

**Minutes – June 20, 2014**  
**AMSC Board Meeting**

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association Specialty was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 6:40 PM PST.

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

Board Members Present: Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Brooke Walker and Carole Weinberger

Guests Present: Bonnie Keyes, Jose Jasso, Leslie Arendt, Laurie Moore, Rich Edwards, Glendora Norwood, Shirley Cole

**COMMITTEES:**

AMSCOPE, Carla Borrelli; AUDIT, Bonnie Keyes; AWARDS, Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms; VERSATILITY AWARDS, Lynn Baitinger; COMPANION EVENTS & PERFORMANCE, Lynn Tamms; CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, Beth Santure; DINNER&ANNUAL MEETING, Brooke Walker; EDUCATION, Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine, Beth Santure; ELECTRONIC MEDIA, Chris Franck; ETHICS, Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson; GUIDELINES, Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe; HEALTH, Vera Potiker, Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Dr. Sheila Marks, Patricia O'Brien, Bill Brown; HISTORIAN and POLICY RECORDS, Richard Isley; JUDGES SELECTION, Eunice Revsbech; LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic; LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN, Kennalea Pratt, Laurie Moore, Diana Colville, Marilyn Oxandale; POLICY, Jinx Gunville; PUBLIC AWARENESS, Vicki Kubic, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Brooke Walker; PUBLICATIONS & LITERATURE, Patricia O'Brien; RESCUE, Kelly Radcliffe; ROVING SPECIALTY COORDINATOR, John Constantine; TROPHIES, Mary Paisley, Nita Ainsworth, Barbara Donahue, Pat Jacobs; WAYS AND MEANS, Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

SUMMER SPECIALTY, Vera Potiker; FALL SPECIALTY, Brian Bogart; SPRING ROVING SPECIALTY 2015, Carla Nickerson, Carma Ewer, Margo Klingler

**LOCAL CLUB DELEGATES:**

ATLANTA, Stacy Conrad; BIRMINGHAM, Mary Roberts; CACTUS STATE, Shirley Cole; CENTENNIAL STATE, Linda Wahlquist-Soos; CHICAGO, Laurie Sicurella; CINCINNATI, Gale Schnetzer; CLEVELAND, Carla Borrelli; COLUMBUS, Cheryl Coffman; FLORIDA, Carole Weinberger; GATEWAY, Marilyn Cooper; HEART OF AMERICA, Jan Taylor; LONE STAR, Bolivia Powell; MICHIGAN, Beth Santure; MILSHORE, Kaleigh Gonzalez; MOUNT VERNON, Shawne Imler; NORTHERN CA, Stephanie Davis-Rae; PAUL REVERE, Diane Coville; PORTLAND, Laurie Moore; SOUTHERN CA, Carole Hansen Baws; TWIN CITIES, Karen Brittan.

**From the Board Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings" –**

"For the purposes of the rules governing voting at the Board of Governors meetings, the phrase "of those voting" means all of those present and eligible to vote. Failure of an eligible member to vote shall be recorded as an abstention. Taken together, positive votes, negative votes and abstentions shall comprise the total vote cast. The effect of an abstention under these rules is negative when calculating an affirmative majority."

Clarification: All present and eligible to vote are counted in the total vote. At AMSC Board Meetings the chair, if eligible, is required to cast a vote.

Practice: At the beginning of every Board Meeting the Chair is obliged to read the rule for the benefit of those present that might not be familiar with this rule and might otherwise count votes in another manner.

From Article VI of the Constitution & By-Laws, Section 3, section (b) **The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be a majority of the Board.**

From Article VII of the Constitution & By-Laws, Section 3, **All business voted by the Board shall be passed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those voting**, with the exception of the selection of the Nominating Committee and the selection of a member to fill a Board vacancy, which shall be by a majority vote.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carole Weinberger made a motion that the agenda be approved. Motion was seconded by Carma Ewer. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meetings:** Motion was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Vicki Kubic to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2014 teleconference meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Wyoma Clouss

I believe the function of the AMSC is to support people in finding what they need so that they can fully enjoy our wonderful Miniature Schnauzers. This includes helping our own members, keeping them informed and educated, providing a network of friends and fellow travelers, plus hosting very special events like our National Specialties. We're all looking forward to Great Western with a good entry, beautiful grounds, and perfect weather. Many thanks to our AMSC show chair Vera Potiker and all the hardworking Southern California members!

Our responsibility is also to support those who may not be members, but who are interested in Miniature Schnauzers, through interaction with the public, helping and informing, guiding when we can. Our website update is a ton of work, but we hope to showcase Miniature Schnauzers in a way so that the public can understand and enjoy them as much as we do.

I want you all to know how much I appreciate all the work and sacrifice of personal time that you and so many of our members do, to keep our club running smoothly.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Carol Hafner

A reminder to local clubs to submit their show results to the Secretary by email or hardcopy, especially for shows that do not use MB-F as their superintendent since MB-F are the only ones that publish sweeps results.

**Correspondence (Received):**

1. AKC
  - a. National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has now been opened to local and national Specialty clubs as well as Group clubs notice
  - b. Acknowledgment of receipt of AKC Pet Disaster Trailer Program donation
  - c. Sweepstakes approval notice for GWTA
  - d. Specialty approval notice for Montgomery County
  - e. FCI guidelines for judges coming to the US – consideration for judge payments
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. Various private vendor information received for plastic forms, general pet supplies, veterinary supplies, grooming seminars, ceramic items with breed specific themes
  - b. Two requests for vets that do ear cropping

- c. Requests for puppy referrals
- d. Inclusion of miniature schnauzer breed specific e-magazine and featured articles in Showsight magazine

**Correspondence (Sent):**

1. Emailed letters to AKC event operations for blanket approval of local club specialties to be held in 2015 and 2016
2. Email inquiry sent in response to question from a schnauzer devotee: How many miniature schnauzers puppies were registered in 2013? Answer: 7,522

**Membership:**

As of 04/16/14 our membership totaled 458 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 26 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and 7 new membership applicants (4 regular, 3 foreign), for a total of **532**.

**Local MS Clubs:**

1. There are presently 18 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.
2. The data collected from local club specialties is listed below:

Month in 2014	Club	Entry History							
		2014		2013		2012		2011	
		RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V
January	Cactus State	8	1/0	21	X	10	3	X	X
	Portland	32	11/0	41	9	37	14	X	X
February	Chicago	17	2/0	14	X	20	0/0	19	2/0
	Cactus State	49	11/0	24	5	21	4	21	0
	Gateway	5	0/0	160	36	18	1	18	1
March									
April	Northern California	25	3/0	25	6	20	3	23	7
	Atlanta	X	X	X	X	32	6	32	7
May	Twin Cities	X	X	165	54/4	X	X	X	X
	Metro Cleveland	22	1/0	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Greater Cincinnati	15	3/0	25	5	31	5	20	3
	Centennial	13	5/0	13	3	28	5	35	9
June	Chicago			22	X	18	0/0	18	0/0
	Southern California	57	9/5	46	11/3	74	18/4	56	17
July	Lone Star			28	3/1	78	21	36	7
	Paul Revere			25	5/0	21	4	17	6
	Milshore			9	0/0	14	4	16	3
August	Metro Cleveland			6	0/1	11	3	13	1
	Twin Cities			10	0/0	11	X	21	3
September	Centennial			25	4/0	17	10	X	X
	Michigan			24	8/0	29	2	25	7
October	Northern California			36	6/0	38	11	X	X
	Mount Vernon			26	2/0	21	3	17	4

November	Greater Columbus			14	4/0	X	X	17	4
December	Florida			28	0/0	33	X	X	X

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

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards**  
**Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2014**

**Financials**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>3/29/2014</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>5/31/2014</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Variance Explanation *</u>
Checking	\$51,877.17	\$51,378.83	-\$498.34	Purina Parent Club Partnership check \$963, less AMScope printing for two months including roster \$473, afghans for inventory \$1,358, (\$500 transferred to Trophy account but check has not cleared)
Rescue	\$7,539.77	\$7,540.15	\$.38	interest
Health	\$5,724.00	\$5,724.29	\$.29	interest
Holding	\$14,003.98	\$14,004.69	\$.71	interest
Savings	\$33,921.98	\$33,924.81	\$2.83	interest
PayPal	\$487.74	\$2,244.37	\$1,756.63	PayPal receipts (mdse sales, etc.) not yet transferred to checking account
Trophy	\$6,819.52	\$6,519.86	-\$299.66	Donations of \$200 offset by \$500 Montco trophies deposit to C. Krohn
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,374.16</b>	<b>\$121,337.00</b>	<b>\$962.84</b>	

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

There has been \$1,235 donated for the trophy fund since March 2014.

**Federal Tax Filing:**

IRS Form 990 required for not for profit organizations was filed by the May 15 deadline.

**REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley**

Don was unable to attend the June delegate meeting due to illness, so there is no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Special Committees:**

**-Summer Specialty: Vera Potiker**

The June Specialty of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will be held on June 22, 2014 with Great Western Terrier Association, Inc. in Long Beach, California at the Queen Mary Events Park. The judge for the regular classes is Mrs. Marcia Feld with an entry of 57. The new sweeps judge is Ms. Gloria Kerr from Arizona who has an entry of 15 in Sweepstakes and 6 in Veteran Sweepstakes. She has stewarded our breed at Montgomery and gone to several judge's seminars.

The Board Meeting was held on Friday, June 20, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Regent room on the Queen Mary. No food will be served.

**-Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart**

- a. Correspondence was sent to Bruce Schwartz of the Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) containing a list of 2014 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 2014 AMSC National Specialty-MCKC Show. My thanks go out to our Trophy Committee for getting this info to me.
- b. An email was received from Show Dog Video Pros concerning their requirements for filming our 2014 AMSC Fall Specialty.
- c. A request was sent to Marcy Zingler of the MCKC that their organization supply 2 ring stewards, at no charge, for Miniature Schnauzer breed judging at the 2014 AMSC National Specialty -MCKC show.
- d. A letter was received from Carol Carlson, show chair of the 2014 Montgomery County Kennel Club show stating that this club will pay \$6.00 for each dog entered in the breed. The MCKC will also provide a pewter plate with their club's medallion on it for our Best of Breed winner at this event.
- e. Correspondence was received from Carol Carlson stating that obedience and rally trophies are to be delivered to the superintendents table by 8 am on the day of the MCKC Show, SUN 5OCT 2014. It stated that Ida Ellen Weinstock will see that the trophies get to the ring. I forwarded this info to Mary Paisley and Barbara Donahue of our trophy committee.
- f. The entry closing date for this show has been changed from FRI 12 SEP 2014 to WED 17 SEP 2014. This change was approved by the AKC.

**-2015 Roving Specialty – Denver, Colorado: Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson**

Plans are in the works for our Roving Specialty in Denver in February. Carla has a block of rooms at the Drury Inn in Denver. We are planning a hospitality event, and are working on coordinating with the Colorado Cluster. This will be a five day weekend, with the Rocky Mountain All Terrier show and sweepstakes on Thursday, and then four all breed shows with our AMSC specialty on Sunday. The Colorado Cluster is excited to have us and is willing to help in anyway. The dates are February 12th through 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be reserved grooming and an indoor show. The show will be in the Stapleton area of Denver.

**-2016 Roving Specialty: John Constantine**

Minipalooza 2016 from March 30 through April 3, no update.

**-2017 Roving Specialty Selection Committee: John Constantine**

Proposed site is the Atlanta Kennel Club Cluster - April 13-16, 2017 at the Georgia State Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia, which is about one hour from the Atlanta airport. AMSC Specialty would be on Sunday, April 16, 2017. Central FL MSC will host the Roving and also have a specialty. We will have a banquet, Judges Education, and a seminar of some type. There are several nice inexpensive hotels in the area that we could use as a Host Hotel. We had a very successful Roving in 2004 with a competing entry of close to 100. Motion was made to support the committee recommendation and was passed unanimously.

**Standing Committees:**

**-AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli** No report.

**-AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss**

We have 330 online members of the AMSC-L Yahoo Group posting, as of 6/6/14, 47,447 messages.

**- Audit: Bonnie Keyes**

In accordance with the AMSC's Financial Policy, dated 11/5/10, I have reviewed all AMSC bank statements for the months of January 1, 2011 – April 30, 2014. I have traced all transfers from one account to another; I have viewed the PayPal account and have traced the transfers of dues, CD purchases and trophy donations into the different checking accounts of the AMSC. I have also, reviewed selected checks and their corresponding invoices. I find nothing to be out of order or questionable.

**-Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms** No report.

**Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger** No report.

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

AMSC Website Breeder Referral System approval will be discussed under Old Business. See the Ethics Committee report.

**-Catalog Advertising for Montgomery County: Gloria Lewis**

No report, other than to ask for more ideas on how to boost participation. Board recommendation was to accept ads as they come and process appropriately.

**-Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms**

No report. A STAND FOR EXAM article was submitted in AMSCope.

**-Constitution & By-Laws: Beth Santure** No report.

**-Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting: Brooke Walker**

The spacious studios at the Homewood Suites are \$129. Having heavy hors d'oeuvres and not a sit down dinner is the plan. There are 50 rooms reserved at the hotel. There will be a "garage sale" at the meeting also. The food that will be available will not be knife and fork type foods. There will be a response required for a head count for the gathering to determine the approximate number of attendees at least 1 week prior to the show. Brooke was able to negotiate the cost for the room rental down to \$100 from \$400 at the host hotel. The contract is in place for the host hotel. The capacity of the room will be checked for meeting capability after the hors d'oeuvres. Motion was made by Carole Weinberger to charge \$15 per head with the remaining costs covered by the AMSC. It was seconded by Kathy Colby and passed unanimously.

**-DVD Sales: Vicki Kubic**

No report. We should eliminate this committee for next year as we are moving to the new company that will be handling all the transactions in the future. Committee will be called upon as needed in the future.

**-Education: Wyoma Clouss**

As reported at the last meeting, we presented AMSC's Judges Ed as part of the Scottsdale AZ judges programs. We also coached judges on using the wicket. AKC is emphasizing correct measuring procedure - every judge applying for a size or weight restricted breed is tested each time they apply. So AKC has supplied us with materials on measuring that need to be added to our PowerPoint and to our packet of materials. At this point, I am not aware of any other presentations planned for 2014. An educational seminar on using a wicket for measuring was completed at GWTA by Lee Herr with the AKC on Saturday, June 21.

**-Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Wyoma Clouss**

Guidance on successful websites emphasizes visual, visual, visual, so we are getting rid of a lot of the verbiage from the old website edited down.

**-Ethics: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson**

The committee supports the idea of an annual submittal of the Breeder Referral application to have breeders reconfirm their participation on the breeder list. Several Board members expressed concerns over removing the wording involving the mandatory spaying/neutering of companion dogs from the Code of Ethics. Because the AMSC is an AKC approved club, the AMSC Code of Ethics must be in compliance with AKC rules.

**BREEDER REFERRAL DOCUMENTATION**

The members of the Ethics Committee met via teleconference on May 18, 2014. Carole Weinberger, Patti Henderson, and Marcia Feld were present. We discussed the wording of the proposed agreement for the Breeder Referral List and agreed unanimously that the Yorkshire Terrier Club’s Preface was adequate to relieve the AMSC of any legal responsibility for puppies obtained from AMSC members on the list. Further, we feel that the members can be asked to sign the Code of Ethics as a condition of inclusion on the Referral List. Any problems reported to the AMSC about puppy purchases from members can then be investigated as a violation of the Code of Ethics and appropriate actions taken. We did, however, upon an examination of the Code of Ethics, find several items that we felt were no longer pertinent, and should be addressed and either eliminated or changed by the Board. The Veterinary Community is finding that early spaying and neutering is not in the best interest of the dog. We are therefore suggesting references to that practice be eliminated or changed in provisions 3 and later 2 of the part referencing registration and sales or Transfer of Ownership. Specifically:

- Provision 3. Sell any puppy or adult having a known hereditary health defect or unsound temperament only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.
  
- Provision 2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract, whereby, the breeder may withhold AKC registration papers until receipt of proof that the puppy has been altered.

We felt that these items should be discussed and agreed on between the parties involved and not be a part of the Code of Ethics. Furthermore, the AKC will not support a breeder withholding papers and suggests that we use the Limited Registration form for this.

Discussion at the Board came to the following actions for the REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP section of the CODE OF ETHICS:

CURRENT LANGUAGE IN CODE OF ETHICS UNDER DISCUSSION AND MOTIONS MADE ON:

**“REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will:

Sell each puppy or adult with a written health guarantee, a three-generation pedigree, a record of immunizations, care and feeding instructions, and registration papers where applicable.

1. Inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
2. Sell any puppy or adult having a known hereditary health defect or unsound temperament only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.

If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.
2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract whereby the breeder may withhold AKC registration papers until receipt of proof that the puppy has been altered.”

Motion 1 by Carole Weinberger and seconded by Kathy Colby – Change the language from “If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.
2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract ~~whereby the breeder may withhold AKC registration papers until receipt of proof that the puppy has been altered~~ between the breeder and the buyer.”

Vote was 10 ayes, 1 no, 1 abstention, Motion passed by majority vote.

Motion 2 by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Carole Weinberger – Remove language from “Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will: 3. Sell any puppy or adult having a known hereditary health defect ~~or unsound temperament~~ only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.” Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion 3 by Carma Ewer and seconded by Vicki Kubic – Add clarifying language to “Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will: 3. Sell any **companion** puppy or **companion** adult having a known hereditary health defect ~~or unsound temperament~~ only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.” Motion passed unanimously.

### **APPLICATION FOR REFERRAL LISTING IN AMSC WEBPAGE**

"As an AMSC Member, you are expected to abide by our AMSC Code of Ethics when dealing with each other and with the public, and you are expected to provide factual information about Miniature Schnauzers. Any Miniature Schnauzer placed or sold is expected to be clean, free of parasites, healthy, well socialized, and honestly represented which includes any relevant health risk. You are expected to be honest and competent in services such as grooming or training that you provide. Any complaints against you or the services that you provide related to this Referral listing will be investigated by the Ethics Committee, and negative findings may result in your listing being revoked."

This language would be followed by the revised Code of Ethics and the following sign off language:  
 “I agree to the foregoing. Signed..... Dated.....”

Breeder Referral application will be required to be renewed annually. All AMSC members will be asked reconfirm their support of the revised Code of Ethics. Those who do not acknowledge the application and return it completed may be removed from the club and will be removed from the breeder referral listing. All submittals will be sent to the Ethics Committee. The logistics of the reconfirmation of non breeder members and the annual application for breeders will be worked out in the future.

**-Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe** No report.

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

No report. However, we would like to request Board approval for a proposed seminar at Montgomery on Thursday for Dr. Giger to address the membership (re: his research on MAC) at an estimated cost of \$1,500. The Board discussed the request for funding. Getting a location as this late date may be a problem. His email response concerning the MAC update was that it was all quiet and no new cases. No action was taken by the Board.

**-Historian and Policy Records: Richard** No report.

**-Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech** No report.

**- Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic** No report.

**-Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Kennalea Pratt, Laurie Moore, Diana Coville, Marilyn Oxandale**

A reminder to all local clubs: PLEASE submit your newsletters to the committee before year end for review.

**-Nominating Committee: Carla Nickerson**

We, the Committee, consisting of Patty Ledgerwood, Jackie Ebersbach, Carol Weinberger, Stella Van Cleave and Carla Nickerson, have nominated and elected AMSC Officers and Board Members. They are as follows:

**Officers:**

- Wyoma Clouss – President
- Kathy Colby – Vice President
- Carol Hafner – Secretary
- Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer
- Don Farley (was elected last year for a 2 year term)

**Board Members:**

- Laurie Moore
- Amy Gordon
- Brian Bogart
- Rich Edwards

All the above have accepted their nominations. We had to replace two of our original committee members, Bonnie Keyes and Eunice Revsbech. Eunice was unable to serve on the committee. It was not known by the committee that Bonnie could serve on the committee even though she was running for Treasurer. This all happened at the very last minute to the deadline but we felt that we had a very good list of nominees to vote on. For future reference, a member can be nominated for an officer position and can still serve on the Nomination Committee.

Motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendations by Carla Nickerson and seconded by Carma Ewer. The motion passed unanimously. The guidelines for the Nominating Committee will be updated by Carla Nickerson, Patty and Mack Ledgerwood and submitted to the Board for review and approval.

**-Policy: Jinx Gunville** No report.

**-Public Awareness: Vicki Kubic, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Brooke Walker** No report.

**- Publications and Literature: Patricia O’Brien**

Inventory:

- Grooming charts 85
- Illustrated Standards 305
- CD 14
- So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3
- So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income:

- Grooming Charts \$96
- Illustrated Standards \$16
- CD \$45

**Total Income \$ 157**

Expenses:

- Postage \$ 44.89
- Grooming Charts7@\$2 \$14
- Illustrated Standards2@\$2.40 \$ 4.80

**Total Expenses \$ 63.69**

**Profit \$ 93.31**

PRICING STRUCTURE RECOMMENDATION: Publications committee suggested new prices for new website. Please note we have not increased prices in the past 5 years to offset the numerous postal rate increases. In particular the cost of shipping overseas (including Canada and Mexico) has almost doubled.

USA: Grooming Chart \$ 14.00 (a \$ 1 increase)  
Illustrated Standard \$ 12.00 ( a \$ 1 increase)  
CD \$ 20.00 (no change)

Foreign (including Canada and Mexico): Grooming Chart \$ 23( a \$5 increase)  
Illustrated Standard \$ 20 (a \$ 5 increase)  
CD \$ 25(no change)

Motion was made by John Constantine to accept her report and recommendations and was seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe**

There are about 15-20 e-mails a month about surrendering dogs and about twice that many from people who want to adopt. All are referred to the closest associated group.

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

- a. The Trophy Committee has added a new Best of Breed trophy for MCKC, GWTA and the Roving Specialty. This trophy is in addition to receiving the large bronze BOB medallion. The Trophy Committee believes it appropriate to acknowledge the BOB Miniature Schnauzer with a trophy comparable to other "Best of/in" acknowledgements.
- b. The trophy committee has finalized on 2014-2015 trophies and ribbons for Conformation and Companion Events (agility, obedience and rally obedience) held in conjunction with MCKC, GWTA, and the Roving. An effort was made to provide attractive trophies and ribbons/rosettes while utilizing items already purchased by AMSC.
- c. Trophy donation plea letters have/will be sent to all AMSC members via e-mail and USPS in May/June. The committee thanks Carla Borelli and Sharon Edwards for their assistance. We ask that every member consider providing a small donation to help our club acknowledge our wonderful dogs, handlers, and breeders.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Update of Trophy Committee plans – The committee needs to develop a financial plan to meet the needs for future trophies as funding continues to decrease. There will be past expenses for trophies per specialty put on the Board list. The cost of the trophies is not being completely covered by donations. Various sources of funding will be explored by the committee as well as a restructuring of the number and type of trophies given for future specialties.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Stephanie Davis-Rae**

**Susan Quinn**

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Sponsors: Beth Santure, Diane Gardner

**Susan** currently owns two Miniature Schnauzers. She is not a breeder. She has been involved in conformation for two years, agility for sixteen years and obedience for eighteen years. Susan attends approximately 25 events per year. She belongs and has served as President of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan. She has also served as Vice President, Education Chairman and Board Member. Susan is interested in Obedience and Agility. She enjoys competing in Obedience and Agility with her Mini's and states that she's also competed in Lure Coursing and earthdog events. Susan says that she's recently begun showing her youngest Mini in conformation and that she looks forward to learning from other members.

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**Brian** had his first Miniature Schnauzer 22 years ago and has been breeding for the past 8 years. He also owns a Giant Schnauzer. He is a breeder and has had five litters in the last five years. His stud dog has been used 5 times. Brian has been involved in conformation for 22 years; breeding for 8 years and obedience for 2 years (Brian bred GSP and Shelties since 1993, but now just breeds Mini's. In the past year, they have not attended many events as they have had two litters and stayed home to raise them. In the past, they have attended shows each month, if not more per month. Brian and Colin belong to the Canadian Kennel Club, the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada. Brian is past President and has been Show Chair for the Comox Valley Kennel Club from 2002-2007. Brian is a business owner and Colin is an RN. They are interested in Newsletter, Electronic Media, Legislative Issues, Awards/Trophies, Education, Ethics and Health. They enjoy spending free time with their dogs and travelling to shows together. They have decided that they want to spend more time in the States showing their dogs in the future and wish to be members of the AMSC. Brian has been a club president for 8 years as well as a show chair and will also be starting the process to get his judges license. Colin is a hard worker who is always willing to help even over distance. They believe these skills would be helpful to the AMSC.

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**Michael** has owned many Miniature Schnauzers over the years, too many years to list, he says. He is a breeder and has had ten litters in the last five years. He has been involved in conformation for 69 years and Judging for 15 years. He has gone to approximately six events in the past year due to ill health. Michael belongs to Dogs Queensland, he is a life member of the UK Kennel Club (69 years), he is a past President of Schnauzer Club N.S.W, and past President of Schnauzer Club Queensland. Michael is retired and is interested in Newsletter, Education and Health. He has shown and bred dogs since the age of 7 - Miniature Schnauzers since 1960 in UK - since 1966 in Australia.

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**Christopher** has four Miniature Schnauzers. He is not a breeder. He is involved in agility and attends approximately seven events per year. He belongs to Calcasieu Kennel Club of Lake Charles, LA. Charles works as a financial advisor for New York Life. He says he is very active with his dogs and training them for agility. He enjoys training, raising and grooming them to perfection. He is a self employed father of two boys who will eventually handle his dogs with him.

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**Mary** has two dogs. She is not a breeder. She has participated in conformation for 25 years, breeding 20 (she no longer breeds, she used to breed Newfoundlands, obedience 6 years and agility 4 years. Mary attends approximately 50+ events per year. She does not belong to any clubs at this time, but she used to be a member of the Newfoundland Club of America for 20 years. Mary is a retired Clinical Psychologist. She is interested in Newsletter, Education, Obedience, Agility and Health. Mary says she has time available and is willing to support others and work in the background.

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**Leslie** has had Miniature Schnauzers for 37 years. She presently has 6 Mini's and one Saint Bernard. She is a breeder and is involved in conformation, agility, obedience and breeding. Leslie attends approximately 20 events per year. She does not belong to any other clubs at this time. As stated above, Leslie began with the breed 37 years ago, purchasing a breeding pair from George Jacobus 5 years ago and have since enjoyed rally and agility competitions. Shawn Imler is currently showing a bitch that Leslie co-owns with Debi Durst. Leslie is employed as a riding instructor and her interests with the club lie in education, obedience, agility, ethics and health.

Motion was made by John Constantine to accept the applications of the new members and seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

-**Wickets for the AMSC** – The club should order a wicket and have it at each specialty, so there will be no delay in judging when an exhibitor or judge calls for the wicket. Tabled until next conference call.

-**Associate Membership** – Item tabled from last meeting. The proposal for consideration would be for minimum criteria for voting members of the club. Associate membership would have criteria that would need to be met before an individual would become a regular member of the club. Associate members would not have voting privileges until the criteria have been met and would protect our breed standard that may not understand our breed. It would be a new class of membership and will not affect current members of the club. Examples of criteria are they have gone through an educational seminar on our

breed, they own a miniature schnauzer, they have been involved with miniature schnauzers for a minimum amount of time, have attended specialties, etc. John Constantine will head up a committee to work on the future objective criteria for associate membership.

**-AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards nomination(s)** – The following nominations will be made for Conformation (Jinx Gunville), Companion Events (Sonny Lelle) and Performance Events (Lynn Muramaru).

**-Makeup of AMSC Board discussion**

Eight of our 22 Board members will not have attended either of our face to face meetings. Their only option for attendance would be if we decide to have a regular face to face Board meeting at Montgomery instead of a phone conference in September, and if those eight would attend.

With 2 Face to Face (AZ, GW) and 2 phone calls (Nov & Apr) --

We have eight Board members who will have attended 2 Face to Face, 2 phone calls; four who will have attended 2 Face to Face, 1 phone call; two who will have attended 1 Face, 2 phone; five who will have attended 0 Face, 2 phone; one who will have attended 0 Face, 1.33 phone; two who will have attended 0 Face to Face, 1 phone. According to the schedule we approved, there are two more phone calls on August 13, 2014, Wednesday and September 17, 2014, Wednesday prior to Montgomery County. At least on the surface, it appears that participating as a Board member may be too difficult for some. It appears we need to at least consider options. Since there will not be a face-to-face meeting at Montgomery County, a letter will be sent to each person who did not attend a face-to-face meeting asking them if they still wish to participate on the Board in 2015.

With the advent of mass communications methods, the need for so many Board members has been reduced. There is the concern that reduction of Board size will force more work on fewer members. There is a term limit for Board members that come off and they cannot serve back to back terms. There was no response to the Nominating Committee to the request for volunteer Board members on the list and in AMSCOPE. Research on other clubs' Board sizes showed that our board size is large. There is a misunderstanding that Board members do not need to attend a face-to-face meeting during the year because there are phone conferences; this is a misunderstanding. Two year terms with two Board members would equate to 8 Board members plus 4 officers and the quorum would be 7. The AKC delegate does not have voting rights in many other clubs. This position could be ex-officio. An Advisory Committee could be developed to support the Board's needs for information and advice and would not have voting rights. This would keep our knowledge base active and involved. Some advisory committees can be built as needed. There will need to be a rewrite of our by-laws. Current Board members do not have to quit and may opt to move to the Advisory Committee. Motion was made to change the terms of the Governors for 2 governors each year for 2 years and removal of the AKC delegate as a voting member of the Board and move them to ex-officio status by John Constantine and seconded by Nita Ainsworth. Motion was passed unanimously. A committee will work on the by-laws for review and approval by the Board and for membership approval of by-law changes prior to submittal to the AKC. John Constantine and Carma Ewer will be on the committee to work on the by-laws.

**-In-person meeting at Montgomery County** – There will NOT be an in-person meeting at Montgomery County, just the short annual meeting to set meeting dates for 2015.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Wyoma called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM PST. Motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Brooke Walker.

**Next Board Meeting Wednesday, August 13, 2014 by teleconference**