometimes help and, in fact may be better, to narrow the region/locus as they search a specific area on a chromosome for the exact mutation.

Is the Health Committee interested to be notified of cases? Yes, however, it is far more important to facilitate and ensure those scientists who can help identify a cause or mode of transmission be made aware and

provided samples is far more important to the breed and to the Committee.

9. JRD/PLN - Miniature Schnauzers are one of several breeds of dogs with a juvenile-onset renal disease that is thought to have an inherited basis. Three years ago, as a result of the Dogenes study findings, we asked Dr Brown, world-class nephropathologist at UGA, to perform a wide variety of histologic examinations on kidney wedge biopsies from Miniature Schnauzers in an effort to determine the prevalence of JRD in our breed. To facilitate compliance, the AMSC Health Committee bore the cost of this examination for AMSC members. During this study, a number of Miniature Schnauzer dogs with adult onset renal disease were identified and it was found that there was a proteinuric renal disease in miniature schnauzers that was identified histologically as FSGS, Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. In the early stages of this disease, dogs with FSGS have protein in their urine but are otherwise asymptomatic. We were able to help Dr Brown secure funding for this study through the GLF and as a result she will be publishing an article of her findings sometime during the end of the year. The Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, thru this support is offering urine testing free of charge in Miniature Schnauzers in order to identify proteinuric animals that could have FSGS and would potentially benefit from early treatment to slow its progression. We will be actively requesting urine samples to be sent to Dr Brown.

This was reported for the first time at Schnauzapalooza in May 2013 Health Committee Report and is included below for context.

We have received recent reports from our ongoing study with UGA Nephropathologist, Dr. Cathy Brown. Two (2) schnauzers have been diagnosed with FSGS (focal segmental glomerulosclerosis) - one a 7 month old and the other a 14-year-old. The older dog was felt to have a more benign form of the disease but was diagnosed as a more chronic form (with normal serum creatinine). The histologic lesions in the older dog were very similar to the 7month old. In addition, a third necropsy case of an older miniature schnauzer – one of a family of dogs (schnauzers) which had been followed for proteinuria for many years and is part of a separate ongoing study/inquiry at Texas A&M in which Dr. Brown had been asked to participate – has also been diagnosed with FSGS. Through discussions, Dr Brown went on to say that “FSGS could be an EXPRESSION of juvenile renal disease, either as just general scarring as they start to lose kidney function or as a primary disease process that affects the glomeruli initially and results in chronic kidney disease. For this dog (i.e., the young 7month old dog diagnosed with FSGS) the lesions are consistent with those in other schnauzers which

I SUSPECT at least some of which may have a familial form of FSGS. To really investigate this possibility, it would be important to document whether some schnauzers (particularly those with a family history of renal disease) have any proteinuria...which could best be determined by submitting urine...for UPC (urine protein:creatinine – a quantitative test for urine protein; properly a UP:UC). I might mention this family of dogs are being followed closely and have been following a specific protocol under the direction of the breeder’s vet and with permission I am including the breeder’s comments/

“One of the tough parts of this disease is that the blood work on these animals remains very normal until the end of the process. Therefore, vets are not alerted to look for protein in the urine. For example, DOG1 who died from a blood clot due to renal disease had a BUN of 25 and a Creatinine of 1.1 (both considered to be in the normal range) when she was diagnosed, but at the same time had a UPC of 13.6 - Without the UA we would have missed the problem if using the blood work results only. She was not eating well was the reason I took her in. She lived for one and a 1/2 years after diagnosis and died at 12 years. My guess is that we have a lot of dogs out there spilling protein in the urine. Without a UA it remains undiscovered until the dog shows kidney problems in the blood and a UA is then ordered. My new policy now is that whenever I do a blood panel, for whatever reason, I also do a UA. Our youngest protein spiller was found at the age of 7 and a half and she is doing well three years later but on medication. Just some added info. We start medical treatment with Benazepril when the UPC is >2. Up until that time, supplements are Fish Oil 1000mg x 2 daily, Vitamin E 100IU daily, and CoQ10 30mg daily. Obviously the secret to giving these dogs a long life is knowing early what is going on. I think DOG1 probably could have lived past 12 if we had discovered the problem before her UPC was 13.6. At least these dogs are surviving into old age. I can’t ask for anything more. How this relates to the 7-month old puppy I really wonder.”

Dr Brown now says the disease in older dogs is NOT due to progression of the disease in young dogs (which is typically fatal). It is not known if they are connected or not, however, the lesions they cause are different. If you read about renal disease in soft coated wheaten terriers (<http://www.scwtca.org/health/articles/rd.htm>) you will find information on a disease which Dr. Brown believes is similar to that occurring in miniature schnauzer dogs. A couple of samples have been sent to Dr. Littman from affected Schnauzers, but it was not the genetic defect that SCWTs have.

We would like to continue to investigate this PLN (protein losing nephropathy) that seems to affect Miniature Schnauzers BUT we will focus on continuing to seek out studies which

explore JRD inheritance patterns or markers. Breeders should employ good breeding practices when cases of JRD are discovered in breeding programs until more definitive information is uncovered.

10. POLICY & PROCEDURES – The Health Committee submitted several months ago a policy and procedure draft for Board approval. We have abandoned the individually assigned “contacts”, Eye Subcommittee, Urinary Subcommittee, etc., to eliminate one individual having more information than other members. ALL health committee members have access to all information – we ***no longer accept*** information that is limited to one health committee member.

We have also put into practice a mechanism to ensure that all VERBAL information is shared among members – verbal communications are summarized, email communications to and from a health committee member are forwarded to the group so that everyone has full and conversant understanding of a topic or report. Most of our communication has been via email and while that will continue we feel that more regular quarterly recorded conference calls are needed in addition

Upon reflection, we would like to begin to discuss purpose and responsibility of the Health Committee as determined by the Board AND the membership. There has been an ever-deafening outcry that the Health Committee has volumes of information that we do not share and that give the HC members some sort of advantage. Nothing could be further from the truth -Much of what we receive has no known mode of inheritance and is marked not to disclose to the public specifically but that information can be included in aggregate data which is what we do.

Adding “gossip fodder” to a culture that is unwilling or unable to put the Breed Health first is inappropriate and cannot happen without deep and divisive effects. This was witnessed with the MAC published data. When problems are identified no one has the authority to mandate how breeders continue in their breeding program nor should we and neither should anyone else. We cannot be party to anything that causes division, isolation and confusion among our members. What we CAN do & plan to do is to begin a comprehensive educational program to educate our breeders and members on genetics, DNA testing and what that means and how to use the information once we have a test. We also need to identify for the public and for breeders appropriate DNA tests for Miniature Schnauzer. This information should be published in AMSCOPE and on the Webpage public and private. We have included a sample outline below.

PURPOSE: To provide basic, easy to read and understand information on the genetics of breeding to help guide breeders on their breeding decisions.

Sample Health Committee Genetic Series

1. Introduction to series
 - a. Explanation of series
 - b. Value to reader
2. Genetics Primer 1
 - a. Definition of terms
3. Genetics Primer 2
 - a. Explanation of terms
 - b. Simple modes of inheritance
 - c. Complex modes of inheritance
 - d. Unknown modes of inheritance
 - e. Genetics Tests vs Pedigree analysis
4. Color Genetics
5. Popular Sire Syndrome
 - a. Description
 - b. Potential Outcomes
6. Diminishing Gene Pool
 - a. Why?
 - b. Potential Solutions
7. Genetic Testing: Purposes
8. Suggested pre-breeding testing
 - a. Past experience
 - b. Proven tests vs. presumptive tests

The point of this program is an eventual Open Registry and a culture that recognizes that breeders do not try or want to breed sick dogs –it happens – but we have an obligation to new breeders to help guide them and to support each other. The current culture is not what it should be to start an Open registry but this is our goal. We realize that there are many steps along the way to get there but we want assurances that the Board and the membership is in support of this goal and will assist in whatever means necessary to help us reach this.

ACTION: Request Board action to determine the level of support for an Open Registry among the membership. No Board action taken at this time.

AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE POLICY

NOVEMBER 2015

I. PURPOSE

In accordance with the policies and procedures approved by the AMSC Board of Governors, the Health committee will serve as the official conduit between the AMSC, the AMSC Board and its members for the purpose of collecting health information, investigating the need for additional scientific study and disseminating information regarding matters of health in the Miniature Schnauzer to the membership. The Health Committee is responsible for evaluating available ongoing research and to make recommendation for dispersal of funds from the AKC/CHF Donor Advised Funds.

II MEMBERSHIP

A. The Committee activities will be facilitated and managed by the Chairperson who will also be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

B. The committee will be appointed by the President with recommendations from the Chairperson and approved by the Board of Directors.

C. At least one veterinarian will serve on the committee in, at least, an official advisory capacity to ensure deliberations are in keeping with current practice and sound principles of scientific discovery and Veterinary Medicine precepts. In the event that Veterinary participation and oversight cannot be provided from within the membership, an outside credentialed individual will be sought.

D. By virtue of the office, the President serves as a non-voting ex-officio member ~~and may be asked to participate fully in discussion on specific topics.~~ The President will also be expected to sign a confidentiality agreement. (See III E) Motion was made by Wyoma Clouss to change the text as noted and was seconded by Nita Ainsworth. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PROCEDURES

A. This committee will review information and reports on matters of health affecting the Miniature Schnauzer submitted by members and obtained through credentialed investigational research.

B. The chairperson shall submit a report to the Board as necessary. A final report must be submitted at the last board meeting of the official club year. This report will include any sub-committee and general committee activities and existing status reports.

C. An itemized list of expenses, with receipts, is to be submitted to the Treasurer by the Chairperson before the close of the fiscal year.

D. Miniature Schnauzer breeders, owners, and fanciers are encouraged to submit information to the Health Committee that they feel threatens the health or well-being of an individual dog or the breed as a whole. They may contact either the Chairperson or any member of the health committee. All members will be fully aware of all reports.

E. This entire section (E) probably should be redone very carefully to definitively outline what confidentiality really means

Each Health Committee member will be required to consent to and sign a confidentiality agreement (information considered private and for the purposes of the committee not shared OUTSIDE this committee) which serves as a contract between the committee member, AMSC membership and the AMSC board. This contract, unique to the Health Committee, governs the degree of confidentiality of the information submitted by AMSC members to the receiving committee member and

information shared within committee by another committee member. This confidentiality is to be treated as inviolable and adherence will be enforced within the rules of conduct as stated in the AMSC Code of Ethics. Sharing information among the entire committee membership is preferred and encouraged to ensure the collective judgement of the committee to be able to direct the most appropriate and productive study and analysis. Information shared among the Health Committee members will be treated with the utmost confidence and protection for the reporting member. It should be understood clearly that any information shared with a Health Committee member will be shared with the full committee or not accepted.

F. Information may be shared with non-U.S. miniature schnauzer breed clubs when deemed appropriate by the Health Committee membership as long as the foreign health committee also has a confidentiality clause in effect.

G. This committee will disseminate information to the membership on investigations and developments pertaining to diseases and defects that may be hereditary or environmental in nature, and may affect the Miniature Schnauzer. Information will be shared in such a way as to ensure the maintenance of contractual confidentiality.

H. The chairman will poll committee members regarding decisions on dissemination of information to the membership, requests for research funding, requests for board approval, articles to be posted to the AMSC website, and other matters requiring consensus of the committee. Any poll resulting in simple majority vote will be considered approved by the committee. Significant opposing positions, when encountered, will be included as part of any submission to ensure full and open disclosure of the recommendations.

I. The committee is authorized to submit health-related articles to the AMSC webmaster for inclusion on the AMSC website. Articles on specific disorders shall be written by qualified experts (identified by name), or may be written by the committee based on information obtained from a qualified expert provided the expert is identified in the article and has reviewed and approved the article before publication to the web pages. The AMSC webmaster is authorized to place any such article on the

AMSC website upon request of the committee chairman.

The Board has determined that the Health Committee has full authority over content on the AMSC Web Health public and member pages. Extensive and detailed health information will be made available to members through the members' only area of the website. However, the Health Committee ~~may~~ **must** ask the Board to review any public content to ensure the intent of the public pages is consistently maintained. The Board supports the health links concept with the Health Committee to develop content on the links. (April 2015 AMSCOPE, page 8 New Business) **Motion was made by Bonnie Keyes to change the text as noted and was seconded by Alice Gough. Motion passed unanimously.**

J. The chairperson, as necessary, shall recommend changes in these committee guidelines and shall make revisions as instructed by the board, and provide the Secretary with a copy of the revised guidelines.

K. Health Committee correspondence will primarily be via email through a designated email group. Pertinent files will be archived within the group files section for committee member access. Polling will be conducted via the group polling mechanism. From time to time conference calls or other similar meetings may be appropriate to fully engage member discussion, understanding and deliberation. Minutes of those discussions will be summarized with specific agreeable points observed and approved by the committee before dispersal.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. SUBCOMMITTEES (as deemed necessary and as assigned by the Chairman) will coordinate activities regarding the specific topics and report activities to the Health Committee for discussion.

B. All activities will be reported and will be included as an individual report if warranted as well as a collective whole for inclusion in the annual Health Committee Report to the board.

IV. REVISION & RESCISSION:

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Record keeping/documentation storage language will be addressed by the Health Committee and brought back to the Board. Motion to approve to the guidelines as amended was made by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech – For 2017 Montgomery County, Joan Huber was voted in to judge the show. Joan needs to get a judge's number before she can judge a dog show. She has one month to qualify.

11. Public Awareness (Social Media): Vicki Kubic Facebook continues to grow - we have almost 19K followers. The link to our website is now prominently displayed and helps guide people to good information about our breed. Please continue to send me great quality photos for our page! I need seasonal and any Holiday pictures too! Not just Christmas!

12. Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien

Inventory:	Income:
Grooming charts 47	
Grooming Charts \$70.00	
Illustrated Standards 254	
CD \$80.00	
CD are on order	
Illustrated Standards	\$36.00
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3	
Total Income =	\$186.00

So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Expenses:	Postage
	\$21.28 Grooming Charts 5@\$2 =
	\$10.00 Illustrated Standards
	3@\$2.40 \$7.20
Judges Education:	
	Illustrated Standards 40@\$2.40 = \$96.00
CD - 1 No charge	
Total Expenses =	\$134.40
PROFIT =	\$51.60

13. Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe There will be a rescue table, near the AMSC/MiniPalooza store table, at MiniPalooza. All AMSC-recognized rescue groups were contacted and encouraged to bring brochures and/or business cards to share with interested parties. A rescue meeting is also scheduled for those who are currently involved with a rescue group and those who would like to learn more about volunteering. Finally, there will be a Parade of Rescues prior to Best of Breed on Sunday. Thanks to John

Constantine for getting these on the schedule!

14. Trophies: Barbara Donahue, Carma Ewer, Amy Gordon

The medallions have been engraved. The trophies for Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best in Sweeps, Best Opposite in Sweeps, and Best Veteran in Sweeps are artwork by Kate McMillan. We provided trophies for the barn hunt placements from previous stock. Class prizes will be schnauzer note cards. There will be medallions for High in Trial and High Combined score in obedience, and High Combined score in rally. We had enough previous stock of obedience themed trophies (glass plates with schnauzer head and obedience dumbbells) for first place in the obedience classes. The 2nd through 4th awards will be the cute schnauzer note cards used for class placements in the conformation classes. The class prizes in Rally will be the note cards.

The trophies for Great Western will be the same as for Minipalooza.

The trophies for Montgomery County will be artwork by Connie Krohn.

We have tried very hard to stay within budget of \$3500. We have had additional trophies for obedience and rally due to Palooza. The committee thinks that they will have the same next year with the Roving in Portland. While we feel the trophies being provided, along with being able to use prior inventory, we would have been able to provide even better trophies with a larger budget. This is our national and we should be celebrating our top breeders, not necessarily having to penny pinch. We would like to raise the budget in accordance with the trophy donations.

Any creative volunteers are welcome to join the Trophy Committee or creative suggestions are always welcome!

As the number of specialty events and types increases, the need for trophies is increasing dramatically. Motion was made by Vicki Kubic to increase the funds for trophies to \$5,000 for 2017 and continue to solicit funds for trophies from the membership and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed by majority (16 Yeas, 2 Nays).

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

Ways and Means committee will have a merchandise store on site at MiniPalooza. There will be new merchandise for sale along with some of our other merchandise. There will also be a sales table, where discounted

merchandise may be purchased, with the proceeds going to the Trophy fund. Store hours will be limited to the hours that we can find volunteers. We still need a few volunteers to help man the Merchandise Store. Members may sign up anytime. There is a Volunteer raffle, and each volunteer will receive a ticket for every 2 hours volunteered.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bylaw and Constitution changes to be submitted to AKC-Item tabled until conference call on April 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. PST/8:00 p.m. EST.

X. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Jacquelyn Ebersbach

John Rowe
Marija Kuncic
Paula Tibbs
Liz Hawkins
Heather Orr
Lynn J. Barbour
Mary Anne Williams "Annie"

Carole Weinberger, Jackie Ebersbach and Amy Gordon went through all applications and scanned them all during 60 hours of hard work. There is now a working roster with dates of membership to determine longevity of membership. Motion to approve New Member applications except Heather Orr because one of her sponsors did not meet the three year member requirement at the time application (10/31/15) was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1.Moving our AMSC specialties to either the first or second day of the cluster instead of the last day – Motion to move the AMSC specialty to any day but the last day of the cluster, when possible, was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Vicki Kubic. Motion was passed unanimously.

2.Request for consideration of becoming a Parent Club Contributor to the Dog Judges Educational Foundation, Inc. – No Board action taken.

3.Request for Committee Guidelines to be posted to AMSC website

4.Submittal to AKC Bred With Heart Program of common health problems – Item tabled until Board discussion on line.

5.Designation of Montgomery County as permanent National specialty – No Board action taken.

6.Trophy fund allocations for AMSC specialties (see Trophy Committee report)

7.Auditing firm selection in case of multiple candidates for officer/Board positions – Motion to approve Dristas, Groom & McCormick as the auditing firm for 2016 was made by Amy Gordon and seconded by

Carma Ewer. Motion passed unanimously.
8.Nomination Committee selection – Sharon Edwards (Chair), Kaye Kirk, Denise Valverde, Shirley Frye, Jackie Ebersbach and Marcia Dawson (Alternate).

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Report out from Closed Session: Motion was made by Carma Ewer to form an AMSC Care Committee and transfer rescue funds to this committee to be chaired by Jana King and to financially support (\$2,500 from rescue funds) the rehoming efforts by Jana King because an AMSC member that is terminally ill and seconded by Nita Ainsworth. Motion passed unanimously. Future donations from the membership will be sought to support this special committee.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Carole Weinberger adjourned this meeting at 09:08 PM CST.

Next Board Meeting will be Friday, June 24, 2016 at California State Long Beach at 4:00 p.m. PST or following Breed judging whichever is later.