

**Minutes – August 13, 2014
AMSC Board Meeting**

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 9:05 PM EST via conference call.

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

Board Members Present: Penny Hirstein, Juanita Ainsworth, Patty Ledgerwood, Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson, Cindy Molieri, Patricia O’Brien, Brooke Walker, Patti Henderson, Kaye Kirk, Margo Klingler, Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich, Beth Santure, Lisa Sarvas, and Carole Weinberger

Local Club Delegate Present: Laurie Moore, Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club

Adoption of the Agenda: John Constantine made a motion that the agenda be approved. Motion passed by consensus.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meetings: Minutes stand as submitted to the Board.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Wyoma Clouss

Wyoma has been keeping the Board informed through the list and issues of concern will be covered during the teleconference.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Correspondence (Received):

1. AKC
 - a. Eukanuba Meet the Breeds booth application and electricity requests
 - b. Eukanuba club sponsored medallions
 - c. Closed out events for processed Long Beach designated specialty and sweepstakes events
 - d. Updated show manual available from AKC
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Public inquires on where to find puppies (4)
 - b. Request for rescue requirements to be qualified to list on AMSC website as a recognized rescue organization

Correspondence (Sent):

Emailed Lifetime Achievement Awards selections to AKC, confirmed receipt of nominations

Membership:

As of 08/13/14 our membership totaled 462 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 29 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and 5 new membership applicants (3 regular, 2 foreign), for a total of 537.

Local MS Clubs:

1. There are presently 18 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.
2. Reminders to all Local MS Club Delegates to please have their show chairman forward a marked catalog to the AMSC Secretary following their show. Or email, to the AMSC Secretary, a link with your show results from the Superintendent’s website. That information allows us to track the data shown below.

Month in	Club	Entry History
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2014		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	X	X	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	Gateway (Schnauzerpalooza)	X	X	160	36	X	X	X	X
	Twin Cities (Schnauzerpalooza)	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	19	2/0	22	X	18	0/0	18	0/0
	Southern California	57	9/5	46	11/3	74	18/4	56	17
		57	15/4	46	14/4				
July	Lone Star	14	0/1	28	3/1	78	21	36	7
	Paul Revere	18	2/0	25	5/0	21	4	17	6
	Milshore	17	4/0	9	0/0	14	4	16	3
August	Metro Cleveland	X	X	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

AMSC Long Beach Specialty:

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association shows in Long Beach, California, on Sunday, June 22, 2014. Gloria Kerr judged 18 Sweepstakes entries. Marcia Feld judged 49 regular class entries. The 2014 AMSC Specialty in Long Beach compares with 2013 as follows:

	2014	2013	UP OR DOWN
REGULAR CLASSES			
Total Entry	57	45	+12
Competing	49	37	+12
SWEEPSTAKES			
Total Entry	14	11	+3
Competing	12	8	+4
VETERANS			
Total Entry	6	5	+1
Competing	6	4	+2

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards

August 1, 2014

- Net change in cash balance since last report (May 31, 2014) was an increase of \$501. Balance of all accounts was \$121,838 on August 1, 2014
- Deposits - \$1,034 merchandise sales at Great Western, trophy donations \$2,420, TOTAL \$3,454
- Expenses: (material expenses only, thus deposits less expenses does not equal net change)

Trophies:

Deposit for Montgomery trophies	\$500
Final Payment Great Western trophies	\$474
Shipping related to trophies	\$138
TOTAL trophy	\$1,112
Shipping/postage:	\$174

Great Western:

Judge's expenses and fee	\$1,132
Sweeps judge's gift	\$100
TOTAL Great Western	\$1,232

Annual premium liability insurance \$330

Unlisted small expenses \$281

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,129

Trophy donations this trophy year (beginning March 1) total \$3,120 as of August 6, 2014. Trophy account balance is \$6,900. Sharon is recommending that the AMSC develop an Investment Policy Strategy (how we want money invested). Sharon Edwards will draft up a document and send to the Board for discussion on the September teleconference. John Constantine requested a separate account for Minipalooza that will be in 2016. The account will be setup after Montgomery County in October.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley

As a cost-cutting measure, AKC is no longer mailing any documents to Delegates for our Meetings. EVERYTHING must now be accessed electronically on the Delegates Portal for all Delegate Meetings. At the September meeting, there are no proposed rule changes or amendments pending, so we will not be voting on anything. One rule change for Retriever Trials will be read, to be voted on in December. The remainder of the meeting will be the standard AKC departmental reports, with the exception of the Delegate body electing self-nominated Delegates to fill the vacancies on the Delegate Standing Committees to replace members whose terms are expiring.

The Parent Club Committee Agenda is:

1. Parent Club Delegate List
2. Parent Club Conference List
3. Dock and Crop (no further information given to AKC delegates)
4. Parent Club of Excellence Project
5. CGC Title Numbers
6. E-Balloting/online elections
7. Trailer Task Force Project
8. Event Operations changes affecting Parent Clubs
9. Meet The Breed Booth in NYC with Westminster Kennel Club in February 2015
10. Problems with AKC Breed Classifieds from a Parent Club perspective – A problem with AMSC member name listed adjacent to miniature schnauzer sales in AKC Breed Classifieds for non-AMSC members. The placement of the classifieds on the website gives the perception that the AMSC is supporting all miniature schnauzer breed sales regardless if dogs are being bred to the breed standard.

Members would be listed first in the classified over non-AMSC listings. **Breeders should give consideration of placing a classified advertisement with the AKC.**

11. New AKC initiatives re: a program to recognize and support all breeders who perform health testing recommended by the breed's Parent Club
12. Project to start a Parent Club Rescue Alliance List/Group
13. Thoughts re: Parent Club Public Education Group with a legislative component
14. Assemble best practices on recruiting membership into various types of AKC clubs/events

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Trophy Committee financial plan: There was a discussion on funding and types of trophies for future specialties. The Trophy Committee will continue to review options. Item will be discussed again on September teleconference.
- Wickets for the AMSC: There was a discussion on purchasing a wicket for AMSC and concluded with no action to purchase. Luana Nedich made a motion to purchase a wicket for the AMSC and Carole Weinberger seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with a vote of 5-Aye to 17-No. Motion did not pass.
- Future Criteria for Associate Membership: Draft language for Board consideration was submitted by John Constantine. He will add info on Associates that can qualify for Regular membership and will add the ability for Associate Members to be able to serve on committees. Next draft will be discussed on September teleconference.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: The following applicants were unanimously approved by the Board.

Alfredo Santiago Cedeno

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Sponsors: Nita Ainsworth, Vicki Stephens

Alfredo owns and is a breeder of Miniature Schnauzers and has bred 6 litters in the past 5 years. He is involved in conformation. He participates in approximately 4 events in Puerto Rico and 3 in the United States per year. Alfredo belongs to the Carible Kennel Club in Guaynabo Puerto Rico and Federacion Cano File de Puerto Rico, Riv Piedres, P.R. He works in Information Systems. Alfredo is interested in Rescue, Awards/Trophies, Membership, Obedience, Agility and Health. Alfredo and his wife spend a lot of time with their dogs.

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Sponsors: Rene Wigen, Stephanie Davis Rae

Mira has Miniature Schnauzers and has bred two litters in the past five years. She has been involved in conformation for 17 years and breeding for 11. Mira attends approximately 10-15 shows/events per year. She belongs to the Finnish Miniature Schnauzer Club (member of breeding commission) and the Finnish Kennel Club. Mira is employed as Secretary of income support. She is interested in health. Her

family consists of a boyfriend and 6 Miniature Schnauzers. She has had Mini's since 1998. The FCI granted her kennel name in 2001. Mira's first litter was born in 2013. Her dogs have titles from many countries and two have been top show dogs in Finland.

Melissa Gunlock

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Sponsors: Geraldine Kelly, Robert Boyer

Melissa has a Miniature Schnauzer, Kelly's Legacy's Poetry in Motion that she has owned for 2 1/2 years. She is not a breeder. She is involved in conformation and attends around 25-30 shows per year. She is a retired realtor. Melissa is interested in Membership. In previous years she has shown Dobermans and Arabian horses. Melissa has skills in advertising that could be helpful to our club.

Deb Bartkowrak

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Sponsors: Sandra Hartfiel, Lynn Tamms

Deb has three Miniature Schnauzers. She is not a breeder. She is involved in agility and attends approximately 24-30 events per year. Deb belongs to the Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin. She is employed as a Business Analyst. Deb is interested in Agility and health. She has been competing in agility for 8 years. Her dog Harley has MACH 11 and has been to the AKC invitational twice. Reggie has 5 MACH titles and has been to the AKC invitational once.

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Sponsors: Joan Huber, Florence Wallace

Kelly has had Miniature Schnauzer for 8 years. She is a breeder and has had a total of 15 litters that includes breeding her bitches to outside studs and 1 stud service provided to someone else. Kelly has been breeding for 8 years, doing conformation for 2 years and obedience for one year. She belongs to Licking River Kennel Club, Newark, OH and is applying to Greater Columbus Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is employed as an Auctioneer/Realtor. Kelly is interested in Newsletter, Legislative issues, Education, Ethics and Health. Kelly says she started with pet Schnauzers and wanted the quality of show dogs. She currently has 1 AKC champion with one about to start showing. She is hoping to purchase another to show next year. She also wants to do obedience/rally and possibly agility.

DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, THE CONFERENCE CALL WAS TERMINATED. REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HEARD NEXT MONTH.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:40 p.m. EST

Next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 via teleconference.