

**Minutes – June 19, 2015**  
**AMSC Board Meeting**

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 4:04 PM PST.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary

Board Members Present: Patti Henderson, Margo Klingler, Patty Ledgerwood, Carla Nickerson, Nita Ainsworth, Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards, Laurie Moore

Guests Present: Sharon Edwards, Vera Potiker, Amanda Ingram, Sandy Bonifield, Stephanie Davis-Rae, Suzanne Johnson, Karla Hench, Gale Schnetzer, Wyn Hagmaier, Judy Sousa

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Bonnie Keyes made a motion that the agenda be approved and seconded by Patti Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on February 14, 2015:** The minutes were approved as read.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Wyoma Clouss

Most recently, the passing of Beverly Verna has hit our membership. There was a collage poster at GWTA as well as a book to sign remembrances to her family.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Carol Hafner

**Correspondence (Received):**

1. AKC
  - a. Specialty approval notice for GWTA
  - b. Sweepstakes approval notice for GWTA
  - c. Updates for Specialty Clubs on Junior Showmanship and local specialty clubs have the option to utilize two calendar days for shows, instead of hosting just two shows per year and may hold one additional show in a calendar year if it is in conjunction with the breed's national specialty starting in 2016.
  - d. Request for Lifetime Achievement Award nominees.
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. Position statement on dog auctions and limitation of AKC registrations
  - b. Requests for puppy referrals (1–New Jersey)
  - c. Request for stud dog referral for pet breeding (1-Kansas)
  - d. European Union pet travel rule changes: Commercial movements may only enter via an approved Border Inspection Post of which there are 3 in the UK and they are located at Edinburgh Airport, Gatwick Airport and Heathrow Airport. Please remember that unaccompanied Pets CANNOT travel to a port which has a pets checker e.g. Manchester or Glasgow, instead they can ONLY travel to one of the 3 Border Inspection Posts (Edinburgh, Gatwick or Heathrow)
  - e. Request for verification of breeder as AMSC member
  - f. Received AMSC Board resignation letter from Beth Santure
  - g. Request for AMSC username and password for new website (2)
  - h. Received Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer club representative resignation (Shirley Cole)

**NOTE: Local clubs need to let the President and Secretary know when there are changes to local club representatives.**

**Correspondence (Sent):**

1. Renewal of AMSC agreement with AKC for Richard Isley to receive the AKC Stud Book. By submitting this AKC Stud Book Request (the "Request"), the American Miniature Schnauzer Club Inc (the "Club") certifies that the information provided in this Request is true and accurate. The Club further certifies that it will use the AKC Stud Book for noncommercial research or scholarship purposes only; that it will not make or allow to be made any commercial, business or marketing use of the AKC Stud Book or any information from the AKC Stud Book; and that it will not, and will not allow others to, sell, distribute, make available or publish in any form whatsoever specifically including, but not limited to, any electronic, email or "online" form, the AKC Stud Book or any information from the AKC Stud Book without the prior, written consent of AKC.
2. Letter was sent to the AKC for the blanket approval for local clubs to hold specialties in 2017.

**Membership:**

As of 6/19/15 our membership totaled 465 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 31 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and two new member applicants (2 regular) for a total of **539**.

**Local MS Clubs:**

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

Month in 2015	Club	Entry History							
		2015		2014		2013		2012	
		RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V
JANUARY	Cactus State - Phoenix	X	X	8	1/0	21	X	10	3
	Portland	32	6/0	32	11/0	41	9	37	14
	Chicago	5	0/0	17	2/0	14	X	20	0
FEBRUARY	Cactus State - Scottsdale	30	10/0	49	11/0	24	5	21	4
	Centennial State - Denver	29	13/0	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Gateway	16	0/0	5	0/0	160	36	18	1
APRIL	Northern California	17	2/0	25	3/0	25	6	20	3
	Atlanta	X	X	X	X	X	X	32	6
MAY	Gateway-Schnauzerpalooza	X	X	X	X	160	36	X	X
	Twin Cities-Schnauzerpalooza	X	X	X	X	165	54/4	X	X
	Metropolitan Cleveland	12	2/0	22	1/0	X	X	X	X
	Greater Cincinnati	18	4/0	15	3/0	25	5	31	5
	Centennial State	X	X	13	5/0	13	3	28	5
JUNE	Chicago			19	2/0	22	X	18	0/0
	Southern California			57	9/5	46	11/3	74	18/4
	Southern California			57	15/4	46	14/4	X	X
JULY	Lone Star			14	0/1	28	3/1	78	21
	Paul Revere			18	2/0	25	5/0	21	4
	Milshore			17	4/0	9	0/0	14	4
AUGUST	Metropolitan Cleveland	X	X	X	X	6	0/1	11	3
	Twin Cities			0	9/0	10	0/0	11	X
SEPTEMBER	Centennial State			16	7/0	25	4/0	17	10
	Michigan			27	3/0	24	8/0	29	2
OCTOBER	Mount Vernon			16	4/0	26	2/0	21	3

	Northern California			36	10/0	36	6/0	38	11
NOVEMBER	Greater Columbus			26	1/0	14	4/0	X	X
DECEMBER	Central Florida			30	0/0	28	0/0	33	X

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

### AMSC Denver Roving Specialty

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Colorado Kennel club show in Denver, Colorado on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Kurt Garmaker judged 8 Sweepstakes entries. Wyoma Clouss judged 23 regular class entries. The 2015 AMSC Roving Specialty in Denver compares with 2014 Roving in Scottsdale, AZ as follows:

		<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>UP OR DOWN</b>
<b>REGULAR CLASSES</b>				
	Total Entry	32	60	-28
	Competing	23	43	-20
<b>SWEEPSTAKES</b>				
	Total Entry	11	5	6
	Competing	8	4	4
<b>VETERANS</b>				
	Total Entry	0	1	-1
	Competing	0	1	-1

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Bonnie Keyes

### February through May 2015 Treasurer's Report

Income	Expenses	Description
\$2,029.50		Dues
\$2,206.00		Trophy
\$75.00		Publications & Literature
\$170.00		Merchandise
\$500.00		Health
\$626.00		Roving Spring - Denver
\$2.32		Interest
	\$108.45	AKC Delegate
	\$215.34	AKC Fliers
	\$654.05	Parent Club Canine Health Conference
	\$102.05	PayPal Fees
	\$787.50	Web Maintenance
	\$672.93	AMSCOpe
	\$1,570.51	Merchandise
	\$4,853.75	Trophies
	\$75.00	JRD Study
	\$250.00	NAIA Dues
	\$37.88	Publications & Literature
	\$836.81	Spring Roving - Hospitality

	\$526.62	Spring Roving - Judges Fee
	\$200.00	Spring Roving - Judges Gifts
	\$15.00	Montgomery Show Fee AKC
	\$300.00	Minipalooza
	\$126.29	Sunshine
\$5,608.82	\$11,332.18	Totals
	(\$5,723.36)	Net Profit / (Loss) February - May 2015

Account Beginning Balance 2-1-15	Account Ending Balance 5-31-15	
\$52,819.70	\$49,241.77	Checking Account (\$3,577.93)
\$7,505.42	\$4,857.86	Trophy Account (\$2,647.56)
\$4,768.24	\$5,268.41	Health Account \$500.17
\$7,540.87	\$7,541.12	Rescue Account \$.25
\$52,000.13	\$52,001.84	Holding Savings Account \$1.71
\$124,634.36	\$118,911.00	
	(\$5,723.36)	Net Change in Accounts

**NOTE: Year To Date Loss (\$3,499.44)**

**REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE - Don Farley - No report received.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Special Committees:**

1. **2015 National Summer Specialty – Long Beach, California - Vera Potiker** – Everything for the specialty is ready to go.

2. **2015 Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart**

Correspondence was sent to Bruce Schwartz of the Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) containing a list of 2015 American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) Officers and Board Members; list of Regional Miniature Schnauzer Clubs the names of their delegates to the AMSC; and the list of trophies being offered for breed, obedience and rally at the 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty-MCKC Show. My thanks go out to our Trophy Committee for getting this info to me.

A request was sent to Marcy Zingler of the MCKC that their organizations supply 2 ring stewards, at no charge, for Miniature Schnauzer breed judging at the 2015 Fall Specialty-MCKC show.

The Guidelines for this committee were revised and sent to Wyoma Clouss AMSC President and Carol Hafner AMSC Secretary for their examination and approval. All changes and improvements to the text were sanctioned by these two individuals. I then requested that Carol send this document to each member to member of the Board of Governors for final review and ratification.

A letter was sent to Amy Gordon, Advertising Chair for the 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty Show-MCKC that offered suggestions for costs, format etc. I also requested that she send the particulars on catalog advertising at this show to Carla Borelli for publication in the June 2015 issue of AMSCOPE. I also made it crystal clear to Amy that this was her committee and she could manage it as she saw fit.

I received an email from Amy Gordon on 5-12-16 stating that she had submitted the details for catalog advertising to AMSCOPE. They are:

- 1) Cost of full page ad-\$75
- 2) Cost of half page ad-\$40

- 3) Charge for each photo-\$10
- 4) Deadline-August 16, 2015
- 5) A late charge of \$10 will be assessed if ads are received after August 16, 2015

It is my hope that since our 2015 Fall Event is the 200<sup>th</sup> specialty show in the history of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, our members and regional miniature schnauzer clubs will show their spirit and advertise in the MCKC Souvenir Show Catalog.

A request for stewards was sent out to the membership. There was no response, so the request was put on the judges' list for those that might be interested in stewarding. Several judges responded and there will be a selection made to steward at MCKC show soon.

#### Show Guidelines Update, Revised May 2015:

**PURPOSE:** In line with the policies and procedure approved by the American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) Board of Governors, this committee will:

Coordinate all activities in preparation for the AMSC Fall Specialty Show-Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) except for selection of judges. Breed conformation classes only.

Act as a liaison between the AMSC and the MCKC Show Chair.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

##### January 1<sup>st</sup>

Complete pages 1 and 2 of the AKC Events Club Information for Conformation & Obedience form [AEVT02 (6/14) v1.0P Edit], sign and date page 1. Complete page 1 of the AKC Event Application for Conformation [AEVT02 (6/14) v1.0P Edit]. Mail all completed documents plus all event application fees, via the US Postal Service, to the AKC Event Plans Department, PO Box 900051, Raleigh, NC 27625.

Proof read all correspondence carefully. Secure copies of every communication.

##### January 15<sup>th</sup>

Email the following info for our AMSC Fall Specialty Show to the MCKC Show Chair:

- ✓ Name of Specialty Coordinator, mailing address, phone number(s) and e-mail address.
- ✓ Copy of AKC Application/Forms.
- ✓ Name of Regular Class Judge and Sweepstakes Judge with copies of acceptance letters.
- ✓ Name of Advertising Chairman, mailing address, phone number(s) and e-mail address.

Email the AMSC Treasurer the "contract" for the Montgomery County Kennel Club Show.

Email the AMSC Advertising Chair the Montgomery County Kennel Club advertising offer to National Specialty Clubs.

##### February 1<sup>st</sup>

Notify our Trophy Committee Chair, via email, that the deadline date for submission of the final list of trophies being awarded at the AMSC Fall Specialty Show-MCKC is April 30<sup>th</sup>. This list is for trophies given for breed conformation classes only. Make sure that our Trophy Committee is aware that if money is offered, it must be listed as well. Rosettes are also considered trophies and must be duly listed. Finally, MCKC will provide rosettes unless notified that Specialty Club will provide its own.

##### March 1<sup>st</sup>

Expect separate letters from the AKC that grant the AMSC permission to hold our Fall Specialty Show-MCKC Sweepstakes and Regular Classes. If this communication has not yet been received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, contact, the

AKC Show Operations Department by email at [eventplans@akc.org](mailto:eventplans@akc.org) or by telephone at 919-816-3574 as to the status.

Prepare and email a report to the AMSC President and AMSC Secretary outlining committee activities. This info will be presented at our Board Meeting/Conference Call as well as printed in AMSCOPE.

#### April 1<sup>st</sup>

Send the AMSC Trophy Committee Chair an email reminding them that the final list of trophies being given at the AMSC Fall Specialty-MCKC *breed conformation classes only* is due to you by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### May 1<sup>st</sup>

Email the following to the MCKC Show Chair:

- ✓ List of AMSC Officers and AMSC Board of Governors. Include address and e-mail for AMSC Secretary and AMSC Treasurer. Board members should be listed by their class year.
- ✓ List of Local Miniature Schnauzer Clubs and their respective Delegates to the AMSC. Their names can be found in the annual foster of AMSC members.
- ✓ List of trophies to be awarded, *in breed conformation classes only*, at our Fall Specialty Show-MCKC.
- ✓ Sweepstakes classes conditions (if not same as previous year).
- ✓ Include information regarding Awards of Merit.

Instruct the AMSC Advertising Chair to provide the AMSCOPE Editor with details for advertising in the MCKC Show Catalog.

Prepare and email a report to the AMSC President and AMSC Secretary outlining committee activities. This info will be presented at our Great Western Board Meeting/Conference Call as well as printed in AMSCOPE.

Proof read all correspondence carefully. Secure copies of every communication.

#### July 1<sup>st</sup>

Contact the AMSC Trophy Committee Chair for a list of the current Trophy Standard Bearers. These names will be included into the MCKC Show Catalog.

Contact the MCKC Show Chair and request the MCKC provide 2 ring stewards for our fall event. These individuals will be supplied free of charge. Request the MCKC provide 4 trophy tables for the show.

#### August 1<sup>st</sup>

Provide the MCKC Show Chair with list of AMSC Trophy Standard Bearers for inclusion into the Show Catalog.

Advertising chair must submit all advertising copy to show superintendent for publication into catalog.

#### September 1<sup>st</sup>

Contact judges to see if assistance is needed arranging hotel reservations and transportation.

After you find out where the judge is staying and mode of transportation, send an email / letter that covers outdoor grounds, extremely variable weather, having to rent a car (if necessary), directions to and from the hotel, the showgrounds, whether the hotel has a restaurant. Having a parking pass either mailed prior or left at the hotel, and a hospitality "welcome" snack bag at the hotel for check-in with several club contact cell numbers, etc.

Extend an invitation to them and their guest to attend our Annual Dinner complements of the AMSC.

Review the AMSC Expense Policy with the regular class judge. Email the "Code of Ethics for Specialty Shows and/or Shows which Sweepstakes Classes are Held" to the sweepstakes judge.

Purchase a gift for sweepstakes judge. Spend about \$100, consider a gift certificate. If the regular class judge does not charge a fee, consider a gift of AMSC Gear like afghan, floor mat etc.

Prepare and email a report to the AMSC President and AMSC Secretary outlining committee activities. This info will be presented at our Fall Board Meeting/Conference Call as well as printed in AMSCOPE.

### September 15<sup>th</sup>

Contact AMSC Trophy Committee Chair to ensure all trophies are marked with the class for which they are to be awarded. Remind them to bring the chalk board for class results. Make sure the committee is available to set up trophy table.

Email a letter to the judge that covers outdoor grounds, extremely variable weather, having to rent a car, directions to and from the hotel, the showgrounds, whether the hotel has a restaurant.

Leave hospitality "welcome" snack bag at the hotel for check-in with several club contact cell numbers, for judges.

Be aware that special accommodations may be necessary for disabled conformation exhibitors. It is customary that handicapped confirmation exhibitory notify the show secretary in writing about their special needs. The AKC Board Policy states:

*AKC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and wants to provide to all the opportunity to participate in its events. In the case of conformation judging, where decisions are based solely on the quality of the dogs, the judge may modify the regular judging procedure to reasonably accommodate a disabled exhibitor. If a modification of normal judging procedure is required, you need only to determine that the accommodation would not inhibit the ability of other handlers in the ring to show their dogs. A disabled handler may compete using a cane, crutch, or electric powered wheelchair. However, when gaiting the dogs as a group, you should ensure that a handler who cannot maintain a normal gait for the breed being exhibited is placed in line where it will not interfere with the ability of the other dogs to gait properly.*

*Visually impaired handlers may have a second person assist them in individual and group gaiting of the dogs. If the ring surface or terrain makes it difficult for the assisted handler to gait the dog at a normal speed, you may adjust where the dog is placed in line to give all handlers an equal opportunity to show their dogs. Visually impaired handlers may have the second person assist in placing table dogs onto tables and to verify weight and measurements that may be required under the breed standard. The primary function of exhibiting the dog is the responsibility of the handler and not the second person in the ring. There are eligibility issues regarding handler assistance in the Bred By Exhibitor class, and they should be referred to the Executive Field Staff. If you have any questions, please call Judging Operations or the AKC Legal Department. Any exhibitor having a question, or who wants to request an accommodation should be directed to the AKC Field Representative.*

### At the Specialty

Arrive at show site 90 minutes before sweepstakes judging begins.

Survey ring conditions, if they are unsatisfactory have the MCKC Grounds Chair paged.

Assist Trophy and Special Projects Committee set up their individual tables near ringside.

Pick up show catalog, judges book, ribbons etc. from superintendent's tent.

Meet the judges at the superintendent's tent and escort them to their ring.

Write class results on a chalkboard. Obtain a volunteer to take chalk board around the ring so interested parties at ringside can record results in their personal show catalogs.

Escort the judges to and from their lunch break.

Be available in the event your assistance is necessary.

Make sure that the chalkboard, trophy table cloths and unused trophies are removed from show site by AMSC Trophy Committee after judging is completed.

#### After the Specialty

Provide Specialty results to AMSC Secretary, AMSCOPE Editor for publication and Electronic Media Chair and AMSC-L Chair for posting. The results can be obtained from the superintendent's website.

Instruct the regular class judge submit an itemized list of expenses, with receipts, directly to the AMSC Treasurer no later than two weeks after the show.

An itemized list of expenses, with receipts, is to be submitted to the AMSC Treasurer for reimbursement and a report of the same is submitted to the AMSC Board of Governors.

Proof read all correspondence carefully. Secure copies of every communication.

#### November 1st

Send pictures of winners taken by the official show photographer to the AMSC Historian.

Recommend any changes in these committee guidelines and make any revisions as instructed by the AMSC Board of Governors and provide the AMSC Guidelines Chair with a copy of the revised guidelines.

#### December 1<sup>st</sup>

One will need the following information to complete the paperwork required for permission from the AKC to hold the AMSC Fall Specialty Show-Montgomery County Kennel Club. Breed conformation classes only. Proof read all correspondence carefully. Secure copies of every communication.

The AKC club number for the AMSC is 0571.

Obtain this info from the MCKC Show Chair:

- ✓ Event Date, Closing Date and Closing Time.
- ✓ Event Location & Address.
- ✓ Show Type & Condition.
- ✓ Additional Classes or Attractions & Entry Fees.
- ✓ Show Secretary/Superintendent Information.

Obtain this info from the AMSC Judges Selection Committee Chair:

- ✓ Sweepstakes/Futurity/Regular Class Judge Contact Information.
- ✓ Copy of acceptance letters for both.

Obtain this info from the AKC:

- ✓ Event Number
- ✓ AKC Events Club Information for Conformation & Obedience form [AEVT02 (6/14) v1.0P Edit]. AKC Event Application for Conformation [AEVT02 (6/14) v1.0P Edit]. These forms can be obtained from the AKC web site at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/AEVT02.pdf>

Secure a volunteer to serve as AMSC Advertising Chair for the AMSC Fall Specialty Show-MCKC during the next year.

**AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB, INC.**

**Member of the American Kennel Club**

**CODE OF ETHICS FOR SPECIALTY SHOWS**

**AND/OR SHOWS AT WHICH SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES ARE HELD**

- I. The American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc., wishes to align itself officially with the American Kennel Club's point of view on ethics for judges and committee personnel in connection with Specialty Shows and shows at which Sweepstakes Classes are held. (The AKC view was expressed in their letter dated 6/1/62) The AMSC believes that adherence to the following policy will contribute significantly to efforts to promote the best interests of the Club and our Breed:
  - A. Persons who accept an assignment to judge either the Sweepstakes Classes or the Regular Classes shall not exhibit. *Note: As per a letter dated 1/13/94 from the AKC.*  
"JUDGING AND EXHIBITING: Conformation judges and household members (as defined in Charter 14, Section 13 of the Rules, as amended October 1, 1992) may not exhibit and judge on the same weekend or at companion shows within three days of each judging assignment (i.e., three days before and three days after an assignment). One exception is provided for dogs owned by judges and/or household members which are exhibited at least 200 miles from the show at which the judge is officiating, for which there are no time restrictions. Judges in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action."
  - B. The Bench Show Chairman shall not exhibit in either the Sweepstakes Classes or the Regular Classes. (The functions of the Show Chairman require that he be as unbiased as possible if problems arise in connection with an exhibitor.)
  - C. Stewards shall not exhibit in either the Sweepstakes or the Regular Classes.
  - D. A licensed handler will not exhibit under a judge who is using the handler's professional services.
  - E. Relatives of judges will not exhibit under such judges.
- II In addition to the points indicated above, the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc. considers that, generally speaking, it is undesirable for persons to judge at a Specialty Show within (3) years of a previous assignment, regardless of whether this assignment was in the Sweepstakes Classes or the Regular Classes. This policy applies equally to those who judge Sweepstakes Classes at a non- Specialty Show. (The names of persons who will have judged within the preceding (3) years will be announced to the membership at the time nominations for judges are opened.)
- III The above policy should not be construed as criticism of past performance but as an effort to support the American Kennel Club's position and to further promote good sportsmanship.

**AWARDS OF MERIT**

1. Awards of Merit are offered at all AMSC Specialties.

2. Special rosettes will be offered as prizes to the Award of Merit Winners.
3. Awards of Merit may be given at the Judge's discretion.
4. Award of Merit winners will be selected after the Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex awards are chosen.
5. All dogs remaining in competition including the Best of Opposite Sex winner, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are eligible for an Award of Merit.
6. The number of Awards of Merit are determined by the size of the Specials Class entry:

2 - 10 entries	—	1 Award of Merit
11 - 20 entries	—	2 Awards of Merit
21 - 30 entries	—	3 Awards of Merit
32 - 40 entries	—	4 Awards of Merit
41 and over	—	5 Awards of Merit

A discussion concerning changing the Awards of Merit (AOM) to include Select Dog/Bitch was brought forward. It was made clear that the AOM is an AMSC award and Select is an AKC award. There will be continuing discussion in the future. For now, the awards will be left as is; separate and distinct.

3. **2016 National Roving Specialty - Minipalooza: John Constantine** - No report received
4. **2017 Roving Specialty Selection Committee: John Constantine** - No report received

***Standing Committees:***

1. **AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli** - No report.
2. **AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss** - No report received
3. **Audit: Bonnie Keyes**  
Barbara Squires, CPA, will perform the Audit of club finances for \$100.00.
4. **Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms** – It is uncertain if the awards sent to Montgomery County last year were distributed. This year, the awards will be sent to Bonnie Keyes to handle distribution.

**Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger** - No report received

5. **Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen, Gloria Lewis, Marcia Feld, Buzzy Alfano, Carla Nickerson, Carole Weinberger**

The members requesting to be on the Referral List are coming in steadily at about 6 per month. There are still a number of active members who have not signed up. Chris and Vicki are uploading new data now as well as making changes so this seems to be under control. I will include an application to be on the Referral List in the New Member packages as well.

The Board recommends that requests for referral listing renewals be done at the time of annual membership renewal.

About once a month, Chris Franck or Vicki Kubic will add members to the referral list.

6. **Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms** No report received
7. **Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy:** Wyoma Clouss and Chris Levy have been discussing future constitutional changes.
8. **Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting: Brooke Walker and Kathy Colby:** It will be the same setup as last year. The event was well received by the membership. Carla Borelli needs the information to post in AMSCOpe as soon as possible. The event will again be subsidized by the club at \$15 per person with pre-payment through PayPal.
9. **Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine** – There were two judges educational seminars at Denver and the next seminar will be planned for Minipalooza.
10. **Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Vicki Kubic** – Worked out between them how to do the updating of the AMSC website. A few things will need to be updated by the company. Company is basically on call to help when needed.
11. **Ethics: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson** - We have no current complaints or problems that have required our input since February. Also, a suggestion was made that language be added to the ethics pages about having a vet check done prior to placement of puppies. This is a reasonable Board request and the Ethics Committee will work on this to add the language to our documents.
12. **Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe** - No report received
13. **Health: Patti Henderson, Vera Potiker, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Bill Brown, Patricia O'Brien** - Health Seminar on breeding and reproduction by Becky Williams was well attended and very informative. Patti Henderson reported two cases of PRA in two significant lines, three hereditary cataract cases (2 in UK and one other), plus one MAC case in Barbados from which samples were sent to Dr. Giger.
14. **Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley** - No report.
15. **Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech** – Working on future judges for 2017.
16. **Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic** – Passing along legislative issues on the AMSC list as they occur due to time sensitivity.
17. **Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale** – The committee needs one more volunteer to help review newsletters.
18. **Membership: Carole Weinberger** - As a whole, the number of membership applications is low. I processed two for the current meeting, I have one that I just received, and am anticipating 7 from Sponsor Geri Kelly. Additionally there is one application that appears to have been lost and needs to be resubmitted. The lady, Sandy Trujillo spoke to me in Colorado, but I don't have her address so cannot contact her. I did suggest then that she resubmits since it was sent to Stephanie in Oct/Nov and she had no record of it. I believe that Carma Ewer is a sponsor.

I have had a number of requests for information about current 25 year status, but don't have the ledgers or whatever to calculate that information. I have requested that this information be sent to me and hope to get it soon. It occurred to me that rather than have "400 pounds of ledgers" sent from one side of the country to another every couple of years, it would make sense to computerize this data. I don't believe that we have to retype everything, but we could scan and save the pages to a thumb drive by year. I will start the process this summer and hopefully get it done by October. Then we just need to find a home for the originals.

It seems that a thumb drive with all the “membership documents” was lost in the mail, and so I have to recreate from copies the various articles and letters that go in the new member packet. I sat and read several of these articles and I was very surprised that this material has not been updated since 1975. I reworked and updated several (copies included) and will revise the Guidelines which have not been updated since 1991. I wonder who has the original of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club Information sheet that is on colored paper. It needs to be updated with Carol Hafner’s address. Does Brooke have that?

Stephanie tells me that I have everything I need to include in the membership packet now, but I see that there are a number of items on the list that I don’t have.

1. Copy of the Standard, latest Version.
2. Constitution and Bylaws with updates.
3. How Dogs Are Judged.
4. Three messages: on colored paper-----a. “About Your Puppy”, b. “A Message for You”, c. “About Your Pet Puppy”.
5. Schnauzer Shorts Coupon?
6. Current Officers and Committee Chair List with Contact information included.

I can recreate 1 and 6, but don’t have access to the other items. Perhaps if I get the boxes from Stephanie some of the items will be in them. If not then does anyone know where I can find these items? I also require Letterhead Stationery and Envelopes, and copies of Form Letters to Prospective Applicants and Acknowledgement of Application and Check.

Please advise if the articles that I updated will suffice.

American Miniature Schnauzer Club Information sheet language update:

#### ABOUT THE AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club is an organization whose function, in many respects, is to fill a gap between the AKC and the many regional Miniature Schnauzer Clubs. It endeavors to encourage and promote the breeding and exhibition in both conformation and performance of Miniature Schnauzers of correct type in conformity with the standard for the breed, and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed, its exhibitors and breeders. It is basically a working club, with many members participating in some active way to help the club function usefully, meaning everything from serving as an officer or committee head to helping on one of its many committees, to voting for officers or show judges. There are many other more passive members who join the Club for valid and valuable reasons....membership fees enhance the ability of the Club to operate in beneficial ways; also those who live in more remote areas where there are no regional clubs find that receiving the monthly newsletter (AMScope), or being able to access the website as a member (www.AMSC.us) helps them to keep current about activities within the breed.

The primary function of the AMSC is to monitor the development of the breed. This begins with the definition of the breed standard and the development and maintenance of the standard and other descriptive or clarifying documents. Our “Illustrated Discussion of the Breed Standard” (enclosed), is an example of a “clarifying” document. The AKC mandated DVD is another example. There are currently three AMSC National Specialty shows, held annually in California, Pennsylvania, and the Roving National which travels, where the best specimens of the breed are presented in one place for the fancy to study. This is another important “show and tell” aspect of this function. The Specialty shows are a forum where we can see progress in improving the breed, or conversely, development of problems to be concerned about, or which dogs or breeders are achieving a goal which can serve our own breeding programs. General education efforts include our award winning brochures and pamphlets, breeder education forums, and judges’ education which includes hands on opportunities to go over our breed at Nationals. We developed a DVD which explains in detail the Standard and how to judge the Miniature Schnauzer which is given to all Judging applicants who attend our Seminars. Important also is the Club’s response to the identification of

specific emerging problems such as commercialization of the breed and health defects, and to support research and education on those problems.

AMSC is a democratic Club which believes it is desirable to involve as many members as possible from all regions of the country in the management of the Club's affairs. Committees which are unwieldy if their members were geographically dispersed were chosen if possible from a relatively small geographical area. However with the advent of the Internet, E-mail, and Conference Calls this is no longer the problem. All responsibility for operating the Club rests with a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Delegate to the American Kennel Club, 16 Governors and at times a past-President. **The Constitution of the AMSC is our operating document.** Delegates to the AMSC Board from the Regional Clubs provide liaison between the local groups and the AMSC. Committees include Specialty Shows, Trophy, Membership, Finance, Policy, Nominating, Selection of Judges, Publicity and Public Awareness, AMScope, Regional Club Publication Competition Committee, and special committees as needed. Volunteerism is always encouraged!

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc., as it is known today, was formed in 1933. However, its history dates back to 1925 when the Wire-haired Pinscher Club of America was founded ----when Standard Schnauzers were known as Wire-haired Pinschers and the Miniatures were not recognized as a separate breed. In 1926 the Miniature Schnauzer was first granted recognition and registration by the AKC as a separate breed with its own classes at the shows. In 1933 the Club that represented both the larger and smaller varieties was separated into two, becoming known as the Standard Schnauzer Club of America (SSCA) and the American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC). The original membership in AMSC numbered 32, and in 1957 many of those were still on the roll.

The Club's first specialty was held at Century of Progress in Chicago in 1933. The second Specialty of the new Club, at Morris and Essex in 1934, had an entry of 56. The largest entry to date of an AMSC Specialty was at the Schnauzerpalooza in St. Louis with an entry of more than 173 in regular classes, 44 in Sweepstakes, and 36 in the Futurity alone, and 364 entered in Performance events such as Obedience, Rally, and Agility.

In 1967, the AMSC was incorporated. During its 82 years of existence, the membership has grown to over 500, located in the 50 states, Canada, Bermuda, South America, Denmark, Sweden, England, and many other countries in Europe and Asia. There are also 22 licensed local Miniature Schnauzer clubs with the object of educating and encouraging local breeders, exhibitors and owners.

#### Miniature Schnauzer History language update:

##### HISTORY OF THE MINIATURE SCHNAUZER

The Miniature Schnauzer (or Zwergschnauzer) is very similar in type to the Standard Schnauzer. The Schnauzers of all sizes are classified as "working dogs" in Europe and other countries where the FCI standards are followed, but in the United States, only the Giant and the Standard Schnauzer are classified as "working dogs". The Miniature has always been in the Terrier Group, and continues to be judged as a terrier. This explains some of the differences between the Miniature and the other Schnauzer Breeds.

The Miniature Schnauzer has three accepted color varieties in the United States. The AMSC recognizes Salt and Pepper, Black, and Black and Silver. Although White Miniatures are being bred and shown around the world, this color is not recognized by the American Miniature Schnauzer Club and cannot be shown in Conformation.

The well-proportioned compactness of the Miniature probably has much to do with the popularity of the breed, although many fanciers will say that it is his excessively happy and friendly disposition and adaptability as a house pet. The heavy beard that all but hides the muzzle of the Miniature Schnauzer provides him with a comic opera mask behind which he can plan his endearing mischief undetected.

The origin of the Schnauzer is considered as being a cross between the "dog of Boulogne" and the Spitz. The oldest German Kennel Club was founded in 1890. The following year at the Third German International Show in Hanover, with about 900 dogs, wirehaired Pinschers of German breeding were exhibited for the first time. A dog "Schnauzer" won first prize exhibited by the Württemberg Kennel of Burgerbeonberg.

Previous to any show debut, however, the Schnauzer had a long history. There is no question of its being a breed of great antiquity. Albrecht Durer depicted a Schnauzer in a water color "Madonna with the Many Animals" executed in 1492. In a tapestry made about 1501, a representation of the Schnauzer appears.

The Schnauzer (the breed with a beard on the muzzle, the German word for muzzle being schnauze) was used extensively in Germany as a drover's dog, used to pull carts with produce from the farms to the towns, and guard them while there. He was used as well in herding sheep, cattle, and hogs, and, in fact, doing all the duties of the regulation farm dog. He was also used extensively as a rat catcher, and even in modern times, German Schnauzer Clubs hold periodical "ratting" trials in order to keep the Schnauzer a "working" breed, and not merely a show dog. Here in the U.S., Schnauzers can be seen working in Barn Hunt and Earthdog Trials. The Miniature is an especially good ratter!

The Miniature is said to have come from mating with the Affenpincher. They may have been developed entirely by chance, often the main reason for a new breed. In any case, it has taken its niche in life, both as a show dog, a performance competitor, and as a desirable house pet. Good health, good temperament, and an attractive appearance combine to form the personality of the Miniature Schnauzer. They have been bred for over 116 years and were exhibited as a distinct breed as early as 1899. Miniatures have been bred in the United States since 1925 and the American Miniature Schnauzer Club was formed in August 1933.

Newsletter Only Membership: The discussions we had indicated that there could be a strong argument for some kind of a non-voting membership for those individuals who are interested in belonging to the Club, but are unable to find sponsors and are not really interested in taking an active role as a Member. However the more we talked about it and the more we thought about it, that road is probably not one we should pursue at this time. Several scenarios were examined: First, would you want to call it a membership, because the term member denotes certain basic assumptions. Could a "newsletter member" use our logo and call themselves "members" on their website, if they decided start selling puppies online? Would they have access to the "Members Only" section of our Website? How would we know if they were legitimate aficionados or humaniacs trolling for breeders to attack? How much of the material in our Newsletter and on our Website is proprietary? Would they have access to our Members Web list? We weren't comfortable trying to develop criteria for "associate" or "newsletter" membership that would appear fair and reasonable and not unreasonably restrictive. We therefore recommend that we keep our Membership requirements as they are now and not consider expanding them. The Board supported the Membership Chair's recommendation.

Membership Application Review: The application is well written and easily understood as it stands. We don't recommend changing it at this time. We do suggest that the Code of Ethics and Referral Application be included in the New Member Packet.

**19. Nominating Committee: Amy Gordon, Nita Ainsworth, Terrie Houck, Brooke Walker and Julie Cooper**

President: Carole Weinberger

2019 Board: Donna Hills

Vice President: Vicki Kubic

Rob Hartshorn,

Treasurer: Bonnie Keyes

Marie Murphy

Secretary: Carol Hafner

Alice Gough

AKC Delegate: Don Farley

It was brought to the Board's attention that the Board nominees were told that they had to attend one board meeting. The Constitution/By Laws state Board members must attend **at least** one meeting. There was extensive discussion including the problems with getting a quorum at Board meetings. There will be language developed to provide the committee to have the future Board members confirm their commitment. The Board acknowledges that there needs to be changes to the vague language in the Constitution and By Laws as well as the Nomination Committee guidelines. Reductions to the number of

Board members need to be made to the size of the Board to make quorums more manageable and open the possibility to effective teleconferences where all Board members could be heard. Motion was made by Patty Ledgerwood and seconded by Laurie Moore to not accept the Nomination Committee's recommendations until such time that the Board nominees be contacted to confirm that they understand that there is an expectation by the existing Board members that they attend 3 face-to-face meetings as future Board members. Motion passed unanimously.

**20. Public Awareness: Vicki Kubic**

AMSC Facebook page: People that “like” our page is now over 12K. We “reach” about 25K people per week. Exposing the Facebook public to well-bred, good-looking miniature schnauzers continues to be our goal and we are accomplishing that quite nicely! As always, I need good quality photos of our dogs!!!

AMSC Twitter page: Thanks to Kate McMillan, our Twitter Account went live in February 2015. This is a more interactive, educational and confrontational forum than Facebook. We can really push back against retail rescue, Animal Rights activists and the like. We have “tweeted” almost 400 tweets. We have 132 Followers and continue to grow. It would be appreciated if more AMSC folks interacted on our page.

AMSC Website: The website has been up and running smoothly for months albeit it a few hiccups on AMSCestry up-loads. We continue to get nice feedback from many of our members and visitors. The content is largely complete although we are expecting additional material from the Health committee for the General Public Health pages and it will be added as was decided at the board meeting in Denver. The referral pages continue to grow! Please consider including yourself even if it's only for Information! The referral application is on the site under the Members only section. I need our committees to remember if they send it to Carla for AMSCOPE they need to send it to me for inclusion on our website! We are looking into eliminating or reducing the GMR monthly maintenance plan as between Chris Franck and me; we have been able to keep up with all the recent changes and additions. The AKC is offering a new feature AKC Marketplace that is only \$99 annually and would direct additional traffic to our website and link us into the AKC website. It appears to be a good synergistic fit and we would like to try it for a year. Please report any typos or needed changes/additions/deletions on the website to me @ [VickiKubic@aol.com](mailto:VickiKubic@aol.com). There was no Board support to pay for the AKC Marketplace website to promote our parent club.

**21. Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien**

**Inventory:**

Grooming charts 67  
Illustrated Standards 301  
CD 11  
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3  
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

**Income:**

Grooming Charts \$67  
CD \$20  
**Total Income = \$87**

**Expenses:**

Postage \$ 11.95  
Grooming Charts 5@\$2 \$10  
**Total Expenses = \$21.95**  
**PROFIT = \$65.05**

**22. Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe - No report received**

**23. Trophies: Nita Ainsworth, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Margo Klingler** – The 60 - 2” medallions have arrived. Lori Bush notepads have been procured for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> class prizes. Greyhound combs will be given out for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the classes. Tote bags have been order for sweeps and veterans prizes. The huge rosettes have been ordered. Bonnie Keyes would like to propose that in the December or January

issue of AMSCOPE we include the complete list of people who have graciously donated to the Trophy Fund. Because the list has to go in so early for the shows, not everyone is listed in the Catalogs. She feels we should let everyone know who donated; it just might inspire more people to donate. The Board discussed the timing of donations. Send the donation money at the same time as the dues for the future. There would be less confusion for members to handle it this way.

**24. Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth - No report received**

***NOTE: For future Board Agendas, the following committees will report as needed or requested by the President – AMSCOPE, Audit, Awards, Constitution & By Laws, Electronic Media, Guidelines, Historian & Policy Records, Judges Selection, Legislative Liaison, Local Club Bulletins & Website Awards, Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting, Rescue, Trophies, Ways & Means.***

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Continued discussion of Term Limits – It is difficult to get volunteers for officers, so term limits can be counterproductive. There was a motion by Patty Ledgerwood to not use term limits for AMSC officer positions and seconded by Patti Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Reduction of Committees – Carol Hafner, Wyoma Clouss: Rather than reducing the number of committees, it is being recommended that committees with nothing to report to the Board be kept intact and report on an “as needed basis or upon request of the President”.

**X. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Carole Weinberger**

Motion was made by Brian Bogart and seconded by Kathy Colby to accept the membership applications for Donna E. Mullin and Beverly Barrone. Motion passed unanimously.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board vacancy due to Beth Santure’s resignation – Board can appoint someone to replace a vacancy on the Board. The replacement will be 2½ year appointment. Until the Constitution is changed, the vacancy must be filled. Motion was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Kathy Colby to recommend Jan Taylor or Gayle Schnetzer to fill the Board vacancy. Wyoma Clouss will contact them.
2. Guidelines for exhibiting of sweeps judge’s dogs – There should be separate letters created for sweeps vs. regular class judges. AMSC rules are not consistent with AKC rules. However, AMSC can make our rules more restrictive than AKC rules. The Roving should not be treated any differently than other specialties. The Board will continue to work on this issue on the list. Margo Klingler will share a contract that they use in Texas.
3. Barn hunt – Next weekend will be the first AMSC barn hunt in Utah. This event will get the club the approval to hold barn hunt events in the future including Minipalooza.
4. Life Membership nomination for Carla Borelli – Motion was made by Margo Klingler to make Carla Borelli an AMSC Life Member and seconded by Patti Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. Carla has been the editor of AMSCOPE for 26 years! Please take the time to read this important newsletter.
5. Date, Time and Location of Montgomery County Board meeting – The date of the Board meeting will be Friday, October 2, 2015 at the hosting hotel. The time will be determined soon. Please note that the Health Seminar will be Thursday, October 1, 2015.
6. Schnauzer Shorts article for Bev Verna – There has been a request from Dan Kiedrowski that a member writes up an article about Bev for the next edition. He is unable to do so. A volunteer is needed to do this article.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION (Board members only)**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Wyoma called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 08:14 PM PST. Motion to adjourn was made by consensus and support by all Board members present.

**Next Board Meeting Friday, October 2, 2015 at the Montgomery County circuit hosting hotel at 6:00 p.m. EST.**