

## AMSC Board Meeting

### Minutes

August 28, 2019

8:05 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Board Members present:

Carol Weinberger – President  
Patti Henderson – Vice President  
Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer  
Kaye Kirk – Secretary  
Barbara Donahue – AKC Delegate  
Gale Schnetzer  
Marie Murphy  
Vicki Kubic  
Sonny Lelle  
Patricia O'Brien  
Beth Santure  
Shirley Fry  
Stella Van Cleave  
Cathi Rohrer  
Sharon Edwards  
Carma Ewer  
Patty Ledgerwood  
Mary Paisley

Guests present – Sue Ratz, Amy Gordon, Luana Nedich

President Carole Weinberger read the Conference Call Protocol.

**Approval of agenda** – Vicki Kubic suggested that we table the Guidelines presented because there had not been time to review them. Patti Henderson then moved that we table only the Awards and Trophies, those being the two largest. Barbara Donahue seconded. Discussion was that we could discuss and vote on those two on the list.

Vicki Kubic moved to approve the agenda and Patty Ledgerwood seconded. The Agenda was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Patti Henderson moved to approve the Minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2019 and Gale Schnetzer seconded. Minutes were approved.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

**Report of the President** Carole Weinberger

This will be Carole's last m Board meeting as President.

**Treasurer** Bonnie Keyes provided financial reports to the Board members. Sonny Lelle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Barbara Donahue seconded. Report accepted.

**AKC Delegate** – Barbara Donahue - I attended the June, 2019 two day meeting in Newark, NJ. I will not be attending the September meeting due to a planned vacation. I will be attending the December delegate meeting in Orlando and working the Meet The Breeds booth.

Information about scanning the clubs historic records, including pricing, has been provided to the board. Patti Henderson moved to accept the report and Patty Ledgerwood seconded. Report accepted.

Committee Reports –

**AMSC-L** - Vicki Kubic – 283 members. The list has been cleaned up, non-members deleted and is current except for a handful of emails that are still undeliverable. I will continue to work on those.

**AWARDS** - Sue Ratz – Committee has met with the Special Committee that Sonny Lelle is chairing. The 2018 recipients have been determined and awards have been ordered. All recipients will be in attendance, except one and that award will be mailed. Patti Henderson wanted to make sure that the committee would have certificates as well as the awards. Sue said they would.

**Versatility Awards** – Beth Santure reported that the committee is pretty much Lynn Battinger as the chair and Beth. They are currently looking at the awards and are considering changes. They are specifically looking at the Standard Schnauzer, Westie and Papillion clubs' awards for some guidance.

**Companion Events & Performance** - Terrier Trials are taking place in Palmyra, PA. They are talking about adding scentwork in the future..

**Constitution and By Laws** – Chris Levy – Patti gave a report on Chris' behalf. Everything passed other than #45. There are four items that were brought up and Chris believes could be approved by the board, without additional membership vote. The items are:

- 1. Under Article VI section 4 ..... signed by 10 members of the Board This was no change from original but shouldn't it be less than 10 with a smaller board.
2. Under Article VII Section 1b.....(last sentence) .....passed by a majority vote, with a minimum response of 10% of the VOTE ----shouldn't it be membership?
3. Under Article IX, Committees, Section 2 (b) – Under Standing Committees , it states, "No special committee shall be in effect longer than the time required to complete its assigned duties." If it is truly a Standing Committee, it should always be in effect.
4. Date at top should be updated. Vicki Kubic moved to approve, Sonny Lelle seconded. Also, wants permission to submit via the list the cost of

attorney to complete this process. Patti Henderson moved that Chris will be allowed to submit the proposed cost for the attorney in Maryland to the Board for approval when she has it. Shirley Fry seconded it, it was approved.

**Montgomery County** – Barbara Donahue - Several more 2 bedroom suites were secured at the host hotel. Member donations are being committed for the silent auction/garage sale; Thank You to the donors! Reservation information for the Saturday evening Member Reception is available in AMSCope and on the club's member website. The Board approved a \$5 increase to \$20; the club still substantially subsidizes the cost of the reception

**Ethics** – no report, but Carole reported that she has had a complaint about a member in New York state. Patti Henderson moved and Shirley Fry seconded a motion to have Jana King and have AMSCare offer help to member, Carole will contact Jana and also ask about Guidelines. Motion passed with one abstention.

**Guidelines** – Luana Nedich - Everyone needs to remember to complete or update the Guidelines for their committee. Also remember that we need a year end report from each committee.

Submitting new or updated guidelines for

1. AMSC-L Group Committee, 2. Awards-Annual Committee, 3. Local Club Newsletters/Social Media Committee

Coming soon:

1. Judges Selection; 2. Membership; 3. Rescue/AMSCare; 4. Constitution and Bylaws; 5. Companion/Performance (Performance ok-need to incorporate Companion)

Very Old and Outdated:

1. Judges Education (1994); 2. Roving Guidelines

NO GUIDELINES:

1. AMSCestry; 2. Awards-Versatility; 3. Breeder Referral; 4. Catalog Advertising Montgomery; 5. Historian; 6. Ways and Means

GOOD Guidelines:

1. AMSCope; 2. Ethics; 3. Fall Specialty; 4. Guidelines; 5. Health; 6. Legislative Liaison; 7. Montgomery County Hospitality; 8. Nominating Committee; 9. Publication/Literature; 10. Trophies; 11. Website/Social Media

## Health Committee Report- Patti Henderson -

### 1. Research Progress Reports

- Grant 02257 Identification of Genetic Risk Factors for Canine Epilepsy research was able to refine the target variants for further study, 3 risk factors will be validated with other DNA sampling.
- Grant 02323 Efficacy of Cannabidiol(CBD) for treatment of Canine Epilepsy – Staff established and study in progress. A number of presentations have been conducted in 2019 CVMA Big Ideas Symposium, AKC-Sponsored Vetvive Webinar, AzVMA Annual Mtg
- Grant 02355-A Hyperlipidemia in the Miniature Schnauzer: A Combined Metabolomic and Genomic Approach – This research was highly successful. 8 genetic variants were identified as plausible candidates for influence on Miniature Schnauzer hyperlipidemia. In addition, other unique variants were identified that may be important in other breed specific associated health conditions such as pancreatitis. Further work such as whole genome studies are indicated and will be done

### 2. Role of AKC/CHF in Promoting Purposefully Bred Dogs & Crop/Dock

At the last Board meeting it was brought up that any Research funding the AMSC provides should be preferentially given to those universities and researchers who support purebred dogs and cropping and docking practices. Since individual contact with the researchers/Universities is minimal if at all, understanding the role of the AKC/CHF is key. To that end, the Chair approached the AKC/CHF CEO AKC Canine Health Foundation, Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, DACVP to determine the level of their support in this area. Details of the discussion are summarized as follows: The CHF is an independent affiliate of the AKC and funds more canine-exclusive health research than any other non-profit organization in the world. Their mission & emphasis is to find and fund the best scientific research for canine health following a rigorous and competitive scientific review process by experts in the specific field of study– this is done in order to maintain the highest scientific credibility, attract the best researchers and to achieve the mission of human research to benefit dogs. Studies are funded globally -some are associated with veterinary schools and some not. The CHF standards are extremely high and have achieved the highest standing both in the scientific community and non-profit community. This standing has been accomplished through positive approaches in addition to maintenance of the highest standards. CHF works with vet schools to educate faculty and students on the many benefits of purposefully bred dogs and the value of working with dedicated breeders and clubs. These positive connections have been built thru veterinary outreach for theriogenology residency programs (in support of breeders), clinician-scientist fellowships and veterinary student

internships as well as research funding. These impartial and non-partisan positive steps have been the foundation of the CHF influence and has accomplished far more for purebred dogs and breeders than any other method.

### 3. **Research Funding Request:**

Grant 02544 Medical Resolution of GB Mucocele Formation in Dogs Dr Judy Gookin DVM PhD; North Carolina State U; Grant Amount: \$220,333

GB Mucocele formation is diagnosed in older aged (median age 10yo) purebred dogs including Miniature Schnauzers. Mucocele formation is characterized by secretion of abnormally thick mucus by the gallbladder epithelium of dogs that may cause obstruction of the bile duct or rupture of the gallbladder. The disease is increasingly recognized and is associated with a high morbidity and mortality. The cause of gallbladder mucocele formation in dogs is unknown. There is a strong breed predisposition and affected dogs have a high incidence of concurrent endocrinopathy or hyperlipidemia.

. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0191076>

**ACTION:** Health Committee requests \$2500 in support of this research from AMSC Donor Advised funds. Patti Henderson moved that we provide the funding, Sonny Lelle seconded and motion passed.

### 3. **PMDS Report** – Report on findings re recent cluster of PMDS cases was discussed. Recommendations follow..

**ACTION:** Requested permission to post the reported to the AMSC L and to post on the Webpages. As per policy PMDS report will be published only on the member pages. Health Committee requests purchase of 500 (case @ 177.00 plus shipping) Sterile Cheek swabs to provide members who are performing DNA testing. Distribution will be determined. Vicki Kubic made a motion to purchase the swabs and was seconded by Sonny Lelle. Motion passed.

### **AMSC Health Committee Recommendations to Miniature Schnauzer Breeders: PMDS Cluster in Miniature Schnauzers**

The AMSC Health Committee has over the past several months been receiving DNA reports on a cluster of over 21 Miniature Schnauzers (5 distinct lines) which have been found to be either genetic carriers or affecteds for PMDS (Persistent Müllerian Duct Syndrome) a SEX-LIMITED disease that causes hermaphroditism in affected males and reduced sperm counts. It should be noted that females can be carriers and can be homozygous for this mutation. However, as females, this mutation will never be expressed.

The Health Committee is working closely with Dr. Eva Furrow, University of Minnesota, to get additional information since there are big gaps in what we know and understand about this syndrome. We do know that 1 in 4 (maybe as high as 1 in 3) Miniature Schnauzers have one copy of the PMDS gene with the affected rate being 1-3%. Approximately **50%** of the affected males (2 copies of the mutation) have either unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism (undescended testes).

PMDS males with descended testes are fertile however, they frequently have reduced sperm counts. PMDS males with bi-lateral cryptorchidism are sterile and unilateral cryptorchid PMDS males have much reduced fertility. As in other cryptorchid dog, PMDS -affected males commonly develop Sertoli Cell Tumors. Pyometra (infection in the uterus) has been reported in 1 PMDS male.

While we gather more information, we would like to suggest that any male dog being used multiple times for breeding or any breeding **pair** who have produced cryptorchid offspring should all be tested for PMDS. It would be a good idea to test any male with a lower than expected sperm count. The PMDS DNA test is available through the University of Minnesota (<https://vetmed.umn.edu/research/labs/canine-genetics-lab/genetic-testing/persistent-m%C3%BCllerian-duct-syndrome>) for \$65 (2-4 tests \$58/each & 20 or more tests \$50/each). This is a recessive disease and as such no dog, affected or carrier, needs to be removed from the breeding population. An affected or carrier dog can be bred to clear dogs/bitches and clear the PMDS gene from the line in 1 or 2 generations. Please consult with the Health Committee if you have any question about breeding selection and this PMDS gene. Patti Henderson made a motion to publish this to the AMSC-L and to the member's portion of the website, Sonny Lelle seconded and the motion passed. Board wanted to see before it was published on the list. Approved for Release by Board 8/30/19.

**Judge's selection** – Bonnie Keyes -Ballots are in AMSCope, due back by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. There was a discussion regarding the letter sent to potential sweepstakes judges.

**Legislative Liaison** – Vicki Kubic - Legislative alerts and information regarding legislation are posted on the AMSC-L

**Local Club Bulletin/Websites:** Ronnie Smith – Ronnie has sent the list of award winners to the President.

**Publications:** Patricia O'Brien – Inventory as of 8/11/2019:  
Grooming charts 30  
Illustrated Standards 209

CD 6

So, You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3

So, you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income:

Grooming Charts \$ 56.00

Illustrated Standards \$ 24.00

CD \$ 20.00

Total Income \$ 100.00

Expenses:

Postage \$ 7.60

Grooming Charts 4@\$5.50 \$ 2.20

Illustrated Standards 2@\$2.40 \$ 4.80

Total Expenses \$ 34.40

Profit: \$ 65.60

**Trophies** – Barbara Donahue - Updated guidelines have been developed. Tatiana is working on the additional trophies needed for Montgomery. Trophy selection is in process for 2020.

**Membership** – Jacque Ebersbach – Lisa Miller’s application was accepted unanimously.

**Roving Specialty** – John Constantine was on the call and said that the Grayslake shows are five days of shows, one day of specialties and four all breed shows. There are group shows on Saturday. There will be reserved grooming for our group. There are lots of hotels, people can fly into either Chicago or Milwaukee. There was some concern about the grooming area, as people have fallen in the area. The show will be June 17-21, 2021. The Specialty will be the 20<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 Specialty is in Sacramento as part of the Northern California Terrier show. Patti Henderson moved to accept Grayslake as our 2021 Roving Specialty and Cathi Rohrer seconded. Motion Passed

**Website/Social Media** – Vicki Kubic - Our AMSC Facebook page has over 44K followers. Vicki, Jackie and Helen all contribute to the page. Jackie Harris handles our Instagram page. Kate McMillian handles our Twitter page and we encourage AMSC members to join Twitter, Instagram and participate.

AMSC Website – Jackie Harris is now learning the website maintenance and will help Vicki with changes and additions. Patti Henderson moved to accept this, and Barbara Donahue seconded, it passed. It’s now time to change the password for the Members Only section of the website. The new password will be **2020Schnauzer** (case sensitive).

Please make a note of it!!!! Change will take place once the Board gives me a date to initiate. Patti Henderson moved to accept this and Sonny Lelle seconded and the motion was approved.

**Montgomery County Special Committee – Lloyd Constantine-Amodei - Judges** Hotel Reservations made, Gifts for judges are being purchased, Stewards have been secured for specialty

**Crop & Dock Special Committee -**

1. AKC Legislative Conference June 23/24, 2019: seven dogs will be hosted by the AKC. Asked at the Legislative caucus and received confirmation from Sheila Goffe, Director AKC Government Relations, that one of the dogs is cropped/docked (a GCH Boxer owned by Tom Tillis). Offered to have a C/D Miniature Schnauzer participate in the future. This conference includes Monday afternoon meetings with legislators and a Monday evening reception.
2. AKC is staying on top of recent anti dock/crop legislation, of particular note was proposed June legislation in New York.
3. Canine Health Foundation Conference, Aug 9-11 in St. Louis : Ann Bowen, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club Delegate, will be speaking with vet students and I've asked her to be certain to cover C/D. She agreed to do so and requested to be accompanied by an AMSC member that could speak to crop / dock. Dr. Paula Steele of the AMSC Health Committee will be at the conference and agreed to participate with Ann in this session.
4. An email was sent to AKC Government Relations asking that a cropped dog be added to the dog montage at the top of the Legislative Action Center page. No response to date. I suggest posting on AMSC-L asking AMSC members to send an email making this same request; a cut/paste sentence would be provided to make it easy. Donahue will also ask the cropped breed clubs that are engaging in our initiatives to do the same. This is a little thing, but we need cropped dogs to be front and center on AKC.org and especially the government relations site.
5. Sheila Goffe was very pleased that multiple D/C breed clubs agreed to participate and are submitting information to me for the legislative education paper her team will develop. Two more breed representatives approached me about participating in the AKC C/D paper.

**Statistics Special Committee – Patti Henderson –** has replaced Cathi Roher as chair temporarily due to work location changes for Cathi's.

**AKC Conformation report (January – June 2019)** was purchased (\$120) and sent to all members for review and analysis. The report captures all pointed data, i.e, Grand Champion Points, Dogs Defeated and Same Sex Dogs Defeated for every Miniature Schnauzer in every AKC sanctioned conformation event, and could be used for maintaining SS points and potentially other information. Alternatively, the AKC events search capability would need to be used for each event for each dog to provide the same information contained in the AKC report. This latter method, while free, would be arduous and would require a significant amount of time of 1-2 individuals. The AKC report would be the preferred source document for the AMSC statistics on the Breed.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Terrie Houck), seconded (Chris Levy) and unanimously approved to use the AKC Conformation Report as one source document for maintaining AMSC Breed Statistics. The Committee recommends to the Board

starting in January 2019, the AMSC purchase the AKC Breed specific annual report(s) to be maintained and owned by the AMSC for historical, statistical or other purposes. This will ensure that important statistical data will be available long term for any current and potential future use. An Annual AKC Conformation Report is \$120.00. It is further recommended that the AMSC maintain the equivalent AKC Companion Reports for performance members. Marcia Dawson has collected and presented the statistics used in the Performance Issue of Schnauzer Shorts. As part of her effort she has collected and maintains some of the oldest Miniature Schnauzer statistical information on Obedience, Rally and Agility.

**AMSC CENTRAL REPOSITORY** -The Committee felt that it should be the AMSC's responsibility to preserve and maintain Breed statistics, historical and other related information. We have been singularly unique among Breed clubs to have had someone like Dan to maintain the breed specific information for us for decades.

**ACTION:** All reports should be centrally maintained and it is recommended that Jan Taylor who also maintains the NEW CHAMPION report and Stud Book shall be designated to receive all reports and make them available within AKC guidelines as appropriate.

Sonny Lelle moved that we purchase breed specific conformation and performance reports that will cost \$120/report and Shirley Fry seconded, motion passed.

**DATA SECURITY:** Security of information is a significant concern and backup procedures to preserve the integrity of the data is paramount. The Committee recommends (Motioned Chris Levy;2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Henderson) that the AMSC provide a suitable mechanism for securing the data from unforeseen loss, such as Carbonite backup software. Several committee members have experience with this software and is offered at a reasonable cost for basic data file cloud backup.

Sonny Lelle moved to approve Jan Taylor as point person, Shirley Fry seconded, motion passed.

Sonny Lelle moved to approve \$72.00 per year to secure and provide backup for AMSC data and resulting reports, Shirley Fry seconded, motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

- 1.** Membership of A. Garcia – Discussion regarding the application of Ms. Garcia and vote. The application failed 3, -14 with one abstention.
- 2.** Report from the special committee reviewing annual awards process – Sonny Lelle – Committee recommends that there only be one award given per dog, that breeder must be a member of AMSC. If additional owners or breeders want a copy of the award, they will be provided with information about how to order the award. Patti Henderson moved to accept the report, Shirley Fry seconded, report was accepted.
- 3.** Morris & Essex 2020 – Show coordinator – Carma Ewer volunteered to serve in this capacity.
- 4.** AKC/CHF Parent Club Seminars Dr. Paula Steele, Dr. Lisa Sarvis and Dr. Karen Hoffman attended and Patti Henderson will send their report when it has been received.

5. Purchase of wicket – Patti Henderson will purchase the wicket and case

6. Minutes –

Decision is that first draft will be out in three weeks from the meeting, members will have two weeks for comments and then minutes will be updated and draft will be sent for publications in AMSCOpe.

There was a request to publish the agenda to the AMSC-L prior to board meetings, however the discussion was that the agenda is dynamic and everchanging, so it would be difficult to publish to list. Vicki moved that upcoming board conference calls be published to the AMSC-L and inviting members to attend. They need to contact coordinator for information. Patti Henderson seconded. Motion passed.

Carma Ewer volunteered to take Minutes at the Annual Meeting as the secretary will be absent.

### **New Business:**

1. Carma moved that the AMSC-L be moderated, Patty Ledgerwood seconded. Motion failed 4-9 with one abstention.
2. Beth Santure moved that AMSC donate \$500 annually to NAIA, Carma Ewer seconded. Motion passed.
3. Patti Henderson moved to extend blanket application for Specialties for five years, Vicki Kubic seconded. Motion passed.

Patti Henderson moved to adjourn and Pat seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 pm Eastern.