

AMSC Board Meeting

October 2, 2015

Homewood Suites, Valley Forge, PA

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by President Wyoma Clouss

Officers and Board Members present:

President, Wyoma Clouss; Treasurer, Bonnie Keyes; Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger, Kaye Kirk, Luana Nedich, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards, Amy Gordon, Gale Schnetzer

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Carole Weinberger, seconded by Bonnie Keyes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Report of the President:

Election Results: Sharon Edwards is elected our new Vice President.

All other officers and board members are as published.

Rich Edwards will resign tomorrow to have his term filled. There is a standing board rule that spouses will not serve on the board concurrently.

Report of the Secretary:

Correspondence (Received):

1. AKC
  - a. Agility events approval notices for Minipalooza on April 1-3, 2016
  - b. Event pending notice for Unbenched Parent Specialty and Obedience Event to be held Sunday, April 3, 2016 – Host club permission required
  - c. Rally event approval for Minipalooza on April 3, 2016
  - d. Event approval notice for Unbenched Parent Specialty and Obedience to be held on Sunday, April 3, 2015
  - e. Event approval notice for Sweepstake competition on Sunday, April 3, 2016
  - f. Event Not Received notice for Denver on 2/14/16 (Roving will be in Missouri in 2016)
  - g. Event cancelled notice for Denver on 2/14/16
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. Requests for puppy referrals (1–New York)
  - b. Pet safety information links forwarded on to Health Committee for review and recommendation to Board (2 emails)
  - c. Request for registration of merit for breeding bitch
  - d. Received information on possible prizes including tote bags, engraved crystal bowls and ribbons
  - e. Questionnaire from GWTA about 2016 show activities
  - f. Hotel request for future National show site (Spokane, WA)
  - g. Jacqueline Adam's Original Bottle Corks donation request for letter of donation acknowledgement
  - h. Karyn McCoy miscellaneous schnauzer items donation for Minipalooza

Correspondence (Sent):

- a. Informed AKC no show in Denver in 2016
- b. Parent Club Request for Non-Approved Individual to Judge National or Regional Specialty Show submitted for Joan Huber for Montgomery County 2017. This request will be submitted to the October 2015 Judges Review Committee. The applicant will be notified thereafter regarding the decision.

Membership:

As of 10/2/15 our membership totaled 432 Regular, 6 Life, 32 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 30 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and seven new member applicants (7 regular) for a total of **507**. (Corrected to match list used for VP ballot mail out in August 2015)

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.

AMSC National Specialty in Long Beach, CA

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association show in Long Beach, California on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Shawn Imler judged 9 Sweepstakes entries. Judith Smith judged 41 regular class entries. The 2015 AMSC Long Beach Specialty in California compares with 2014 as follows:

<i>REGULAR CLASSES</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>UP OR DOWN</i>
Total Entry	51	57	-6
Competing	41	49	-8
<i>SWEEPSTAKES</i>			
Total Entry	13	14	-1
Competing	9	12	-3
<i>VETERANS</i>			
Total Entry	2	6	-4
Competing	0	6	-6

Report of the Treasurer: Bonnie Keyes

**AMSC Profit and Loss Summary**

(compared to Budget)

January 1, 2015 thru August 31, 2015

	<b>Income 1-1-15 thru 8-31-15</b>	<b>Expense 1-1-1 thru 8-31-15</b>	<b>2015 Budgeted Income</b>	<b>2015 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Notes have to do with Actual Figures NOT Budget</b>
<b>Other Income Items</b>					
Purina Parent Club Program	\$1,156.10		\$900.00		
Other			\$100.00		
<b>General Expenses Items</b>					
AKC Delegate		\$108.45		\$1,750.00	
AKC Entries/annual dues \$25		\$25.00		\$35.00	
AKC Fliers		\$215.34		\$225.00	

Advertising				\$250.00		
All Other/Miscellaneous Expenses	\$7.50	\$79.38		\$700.00	\$7.50 Sale of 1 Membership Pin - General Postage \$79.38	
Bank fees & Interest Income	\$4.37			\$75.00	\$50.00	
Insurance, Dir & Off, Liability		\$333.00			\$1,499.00	Directors/Officers, Liability, Crime
Meet the Breeds NYC				\$300.00	\$750.00	
Meet the Breeds - Eukanuba					\$700.00	
Membership	\$5,434.00			\$16,983.00	\$175.00	502 Members not including 7 New applicants to be voted on
Conference, Reg & Travel		\$829.05			\$2,200.00	\$175.00 NAIA Conference, \$654.05 AKC Parent Club
Dues NAIA		\$250.00				
PayPal Fees		\$204.02		\$20.00	\$500.00	
Health Seminars @ Specialties		\$943.94			\$4,500.00	
Secretary Expenses					\$220.00	
Treasurer Expenses					\$120.00	
President Expenses					\$100.00	
Web site maintenance		\$1,337.49			\$1,110.00	\$188.75 was refunded in September
Officers Election Expense		\$900.05				
Sunshine		\$126.29				
<b>Committee's</b>						
AMSCOPE		\$1,206.78			\$5,010.00	
Awards						
- Local newsletter/website					\$100.00	
- President's / Life time memb					\$75.00	
- Breeder Awards					\$1,000.00	
Health						
-Donations	\$530.00			\$500.00		
- Supplies & Computer Programs		\$240.00			\$2,200.00	
- JRD Study - U of GA		\$150.00			\$300.00	
Judges Education					\$500.00	
Judges Selection					\$225.00	
Membership					\$150.00	
Publications & Literature	\$227.00	\$37.88		\$500.00	\$400.00	
Trophies	\$3,001.00	\$5,247.90		\$3,100.00	\$4,500.00	
Ways & Means						
- Merchandise	\$970.00	\$2,094.63		\$6,000.00	\$3,350.00	Includes \$50 designated as 2015 Trophy Donation
<b>Special Events</b>						
<b>Spring Roving - Denver</b>						
Chair Expenses						
Grooming space	\$330.00	\$60.00				\$60 was Refund of Grooming space

Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$836.81
Judge's Fee / Expenses		\$526.62
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$200.00
Raffle	\$200.00	
Meet & Greet Get Together		
Board Meeting		
Entry %	\$96.00	
<b>Great Western</b>		
Chair Expenses		
Hospitality		692.65
Judge's Fee / Expenses		907.64
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		
Stewards Fee		\$100.00
Meet & Greet Get Together		
Board Meeting Room		743.94
Entry %		
<b>Montgomery</b>		
AKC Event Fee		\$15.00
Chair Expenses		
Catalogue adv/Other Fees		
Meet & Greet Get Together	\$315.00	
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		
Judge's Fee / Expenses		
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		
Raffle/Auction		
Board Meeting Room		
Entry %		
<b>Other Special Events</b>		
Barn Hunt	\$405.00	
Minipalooza 2016		\$650.00
Totals	\$12,675.97	\$19,061.86
Net Profit / Loss)		<u>(\$6,385.89)</u>

	\$300.00	
	\$1,150.00	
	\$200.00	
	\$1,000.00	
	\$100.00	
\$225.00		
	\$300.00	
	\$1,150.00	
	\$200.00	
	\$1,000.00	
	\$100.00	
\$270.00		No information received for 2015 show re: income/expense from host club.
	\$56.00	
	\$1,000.00	
	\$300.00	
	\$1,150.00	
	\$200.00	
\$734.00		
	\$471.00	
\$475.00		
	\$1,500.00	
\$30,182.00	\$42,871.00	
	<u>(\$12,689.00)</u>	

	<b>Beginning Balance 1/1/2015</b>	<b>Ending Balance 8/31/2015</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Checking	\$102,509.91	\$46,341.85	-\$56,168.06
Trophy	\$7,435.36	\$5,582.99	-\$1,852.37
Health	\$4,924.36	\$4,554.60	-\$369.76
Rescue	\$7,540.81	\$7,541.31	\$0.50
Savings	\$0.00	\$52,003.15	\$52,003.15
PayPal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$122,410.44</u>	<u>\$116,023.90</u>	<u>-\$6,386.54</u>

All monies are transferred out monthly

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

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Special Committees:**

**1. 2015 Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart –**

- A phone call was placed to both our regular class and sweepstakes judges offering my help in arraigning hotel reservations or transportation to the show sight for our 2015 event. In addition, an invitation was extended to these judges and their guest to attend our Annual Dinner, complements of the AMSC.
- I contacted Nita Ainsworth, AMSC Trophy Committee Chair, for a list of the current Trophy Standard Bearers. These names were sent to Bruce Schwartz for inclusion into the 2015 MCKC Show Catalog.
- Proofs for the 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty- Montgomery County Kennel Club show premium and show catalog were received and carefully reviewed by myself. Corrected copies were returned to Bruce Schwartz.
- Two current AKC judges have volunteered to ring steward at this event. They are Valerie Dombrowski and Nancy Liebes. Their names were submitted to the MCKC Show Chair for publication in the judging schedule. My thanks go out to John Constantine and Wyoma Clouss for helping secure both of these ladies.
- A gift was obtained for our 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty Sweepstakes Judge in the form of a \$100 gift certificate towards artwork by Catherine McMillan.
- Requested the MCKC provide 4 tables to be used for trophies, hospitality and AMSC merchandise at the show.
- I contacted Amy Gordon, our 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty- Montgomery County Kennel Club Advertising Chair concerning the number of ad request. She indicated that the response was unprecedented. Well Done Amy!! There will be 17 pages of ads.
- Emailed the “Code of Ethics for Specialty Shows and/or Shows which Sweepstakes Classes are Held” to Mrs. Sharon Edwards our 2015 Sweepstakes Judge.
- An email was sent to Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, Memorial Service Committee Chair for the Montgomery County Kennel Club Show requesting that the names of our newly departed members

be read at this service. The memories of Laurese Katen, Barbara Mazgail, Jerry Reidy, Barbara Schulenburg, Beverly Verna and Joan Williams will be remembered. I posted an announcement with the details of the service on the AMSC Yahoo List. A notification will also be published in the October 2015 issue of AMSCOPE.

- I received an email from future AMSC President Carole Weinberger asking if I would like to chair this committee in 2016. I declined stating that after 12 years chairing the AMSC Specialty-Montgomery County Kennel Club Show Committee, it was time to pass this talisman to someone new.

## **2. 2016 National Roving Specialty - Minipalooza: John Constantine**

Updated information will be available in December 2015.

## **3. 2016 National Summer Specialty – Long Beach, California - Vera Potiker**

There is a GWTA meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Updated information will be forthcoming.

## **4. 2017 Roving Specialty Selection Committee: John Constantine - No report received**

### ***B. Standing Committees:***

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

2. **AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Kennelea Pratt, Don Farley, Vicki Kubic**

The total count of messages on the list stands at 51,745 and your AMSC-L moderators have little to do these days except occasionally remind people to sign their posts. We actually do very little moderating anymore, as it has not been needed. We prefer it that way!

### **3. Audit: Bonnie Keyes**

The audit committee will have nothing until the end of the year when the audit will be completed. The auditors name is: Squires Tax & Accounting Service, Barbara Squires.

### **4. Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms**

The awards have been ordered and sent to Bonnie Keyes for presentation at the Board meeting by Brooke Walker.

### **Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger**

For 2015, to date, the AMSC has awarded two Versatility Awards. This brings our grand total to 40 since 2004, the year this Award initiated! Congratulations go to these wonderful dogs and their trainers!

SOUTHCROSS DOUBLE FEATURE,  
CDX BN GN RN NA NAJ SE RATO CGC

Violet is owned by Christine Carter  
She was bred by Sonny Shanks Lelle & Richard Lelle

GCH ABACUS PROFIT MARGIN,  
RN OA AXJ OF CGC

Emmy is owned by Linda Wahlquist-Soos  
She was bred by Linda Wahlquist-Soos

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

No formal report. Inquiries continue to come through the AMSC website.

## **6. Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms** No report received

**7. Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy:**

We had no more than voted to approve going ahead with discussed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws before there were amendments offered on term limits and even objections to reducing the number of Board Members at all. Wyoma has talked to Carole and asked her as our new President to take over the issue to determine whether the next Board wants to proceed or not, and if so, how.

**8. Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting: Brooke Walker and Kathy Colby** No report received

**9. Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine** - No report received

**10. Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Vicki Kubic**

The website continues to expand. We've added a Results section and are expanding the About Miniature Schnauzers to include a History section. . It would be great if our members would send me their show win photos from our Specialties to add to the Results page! Our largest number of hits is on our Referral pages at approximately 46K followed by our Interactive map at about 26K hits. All About Mini Schnauzers 15K, Pet Grooming received 12K hits, Members Log-In page almost 10K, General Health 9K, Photo Gallery of Colors, Activities, Regional Clubs, Breed Standard and Rescue all received about 8K hits.

**11. Ethics: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson** - No report.

**12. Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe**

The Guidelines Committee has collected what we believe to be the current versions of each of the committee's guidelines that are available. As soon as the committee chairs are named for the upcoming year, we will be sending these documents to the chairs for review and updating. We would like the chairs to share these documents with their committee members, review and update as needed, then return the updates or reviewed approvals to the guidelines committee by January 1, 2016. We will work to develop a standard format and a review schedule. We will work with the committee chairs as needed. We would appreciate the board's support as we work to ensure that all committee guidelines and the process for reviewing and updating them are developed so that an accurate record is maintained for the organization.

The following committee guidelines were reviewed and voted on by the Board

Trophy Committee  
Nominating Committee  
Membership Committee

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

**a. AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE SEMINARS:**

-This year the Health Committee started planning Health Seminars for all 3 specialties. The year started off with Dr Urs Giger, Montgomery County weekend and concluded with the Great Western's speaker, Dr Becky Williams, local Reproductive Veterinarian. These events were sponsored by the Health Committee and were open to all members and the general public. The Denver Specialty speaker had a last minute conflict and we could not secure a substitute. The speaker, Dr Cathy Brown, Nephro-pathology Vet, who is doing research in FSGS (Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis) it was decided the Montgomery County Health seminar would be difficult with the changes of scheduling Morris & Essex between the 2 Hatboro shows left no day that would not require relocation for venues.

-We have already secured Dr. Eva Furrow for the upcoming Minipaloosa which will be an outstanding health seminar that you will not want to miss. Dr Furrow is the 2014 AKC/CHF Clinician Scientist Fellowship Award winner. Watch for the announcements regarding this seminar.

**b. STATUS of CURRENT SUPPORTED RESEARCH and DONOR ADVISED FUNDS:**

AKC Canine Health Foundation  
**American Miniature Schnauzer Club Donor Advised Fund**  
 Mid-Year 2015 Statement (01/01/2015 – 06/30/2015)

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$124621.24</b>
Contributions	\$0
Purina Parent Club Partnership Program	\$1156.1
Research Support (See below)	\$0
Interest/Dividend	\$328.69
Realized/Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$1816
Transfers/Adjustments	\$0
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$127922.03</b>

During this 6 month period we have not supported any research with DAF pending Dr Giger’s plans. We have been advised by the CHF that we would need to transfer monies earmarked for his research back to the Breed Club DAF for income tax purposes. Therefore the \$124,621.24 ( ~\$3000.00 market loss) balance **DOES NOT** include approximately \$60,000.00 previously earmarked and approved by the Board. So our balance is \$184 621.24. The new Acorn and Oak Grant submissions will be available in the next 2-4 weeks and we will be requesting fund support approval for these or others that we determine may have more applicability for miniature schnauzers that fall within our priority ratings.

Current Research open for funding support for **Miniature Schnauzers** is as follows:

Title	Institution	Investigator	Status	Health Category
01986: Profiling the Metabolic and Lipid Imbalances that are Causative of Gallbladder Disease in Dogs	North Carolina State University	Gookin, Jody	Open	Hepatic Disorders (Liver)
01766: Identification and Validation of the Genes That Define Abnormal Development of the Kidney in Dogs	Broad Institute	Lindblad-Toh, Kerstin	Open	Renal and Urological Disorders
01594: Identifying the Genes Associated with Glaucoma	University of Iowa	Kuehn, Markus	Open	Ophthalmology

All 3 of these grants have great potential and we will be discussing these among others before the first of the year. The Lindblad-Toh Grant (**Grant 01766: Identification and Validation of the Genes That Define Abnormal Development of the Kidney in Dogs**) has actually been concluded but has been extended by the AKC/CHF as a no-funded support. The AMSC Health Committee has been supporting this grant since its beginning. This research found a large number of differences between sick and healthy dogs and continues to carefully analyze these to determine which variant might be the causative mutation for Juvenile Renal Disease. Their emphasis is miniature schnauzers, SCWT, and Shetland sheep dogs. We will continue to support this project financially as soon as DAF support is requested. We continue to direct samples to this project and strongly support this research.

Information and consent forms can be found at: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/dogsamples>

## **FSGS in MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS**

**Principal Investigator: Cathy Brown, DVM**

**Funding Support thru GLF & Ongoing**

Research is ongoing and sample solicitation is ongoing and is funded by the GLF at the request of the AMSC Health Committee. Any AMSC member who has a dog succumb to renal disease or some similar/associated defect may send Renal Wedge biopsy samples to Dr. Brown for analysis. The AMSC Health Committee has born the expense of these examinations for several years to ensure collection and the extra burden to breeders for this procedure. Originally the study was proposed to the Board and approved as a means to determine prevalence of JRD in miniature schnauzers. Findings as a result of this study yielded an important issue which may have a profound effect on renal disease in the miniature schnauzer. To reiterate the details of the study, we include them here to emphasize the importance of reporting. Urine samples have been added to the sample solicitation and UPCs (Urine Protein: Creatinine Ratio). Sample solicitation information will be posted on the AMSC Health pages.

Renal biopsy samples from six proteinuric Miniature Schnauzers submitted through the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory between 2009 and 2013 were evaluated. Lesions were consistent with primary FSGS based on histopathology and transmission electron microscopy, with no evidence of underlying glomerular disease. Serial blood work and urinalyses revealed marked proteinuria, initially without azotemia, at 6 – 10 years of age. All six pedigreed dogs were within three generations of two common ancestors, suggesting a familial basis for primary FSGS in these dogs.

The importance of primary FSGS as a cause of glomerular disease in dogs has only recently been recognized. A familial form of FSGS has been described in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, in which breed specific, single nucleotide changes in genes encoding for podocyte slit-diaphragm proteins were identified (nephrin and filtrin). In a retrospective study of 501 renal biopsies from dogs with proteinuria, primary FSGS was the most common non-immune complex glomerulopathy, occurring more frequently than amyloidosis. In that study, 5% of the submitted samples were from Miniature Schnauzers dogs, suggesting a predilection for glomerular disease in this breed.

### **c. CHIC REPORT**

As of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 a total of 185 miniature schnauzers have been registered in the CHIC program. This represents 15 more dogs from last year this same time and more than half of these are from kennels who are already well-represented. This year **Hilde Haakensen** is awarded the AMSC Health Champion CHIC pin. Please join us in congratulating her for participating in the CHIC program. We continue to give special recognition for those Breeders who, through their strong support of the AMSC CHIC Program, have registered more than 5 dogs into the CHIC Program and we would like to acknowledge those members who have met AND SURPASSED this goal!

AMSC HEALTH CHAMPION			2014 CUM	2015 CUM *	
KATHY DUGAN			5		
BROOKE WALKER			5		
ROSILYN SHROYER			5		
VERA POTIKER			8	10	
TERRIE HOUCK/CATHY PENDLETC			6		
JULIE & DAN COOPER			8		
LINDA WAHLQUIST-SOOS			9		
STELLA VAN CLEAVE			10	14	
KATHERINE DODGE			11		
KATHY COLBY			10	13	
<b>* NOTE: Data as of 2nd Qtr of Year</b>					

NOTE: If anyone has obtained a CHIC number on a dog owned/co-owned by AMSC member and you have not received a CHIC Pin, please let Patti Henderson know by email at [aristosms@comcast.net](mailto:aristosms@comcast.net).

**d. HEALTH COMMITTEE WEBPAGES**

The Health Committee views the Public and the Member pages as a dynamic environment and will be making changes routinely as necessary to improve information content and format. The AKC/CHF provides an extremely definitive resource for dog owners and breed-specific disease as well as health injuries complicating the Miniature Schnauzer athlete. We would like to expand our pages for performance members to include those injuries that impact the health of your dog.

**e. ANNUAL AKC/CHF NATIONAL PARENT CLUB CANINE HEALTH CONFERENCE**

The August 7-9, 2015 Dr Paula Steele attended as the representative of the AMSC Health committee. This conference occurs every 2 years and its purpose is to bring together researchers in Canine health with the AKC parent clubs who support their research thru the CHF and to update attendees on their research. This is a powered packed 2 day meeting and permits the opportunity for researchers and professionals to meet and share information. Dr Steele’s summary of the meeting follows:

Several of the topics presented were of interest to Miniature Schnauzer breeders and owners-- these included:

- 1-Stem Cell research- as therapy for tendon injuries
- 2-The discovery that Medium chain triglycerides (MCT) can be used as a glucose source by the brain to improve brain function in older dogs with cognitive dysfunction-- Purina has developed a new food-- Bright Minds- which incorporates MCT into its formulating and is for older dogs
- 3-Studies into the Microbiome as related to Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Allergic Dermatitis and Cancer-- shifts in the Microbiome (microorganisms living in an ecosystem) has a large impact on Chronic Disease-- commensal microbiota and metabolites down regulate the immune response and allergic dogs have a decrease in the diversity of these microorganism and this leads to chronic inflammation and disease.
- 4-Epilepsy--histamine levels increase with Seizure activity-- hypoallergenic diets, fatty acid supplements (Omega 3), ketogenic diets and MCT will help some dogs with Epilepsy. There is ongoing research into the genetics and bio markers to try to identify dogs at high risk of developing epilepsy and to develop new drugs for those dogs whose epilepsy is refractory to the commonly used drugs.

5-lymphoma, sarcoma-- trials to develop an approach to treatment that is less toxic and more effective than current cancer treatments. Studies into DNA methylation which causes silencing of genes that act as brakes on cell division without any mutation to the gene itself-- Unlike gene mutations which are permanent methylation can be reversed and the Gene function normally again-- research is ongoing into what factors cause DNA methylation and how altering the gene expression can change lymphoma prognosis

**f. AFFILIATED CLUB DONATIONS:**

The AMSC Health Committee has always had the strong and unrelenting support of the AMSC Board and without that backing our work would be difficult if not impossible and we THANK the Board for their continued belief and support in what we do. However, we would be remiss if we didn't recognize in a very special way the support, financial and otherwise, from the membership's local specialty clubs. Support from individual and group members carries a meaningful nod of approval and encouragement from the individuals that is very special to the committee. We remain grateful for all support but want to recognize and express our deepest appreciation to the following clubs and individuals for their sponsorship and support.

<b>Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club</b>	<b>\$550.00 (\$300 received 9/2015)</b>
<b>Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Individual TViglietti</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**g. PENDING AND ONGOING ISSUES:**

Dr. Giger's work is still a high priority but we have not lost sight of the fact that we have some significant issues that we need to deal with. There have been 3 PRA cases of great concern and we are waiting on the reports for one other. There have been reports of Myotonia without known pedigree connection and several new cases of renal disease that are being looked at by major research universities. There has been another recent case of MAC in an offspring with recent US ties PLUS a second case outside of the US which has lineage to Newsprint or his Mother on ONLY ONE SIDE of his pedigree. Dr Giger is aware of both cases and has material for analysis.

The Health Committee is collecting diagnostic reports and related information on these troubling cases which includes completing pedigrees which have large blank sections – Owen is kept in the loop to make sure this information does get into AMSCestry. There will be an update to the members on our findings and recommendations before the end of the year while we continue to acquire information and documentation on the cases.

The Health Committee offers assistance to any member breeder who has any issues of Health in dealing with their respective puppy buyers. It has been our experience that this intercession often diffuses issues that could be unpleasant and result in irretrievably bad relationships between a breeder and his/her client. Through this "arbiter" role we have made a difference in putting a positive face on the AMSC and its member breeders. This is available to anyone who requests assistance and utmost confidentiality is maintained.

**h. AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:**

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENSE	REVENUE	BALANCE
<b>SPECIALTY PROGRAMS (AMSC GEN'L FUNDS)</b>	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,300.00
Giger Seminar (MC 2014)				
Williams Repro Speaker (GWTA 2015)		\$ (200.00)		
<b>TOTAL CATEGORY EXPENSE</b>		\$ (200.00)		
<b>HEALTH COMMITTEE FUNDS</b>	\$ 5,647.00			\$ 4,587.41
Postage/Printing/Admin	\$ 500.00	\$ (240.65)		
Report Fees/Special Publications	\$ 500.00	\$ -		
JRD Study (UGA Nephropathology Dept)	\$ 300.00	\$ (75.00)		
Progeny Training /Upgrades/Support)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -		
UNPLANNED EXPENSE				
GW Rm Rental/Refreshments		\$ (743.94)		
<b>TOTAL CATEGORY EXPENSE</b>		\$ (1,059.59)		
<b>DONATIONS</b>			\$ 830.00	
Portland MS Club			\$ 250.00	
Portland MS Club 9/2015			\$ 300.00	
MSC of Michigan			\$ 250.00	
INDIVIDUAL			\$ 30.00	
<b>TOTAL CATEGORY REVENUE (adds back Into Health Committee Funds)</b>			\$ 830.00	

**i. HEALTH COMMITTEE POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

The AMSC Health Committee guidelines have been under scrutiny by the committee for several years. Our current policy, mission and guidelines have not been updated since 2000 and are a high priority to complete this year before January 2016. There have been substantive changes in the organization of the committee such that there is no sub-committee hierarchy as was so in the distant past. This and other changes that have been implemented with the Board’s knowledge are being collected and used to update our guidelines. So while I have nothing I wish to submit at this time, before the end of this calendar year the Health committee’s policy will be sent for your approval.

The board suggested an anonymous AMSC member health survey to determine the most prevalent diseases in the show lines.

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

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

**16. Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic**

Your Legislative Committee continues to share AKC legislative alerts and other pertinent Legislative issues to the AMSC-L list. As needed, practical and fiscally prudent, your committee is also willing to attend appropriate legislative seminars.

**17. Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale**

The Secretary will contact the President of each local club to remind them to send the newsletter to the committee members and alert them to their website if they have one.

**18. Membership: Carole Weinberger**

Pins are being orders for members that have achieved the 25 year status in the club because our stock has been depleted. The expenditure was approved by the Board online.

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

The slate put together by the Nominating Committee and submitted to the Board at the June meeting will be confirmed under Unfinished Business.

**20. Public Awareness (Social Media): Vicki Kubic**

Facebook continues to grow. I’m adding more photos of our titled dogs and their AMSC owners to perhaps drum up some interest in our sport. Our daily “reach” ranges from 3K to 20K people! Twitter is moving along too, although I could use more AMSC member interaction.

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

**Inventory:**

Grooming charts 62  
Illustrated Standards 297  
CD 8  
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3  
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

**Income:**

Grooming Charts \$70.00  
CD \$60.00  
Illustrated Standards \$48.00  
**Total Income = \$178.00**

**Expenses:**

Postage \$23.48  
Grooming Charts 5@\$2 = \$10.00  
Illustrated Standards 4@\$2.40 = \$9.60  
**Total Expenses = \$43.08**  
**PROFIT = \$134.92**

**22. Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe**

Kelly is continuing to respond to e-mails from individuals who want to adopt a rescued Miniature Schnauzer or who know of a dog in need by referring them to the closest AMSC-recognized rescue group. For individuals who are interested in younger dogs, Kelly is also suggesting that they contact AMSC breeders in their area. The new website has been very helpful in that regard!

Kelly is once again looking at the minimum rescue requirements and considering revisions. Comments from board and AMSC members are welcome and she would especially appreciate hearing from anyone involved with rescue.

No guidelines exist for the rescue committee, so Kelly will be drafting guidelines for board consideration shortly.

Thanks to John Constantine, there will be a rescue parade at Minipalooza as part of the club’s specialty on Sunday. We are also adding a get together for anyone involved with or interested in helping with breed rescue.

**23. Trophies: Nita Ainsworth, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Margo Klingler**

- 1) Medallions for 2015 Montgomery, Minipalooza, and 2016 Montgomery have been engraved by Barbara Donahue. She has the blanks for Great Western but was told to hold off on them until the changes to that show are settled.
- 2) The 2015 conformation ribbons for Montgomery have been ordered and received. The ribbons for the other 3 shows were held off on as the trophy committee was advised by Hodges that they have a big ribbon sale in Dec and it will save the club a large amount of money. The ribbons for Minipalooza, Great Western and 2016 Montgomery will be ordered at that time. Hopefully, the Great Western changes will be settled by then.
- 3) Carma and Galen made a nice display stand for the huge ribbons which displays them beautifully.
- 4) Trophy committee guidelines are under revision and will be presented at the Board meeting.

**24. Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth**

Merchandise will be available for purchase at the AMSC Cocktail Party and on Sunday during the conformation judging. We have also taken pre orders and mailed merchandise to members who will not be attending.

Plans and ideas are ongoing for new items coming out for Minipalooza and next year. As always, the committee is open and interested in member ideas and suggestions.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Bylaw and Constitution changes to be submitted to AKC  
The Bylaws and Constitution committee will consist of Chris Levy, Wyoma Clouss and John Constantine. They will present their proposed changes to the board.
2. Ethics Committee – Vet check prior to puppy placement language approval  
The change will include “ The member agrees that each puppy will have a Veterinary visit prior to sale with documentation of wellness exam after 6 weeks, which states that at the time of sale the puppy is healthy and free of any defects which might prevent it from living a normal life.”
3. Local Club Bulletin/Website Committee – Additional volunteers needed  
The board discussed a committee of 3 is appropriate and sufficient.
4. Confirmation of Nominating Committee slate was affirmed.
5. Sweeps and Regular Judge guidelines draft proposals  
The new judges letter will carry the changes discussed at the last board meeting.

Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Brian Bogart to elect the following new members.  
Kathleen Rager, Dustin Wyatt, Pam Opanowitz, Joann Ridley, Patricia Milburn, Carol Reid, Lloyd Amodei  
The vote was unanimous

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Election results for 2016 Vice President  
Sharon Edwards is the new Vice President.
2. Committee annual reporting requirements – Is “No Report” an acceptable update to the Board?  
The board decided that yes, a ‘no report’ is sufficient for some committees.
3. Request for club plans for GWTA 2016 from Jack Smith, President, GWTA  
There will be 3 shows in the Great Western cluster, which will now be back at CSULB.
4. AKC “Meet The Miniature Schnauzer” book discussion – Problem with photos being Standard Schnauzers  
Luana Nedich will write a letter to the AKC in reference to some of the photos in the AKC Miniature Schnauzer magazine, possibly being of Standard Schnauzers.
5. Committee guideline updates from Trophy and Nominating Committees – Board review and approval  
As reported under the guidelines committee, the board reviewed and voted on the following committee guidelines:

Membership Committee  
Nominating Committee  
Trophy Committee

6. Health survey to determine prevalence disease issues.  
As reported under the health committee report, an anonymous, AMSC member survey, will be conducted to determine the prevalence of diseases in the breed.
  
7. Different terrier breeds take turns sponsoring and running the Montgomery County agility trials. A different breed club runs a day of the trial. Kaye Kirk brought up a proposal for the AMSC to be added to the rotation. The club that runs it is responsible for the expenses but also the resulting profits. The profit is usually approximately \$900. A committee will be formed to run it. The AMSC will have responsibility every few years.

Next Board Meeting will be March 30, 2016 at Minipalooza, Purina Farms, Missouri at 4:00 p.m. EST or following Breed judging whichever is later.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bogart, seconded by Lisa Sarvas, at 10:20 pm.