



American Miniature Schnauzer Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2018 8 PM EST

Location: Teleconference

Officers and Board members in Attendance:

President – Carole Weinberger

Vice President – Patti Henderson

Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes

Secretary – Carma Ewer

AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Board Members: Brian Bogart, Carol Meitzler, Amy Gordon, Laurie Moore, Gale Schnetzer, Dr. Rod Hartshorn, Donna Hill, Marie Murphy, Vicki Kubic, Patricia O’Brien, Beth Santure, Shirley Frye, Shawne Imler, Stella Van Cleave

Committee members, local club delegates, and visitors: Robin Orht, Debbie Hoy

Carole called the meeting to order at 8 PM. She read the Board Policy set June 17, 1983 “Voting Procedure at Board Meetings.” There were no additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Patti and 2nd by Amy to adopt the agenda.

Minutes from the June Teleconference were approved.

Report of the President – Carole Weinberger

1. Our club has had an invitation from Morris and Essex Kennel Club to support the classes for Miniature Schnauzers at their show in 2020.
2. It will soon be time for Carole to begin working on committees for next year. Carole asked that **any club member** who would be interested in volunteering for a committee please contact Carole. The only committee not needing members would be the Health Committee. Vicki Kubic suggested a “call to action” for volunteers on the AMSC – L.
3. Our Designated Health Foundation Account has a total of \$55,710.66.
4. The Southern Florida club is asking for volunteers to help them with “Meet the Breeds” in Orlando. This is a huge undertaking, and anyone willing to sit for a few hours with their schnauzer to answer questions would be appreciated.

Report of the Secretary –

As of 7/31/18 our membership totaled 382 Regular, 4 Life, 29 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 28 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) for a total of 443. We have 3 new members to vote on, 2 regular and 1 Foreign without voting privileges.

There are presently 17 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows. The Secretary's report was approved.

Report of the Treasurer - Bonnie provided the board with copies of a Financial Statement for the first seven months ending July 31, 2018. The club received \$936.85 from the Purina Breeders program.

Bonnie also informed the board that she is still awaiting the audit report. The Auditor is on vacation. The Treasurer's report was approved.

AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue –

1. Special committee:

a. Peter Piusz has obtained and said he sent the AKC list of D/C breed contacts, but he is having email provider challenges (work and personal) and I have not yet obtained the list. I'll draft a letter for Carole and Patti to review/edit to be distributed to those parent club presidents, secretary's and delegates as we strive to create a collective of like minded people to take action to maintain our rights to dock and crop.

b. On July 3rd Patti asked that I take the lead on the Special Committee/ Dock Crop Committee. I'd appreciate assurances that as the committee lead, I'd have flexibility to add non-Board members. Since this committee is interacting with other parent club members, it needs to be a committee with responsive and engaged participants.

Delegates report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Special Committees:

2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, GA : Amy Gordon - Amy reported that as of yet they have not received a check from the sponsoring clubs but she is working on this.

2018 Summer Specialty - Tania Kidd. Patricia O'Brien and Carma Ewer reported that all went very well with the specialty. The grounds and weather were beautiful and Great Western Terrier association and the Southern California Club did an excellent job hosting.

2018 Montgomery County – Hospitality – Barbara Donahue – Luana may not be able to assist this year with hospitality, but Carole and Jackie Ebersbach have agreed to step in and help. John Constantine will be hosting a judges seminar on Friday night at the host hotel. There will be no board meeting.

2019 Roving Specialty – Schnauza Palooza – Conformation Judges will be David Kirkland, John Constantine, and Lydia Hutchinson. There will be 3 days of OB, Rally, Agility, BH, and Conformation plus the Standard Schnauzer Club will be hosting a Herding Trial for Standard Schnauzers only and there will also be a Farm Dog competition.

Hotel information has been posted on the Schnauza Palooza FB page, and there will also be RV parking and that information will be available soon. There will be 100 RV spots with full hookups for \$50 and additional RV spots with electric only for \$35.

There was discussion about the Top 20 competition and Laurie was asked to send a budget to the board for their approval. There will also be an Agility competition and presentation of the AKC top 5 Miniature Schnauzers in Dog Sports events.

There will also be a raffle. The AMSC and the Standard Schnauzer Club will each offer a prize. Carole asked for approval to purchase an Apple Watch for our contribution. Brian moved and Shirley seconded. The motion approved. Carole will also be contributing one of her handmade quilts for the raffle.

Schnauza Palooza FB Auction – Barbara and Vicki would like to begin a FB auction with one item per week. It will be Open to the public and start as soon as they have enough items to auction. Patti moved and Shawne seconded to give Barbara and Vicki authority to test the out the format and adjust as needed.

Standing Committees:

Companion Events: Robin Ohrt and Debbie Hoy

All Terrier:

This will be the first year that AMSC has sponsored one day of the ALL TERRIER trial (part of Montgomery week. Member Deb Hoy is trial chair and we have Friday to sponsor. The trial closes on Monday: 229 / Tuesday: 224 / Wednesday: 232 / Thursday: 150. The profits are split equally among the sponsoring clubs. Do we want to be part of the rotation in 2020? yes

Schnauzerpalooza:

Lynn Baitinger and I are co chairs for agility. We are still working on committee members and have reached out to several to co-ordinate the Special Event on Saturday night. Things are moving along well Applications are ready to be mailed to President to sign - pending we add a second judge. Waiting to hear from Don Farage on that.

As far as budget goes I would plan on the same numbers that were used for the last Palooza. Hodges and Badges USUALLY has a 10% OFF sale every November thru February. I would like to take advantage of that savings to order ribbons for agility and Showcase event. I would be happy to create a flyer with all the events list in one place for Schnauzerpalooza, if anybody wants that.

TOP 25 Miniature Schnauzers (Invitational Report)

The period for qualifying points ended June 30 and the Top 5 of each breed has been invited to compete at Invitationals in Orlando, Florida on December 14-16, 2018. (I do not know if the medallions have been put in a budget?)

The Top 5 Miniature Schnauzers are: (Please note #1 is a breed Champion!)

1. CH MACH5 Garnet Rock's Seal the Deal /Karin Kinnan & June Glover
2. MACH 7 Rudi Eile Phillips of Praireland / Marjorie Phillips & Celeste Knierim
3. MACH2 Den Schwarzen Wirbel Purely Froggy Feeling / Stacy Bols
4. MACH8 Loneacre's Causing A Commotion / Christina Tracey
5. MACH3 Macs Moonless Crossing / Susan Hady

Education: John Constantine – - There will be a judges education seminar at Montgomery County on Friday evening at the host hotel.

Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Patricia O'Brien, Sheila Marks Anderson

MAC Update

The committee received communication from Dr. Giger on July 13, 2018 regarding submission of his article for publication. The article is currently under revision, and will be resubmitted for publication.

As of August 10, 2018 we have 705 dogs reported as tested and listed on our webpage. To date this year we have added 72 dogs to the list, with more additions pending.

Donor Advised Fund:

2nd Quarter 2018 Statement (1/1/2018-6/30/2018)

1/1/2018 Balance	\$56,483.66
Contributions	\$0.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$936.85
Investment Earnings/(Los ses)	\$290.15
MOU Grant Support	\$0.00
Management Fees	American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.

Research Support*	\$0.00
6/30/2018 Balance	\$57,710.66

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

Received communication from OFA on July 30th containing the latest addition of “The Blue Book-Ocular Disorders Presumed to be Inherited in Purebred Dogs” - 2017 10th edition. The book contains statistics through the end of 2016. The OFA’s website also has a version of the book available and we are adding a link for the book to the members only section of the health pages.

Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley – Richard will be resigning at the end of this year and is asking for a replacement. Anyone interested please contact Carole.

Judges Selection: Carma and Galen Ewer Ballots are coming in and we will do the final tabulations on 8/16/18.

Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic
AKC alerts passed on to membership as they become available

Membership: Jackie submitted information on new applicants Sue Brown, Sumiko Ikeda, and Julie Cooper. Their information was shared with the board.

Nominating Committee: Patti Henderson, Chair
There were no additional nominations for the slate, and the Nominating committee has sent it’s final report to the secretary.

Publications and Literature: Patricia O’Brien
Patricia submitted an inventory of supplies on hand. The Grooming Charts are not yet available on the website to be downloaded electronically, however the committee is working on that.

Trophies: - Amy Gordon and Barbara Donahue
We have decided on who we are using for the trophies for 2019, Palooza.

club member Tatiana Myers. We are working with her on the trophies for conformation for Palooza and Montgomery 2019 and the performance trophies needed for Palooza for Obedience, Rally, Agility and barnhunt.

I am working with the artist for the trophies for this year and she is working on the trophies for Montgomery 2018.

Barbara is handling the trophies for the Montgomery weekend performance trial. We will be giving notecards and such that were overages from other years. Thus saving money and the performance people are most appreciative.

The AMSC is sponsoring one of the days at the Montgomery performance trial. Barbara and I ask that the final proceeds be included in the trophy budget for next year since we will be having a lot of performance trophies due to Palooza. We want to have nice trophies!

Ways And Means: Jackie Harris, Carol Henning, Luana Nedich,

Galen Ewer will be selling merchandise at MCKC. The committee is looking into items for SchnauzaPalooza

24. Website/Social Media – Vicki Kubic

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Encouraging all members to join the referral system that the AMSC website offers. You don't have to be a breeder, you can list for any of the following categories - Puppies/Adults, Grooming, Information, Training, Rescue. It's very important we are available to give interested people the correct information regarding our breed! Forms to be included on the page are available - email VickiKubic@aol.com.

Our AMSC Facebook page was identified by the AKC as being one of the most successful breed pages! We have over 36K followers and the the AKC asked Barbara Donahue if we could submit an article to them regarding how the page was developed, maintained and encouraged so many followers. Vicki Kubic wrote an article that hopefully will be published soon!

Unfinished Business:

Committee for the Summer Western Specialty. Carma, Stella, and Patricia. The committee contacted the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club, Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club, Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California and the Northern California Miniature Schnauzer Club to see if there would be interest in hosting a roving summer specialty. That

way each club would share the burden on a revolving schedule. The Portland club has an upcoming meeting to discuss, the other clubs are excited and interested. Once we know which clubs are on board, we will discuss with John to coordinate with the Roving Specialties and report back to the board on our progress.

Election of New Members: Jacquelyn Ebersbach

Sue Brown, Sumiko Ikeda, and Julie Cooper were presented for membership. They were approved by the board. Welcome to our new members.

New Business

1. The question of the rules governing our Sweepstakes judges was discussed. The current AMSC policy is more stringent than the policy of the AKC. After much discussion, Laurie moved that the AMSC abide by the rules set forth by AKC, and allow Sweepstakes judges to exhibit on the same weekend but not in the puppy class. Stella seconded. The motion passed unanimous.

There was also a discussion of the 6 month Moratorium for regular class judges. Patti moved and Laurie seconded that we change the waiting period for judging miniature schnauzers from 6 months to 4 months. Motion passed unanimous.

2. Morris and Essex 2020 – Donna moved and Gale seconded a motion to support the entry and sponsor trophies. Approved unanimous.

3. There was a lengthy discussion about the size disqualification. Gale moved to form a committee to discuss the height standard of miniature schnauzers. This was seconded by Laurie . After a roll call vote, the motion failed with 10 no votes, 5 yes votes, and 3 abstentions.

4. The board discussed the idea of publishing the agenda to the AMSC list prior to the board meeting. It was decided that instead of publishing the agenda, the date and time of the board meetings would be published on the AMSC List so that members would have a chance to pass along items to a board member to be included in the agenda.

Closed Session:

There was discussion on whether the AMSC – L needed to be moderated. After much discussion no action was taken and the list will continue as it is.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted

Carma Ewer, Secretary

