

American Miniature Schnauzer club Minutes. October 6, 2017
Audubon, PA
Called to Order 6:26 pm.

Officers and Board Members present:

President – Carole Weinberger
Vice President – Sharon Edwards
Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes
AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Board Members Present:

Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Gale Schnetzer, Brian Bogart, Carol Meitzler, Amy Gordon,
Rod Hartshorn, Donna Hills, Marie Murphey, Patti Henderson, Beth Santure

Guests: Heather Orr, Janet Smith, Silvia Soos-Kazel, Cheryl Dugan, Angela Bransom,
Helle Agerskov, Rich Edwards, Jackie Ebersbach, Shawne Imler, Luana Nedlich.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Addition to Agenda – Addition of Galen and Carma Ewer to the AMSC mentors list,
Add Mini Palooza Report – Calendar for fundraising
Brian Bogart moved, seconded by Patti H to accept the revised agenda.

Report of the President – Carole Weinberger

It's been an interesting year for our Club. We made some changes in the way we meet that will impact club business in the coming years. We will no longer attempt to have 3 face to face meetings a year. It has become too expensive to travel all over the country at least twice a year and we all have to plan carefully if we are taking dogs because of the expense. Two out of three Board meetings were cancelled this year because we could not get a quorum, so we decided to have 1 face to face meeting, location to be decided at the post annual meeting Board meeting, and 2 or more teleconferences, days to be decided upon by the President and confirmed by the Board as needed. I think this will be a more efficient way to function and we seem to get a lot done at phone meetings.

We lost a number of members this year. As usual, Lydia Hutchinson will be organizing a sunrise service to honor these members of all the Terrier clubs. It will be at 7 at the Bell Tower on the show site and I hope some of you can attend. It seems that we are all getting older and the losses grow larger every year.

I will be recommending a donation to the AKC disaster relief committee for the victims of the most recent weather related disasters. It's important for us to remember the folks who have lost so much and help them with their canine friends. We need to decide how much and where to donate.

The major order of business this meeting will be a discussion of and vote on the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that have been included in this agenda. Please take the time to read and make notes so that we can do this in a reasonable amount of time. We feel that the changes will facilitate both finding Board members who want to serve, reduce the numbers needed for a quorum, and allow the Club to function in a more flexible way,

As usual, Lloyd (and John) have planned for a great show, Barbara and Luana will see that we are fed, have coffee, and are wined and dined tomorrow night. We also have a garage sale of "doggy items" for your perusal.

Here's to a Great Montgomery County Specialty and Good luck to all competitors!!

Report of the Secretary: Carol Hafner

Board Discussion Action Items:

1. Motion to allow Judges' Selection Committee Chair to use a person from the 2019 Sweeps Judges nomination list to fill the vacancy for the 2018 Roving Specialty Sweeps Judge because the selected judge has stepped down. Motion on June 19, 2017 passed by email vote of 14 Yea, 7 Board members did not vote.
2. Motion on August 8, 2017 for Patricia O'Brien and Dr. Lisa Sarvas as health information contacts and Vicki Kubic and Barbara Donahue as general breed contacts for the AKC Media/Communications died. President Weinberger requested that the AKC be notified of these parent club contacts.

Correspondence (Sent):

1. Emailed AKC to notify them that Patricia O'Brien and Dr. Lisa Sarvas will be the health contacts and Vicki Kubic and Barbara Donahue will be the breed information contacts for AKC Media/Communications

Membership:

As of 10/6/17 our membership totaled 402 Regular members, 4 Life Members 30 Foreign w/voting privileges and 27 Foreign w/o voting privileges, for a total of 463. We have had 5 deaths in 2017.

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.

AMSC GWTA Specialty:

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association show in Irwindale, California on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Patty Ledgerwood judged 8 Sweepstakes entries. Peggy Beisel-McIlwayne judged 34 regular class entries.

The majority of the archiving process is completed for past files and records. AMSC flash drive will be forwarded to Carma Ewer for future secretarial documents and files for archiving after Montgomery County. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to be the club secretary for the past 4 years and give a very special thanks to Carma for taking over the position. Thank you EVERYONE!!!

Vicki K moved, and Patti H seconded to accept the report of the secretary.

VI. REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Bonnie Keyes

Financial statements were provided at the Board meeting. Bonnie also provided the board with the results of the Audit from Squires Accounting and Tax Services. The report stated that "the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc. as of December 31, 2016."

Sincerely, Barbara L. Squire

Patti H moved and Barbara D seconded that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Barbara reported on the recent delegates meeting.

Discussion on the Reassessment Query from AKC about separating Miniature Schnauzers into three separate breeds by color. Brian B moved and Patti H seconded that we instruct the AKC that the AMSC does not want to be separated into three separate breeds.

Crop and Dock Committee – Beth Santure will head up a committee to look into what the AMSC can do to encourage more veterinarians to Crop and Dock. And will report back to the board in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Special Committees:

- 1. 2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, Georgia: Amy Gordon** – There is a problem with the AKC and having the Florida club hold a specialty with the shows in Atlanta. To solve this problem, the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer club will hold a concurrent specialty on Saturday with the all breed club. The AMSC specialty will then be on Sunday. This will give exhibitors 5 sets of shows in 4 days. A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Patti to accept this format.
- 2. 2018 Great Western Specialty:** Request from John Constantine to judge additional breeds at Great Western. Marie moved that we allow John to accept additional assignments as long as it does not interfere with the AMSC specialty. Seconded by Patti. Motion passed.
- 3. 2019 Schnauzerpalooza II: Carole Weinberger** – Patti Henderson was added to the committee. Local specialties on Friday and Sunday with the AMSC National on Saturday. The committee is looking into having calendars made up with Photos of important dogs from our history to be available as a fund raiser . Health Committee will pay for initial costs, and the calendar will be available worldwide plus the original photos will be auctioned off at SchnauzaPalooza

Also, there is an ongoing Logo contest open to all AMSC members. The Health committee is looking into seminars. Please contact the Health committee with ideas for the kinds of seminars that members are interested in.

At this time there are plans for Agility, Barn Hunt, Nose Work and Lure Coursing. The board voted to table the budget until January.

B. Standing Committees:

- 1. AMSCare: Jana King**– Patti Henderson gave a moving Testimonial about how wonderful it was to have this committee available to members and how good Jana King was when working with an older member and her animals. Thank You Jana!!
- 2.**

3. AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich –

The migration of the AMSC-L list from Yahoo Groups to Groups.io was successful and virtually seamless. If you are not on the list and would like to be, or have an email address change please notify Luana - luaned@aol.com or Vicki - VickiKubic@aol.com to be added/changed. The next step is to clean up the old files that migrated from Yahoo that are obsolete and outdated and to update the files with current information.

4. Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms– Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Audubon, PA.

Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger – The Board discussed the Versatility Award Form and Patti H moved that we change the form to state “AMSC recognized colors” under the section on color. Donna H seconded. This will become affective from October 6 forward.

The AMSC Versatility Award has proved to be a very popular award. Since its inception in 2004, we have awarded 62 Versatility Awards. Only 5 of those have been the illusive Versatility Award Excellent. In 2017 – so far - we have issued 11 Awards.

5. Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms, Robin Ohrt

Proposal to AMSC to host a day at the Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster in Palmyra, PA

This was approved last year, and the committee will move forward. Patti moved and Donna seconded that Barbara communicate with the Terrier Trial and report back to the board in January.

6. Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy, John Constantine –

The Committee responded to requests from the AMSC Board of Directors for the following changes:

- Change the Board of Governors from 16 to 9, serving 3-year instead of 4-year terms. (The transition mechanism is not a part of the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, so will be dealt with once the Constitution and Bylaws is going through the approval/voting process.)
- Change the AKC Delegate from an officer to an appointed Chair and clarify the role.
- Include AKC-recommended wording so that at some point in the future the club membership may vote electronically (paper ballots still available for those members not wanting electronic means). (This is full club voting and is not the same as the already-included AKC wording that allows the Board members to conduct business, including voting, electronically.)
- Clarify that business of the Board, including voting, may be conducted by any one of the following means: telephone conference call, mail, fax, or email.
- Added wording from AKC’s recommended Constitution and Bylaws for parent clubs that clarifies the relationship between the Board and the Committees.

Bonnie moved that the board approve the changes in the Constitution and By Laws and that the committee move forward to have them approved by the AKC and the

membership. Motion passed.

8. **Montgomery County Hospitality: Barbara Donahue and Luana Nedich** – Everything is planned and ready to go for Sunday.
9. **Education: John Constantine** – Application by Carma and Galen Ewer to become AMSC mentors. Bonnie moved, and Donna seconded that the Board moved to add Carma and Galen Ewer to the list of approved AMSC mentors.

11. Guidelines: Luana Nedich, Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe

Nedich is still waiting for response from many of the Committees to update or write their guidelines. The following are current or updated and should be the only ones on the AMSC-List grGroups.io and the Website. All others should be removed.

AMSCope

Fall Specialty (Montgomery County)

Guidelines Committee

Health Committee

Independent Specialty Guide

Legislative Liason

Montgomery County Hospitality

Nominating Committee

Performance Committee

Website/Social Media

The following chart is the status of all the Current Committees. New and old Committee Chairs need to see what is needed for their committee and contact Nedich if help needed.

AMSCestry NEED GUIDELINE

AMSCope UPDATED AND APPROVED

AMSC-List NEED UPDATE

Awards NEED GUIDELINE

Versatility Awards NEED UPDATE

BREEDER REFERRAL NEED GUIDELINE

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING - MONTGOMERY NEED GUIDELINE

COMPANION & PERFORMANCE EVENTS PERFORMANCE OK NEED COMPANION
UPDATED

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS NEED GUIDELINE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOSPITALITY GUIDELINE APPROVED

EDUCATION--OVERALL AND JUDGES NEED GUIDELINE

ETHICS NEED UPDATE

GUIDELINES WRITTEN AND APPROVED

HEALTH WRITTEN AND APPROVED

HISTORIAN AND POLICY RECORDS NEED GUIDELINE

JUDGES SELECTION NEED UPDATE

LEGISLATIVE LEAISON WRITTEN AND APPROVED

LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN/WEBSITE NEED UPDATE

MEMBERSHIP/INSIGNIA NEED UPDATE

PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE SUBMITTING FOR BOARD APPROVAL

RESCUE/AMSCare NEED GUIDELINE

TROPHIES NEED UPDATE

WAYS AND MEANS NEED GUIDELINE

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA WRITTEN & APPROVED
ROVING SPECIAL COORDINATOR INDEPENDENT SPECIAL GUIDE OK, GENERAL
GUIDELINES NEED UPDATING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPECIALTY (FALL SPECIALTY) GUIDELINES APPROVED

For Board Approval: PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

I. Purpose:

In line with approved policies and procedures and guidance from the AMSC Board, this committee will respond to and disseminate information and/or materials provided (published) by the AMSC, both to club members and to the general public.

II. Procedure:

- A. The following materials and publications are available:
 - 1. AMSC Grooming Chart
 - 2. Illustrated Discussion of the Standard
 - 3. CD-The Miniature Schnauzer
- B. Each inquiry should be listed in a record book noting date received, date answered, items ordered, payment received, and the cost of first class postage. All orders for materials or publications must be prepaid. Records of purchases shall be maintained either on paper or electronically for a period of one year.
- C. A physical inventory of all materials and publications must be maintained.
- D. A report should be presented at each Board Meeting listing income, expenses, and materials currently in inventory which may be ascertained by subtracting the amount distributed from the amount previously in inventory
- E. Checks and money orders for materials ordered should be sent periodically to the Treasurer as well as an itemized list of expenses (postage, envelopes, etc.) with receipts.
- F. The Illustrated Standard will be provided free of charge for club members conducting judges education seminars.
- G. Board permission is required to change the price of materials and to place orders for additional materials from the printer.
- H. The Chairman, as necessary, shall recommend changes in these committee guidelines and shall make revisions as instructed by the Board and provide the Guidelines Committee Chairman with a copy of the revised guidelines.

Written by Patricia O'Brien/September 2017

Patti H moved to accept the Publication guidelines. Seconded by Gale S. Motion passed.

Ethics Committee Guidelines

I. PURPOSE:

In line with approved policies and procedures and guidance from the AMSC Board, this committee will review and may investigate all charges/complaints submitted to the AMSC against a member of the AMSC by another AMSC member or by a non-member. Complaints will typically result from issues of non-compliance to the AMSC Code of Ethics but such may not be all-inclusive.

II. MEMBERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS:

- A. The Chairman of the Ethics Committee is responsible to administratively manage the functions of the committee. This will include setting agendas and assigning tasks within the committee as well as insuring adherence to established committee procedures.
- B. At least one (1) report shall be written, which summarizes all complaints reviewed by the Ethics Committee and the dispositions of the years' complaints. This summary report must be submitted at the last Board meeting of the official club year. This public report shall be non-identifying.
- C. Members of the Committee may be assigned tasks as directed by the Chair.
- D. In the event a member of the Committee abstains from consideration of any complaint due to a valid request from the Complainant, as determined by the Chair, or due to the committee member requesting to abstain for good cause (personal knowledge or interest in the outcome of the complaint), the remaining members of the Committee shall constitute the entire Committee for the purposes of determination of the requisite number of votes to adopt a Committee recommendation and/or report.

III. PROCEDURES:

- A. The AMSC Code of Ethics will be the minimum standard used for recommendations to the Board.
- B. Complaints will be submitted to the AMSC Secretary using the Complaint Form (Attachment 1) (available on the AMSC website or AMSC Secretary). All pertinent forms of documentation, including but not limited to contracts and veterinary records, should accompany this submission including statements from witnesses of the event being referenced. The AMSC Secretary shall provide a copy of the Complaint and supporting documentation to the Chairman of the Ethics Committee. (Copies may be provided electronically.)
- C. All Ethics Committee members will be furnished copies of the complaint with accompanying documentation by the Ethics Committee Chairman and will

engage in deliberations either in person, video/audio teleconferencing or email. (Copies may be provided electronically.)

- D. If a complaint pertains to a matter that is the subject of legal action, or for which legal action is contemplated, the Ethics Committee Chairman may send a notice to the Complainant that the complaint will be deferred until the legal matter is resolved and a copy of the resolution is provided to the Ethics Committee Chairman. Once a formal complaint has been received and deemed credible by the Ethics Committee Chairman, the person against whom the complaint is filed will be asked to respond to the complaint (provided a request for rebuttal) and provide other corroborating information to defend against the complaint.
- E. Once all information is received the Ethics Committee will review the evidence and testimonies and if the Ethics Committee determines the complaint lacks merit, it will be filed without prejudice and records will be maintained for a period of two (2) years.
- F. If the complaint is found to be prejudicial to the AMSC or the Breed by majority vote of the Ethics Committee as outlined in the Code of Ethics, the Committee may, depending on the severity of the violation, make a verbal warning/counselling, or a written reprimand to the violator, or based on severity or repeated violations make a recommendation to the AMSC Board for suspension or expulsion according to the Constitution and Bylaws. Opposing positions, when encountered, will be included as part of any submission to ensure full and open disclosure of the recommendations.
- G. The AMSC Board will be notified when the Ethics Committee is in deliberation on a complaint. However, details of the complaint will not be divulged unless the committee endorses a recommendation to the AMSC Board for suspension or expulsion. The Committee's deliberations and final recommendations will only be presented to the Board in Executive Session if requested by the Board by majority vote.

IV. RETENTION OF RECORDS:

Minutes will be maintained and may be either recorded or made part of the group's email and filing. All documents associated with a complaint, except for a complaint determined to be without merit as provided above, will be maintained permanently.

V. REVIEW & REVISION:

Guidelines should be reviewed annually and revised if needed and submitted to the Guideline Committee who will then submit to the Board for approval.

Written by Patti Henderson/October 2017

ETHICS ATTACHMENT 1

AMSC ETHICS COMMITTEE
Complaint Form

COMPLAINANT'S INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED TEL # (s): _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMSC IN GOOD STANDING? ___YES___NO___NOT A MEMBER

IF YOU ARE NOT AN AMSC MEMBER, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE DEFENDANT:

Is there any legal action pending or contemplated regarding this matter? If so, the Ethics Committee may defer any action on this complaint pending notification of the outcome of any such legal action. __YES__NO

Please note it is your responsibility to update the Ethics Committee on any changes to your contact information during the disciplinary process.

DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED TEL # (s): _____

Payment of a deposit of Ten dollars (\$10.00) MUST accompany this complaint which will be forfeited if the charges are NOT sustained.

CHARGES:

Please describe as an **attachment** in detail the specific conduct that you allege constituted conduct prejudicial to the AMSC or the Breed. You may attach as many pages as necessary to this document and must include details re dates, locations, and witnesses as well as any

other pertinent facts. Please attach copies of ANY documents related to this incident that should be considered as evidence of misconduct.

I, _____, do attest under penalty of perjury, that the charges,

(Printed Name)

statements and documents provided are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Form Written 10/2017

Ethics committee guidelines were reviewed and Vicki moved to accept, Gale seconded.

TROPHY COMMITTEE GUIDELINE

I. PURPOSE:

In line with approved policies and procedures and guidance from the AMSC Board, this committee will solicit trophy donations, conduct fundraising, submit Trophy Prize and Standard Bearers Lists for the 3 Specialty catalogs, order and engrave trophies, store trophy inventory, and arrange for set up the trophy table at the three Specialties. The trophy committee is expected to develop and provide an annual budget to the Board. The AMSC Board can make changes at any time to the Trophy Committee Guidelines and trophy program without consulting the Trophy Committee.

The committee will consist of at least 3 members; a Chairperson and members of both conformation and performance events. It is helpful if one member agrees to act as the committee recording secretary or rotate through the members to share responsibilities.

It is suggested a trophy committee member volunteer as the lead for each of the National Specialty shows.

II. PROCEDURES

A. MEETINGS

The committee will meet as needed to support the needs of the committee.

B. DONATIONS

1. The trophy donation "year" is set up with the calendar year, Jan - Dec.

2. Member donation solicitations can be in any form including, but not limited to:
 - a) Donation letter solicitations to be issued any time after the March 1 start of the donation year. Multiple solicitation letters can be issued throughout the year. The letter is sent via email to each member that receives AMScope via email. Members that receive hard copy AMScope are mailed the solicitation letter(s). See Addendum A for sample solicitation letter
 - b) AMScope ads and or articles
 - c) Solicitations of AMSC Local Clubs
3. Member donations are made either by PayPal (treasurer @ amsc.us) or by check to the Treasurer.
4. Treasurer maintains a list of donor's name (Standard Bearers) and donation amount and sends the Trophy Committee this listing upon request.
5. Standard Bearers Donation Levels
 - a) Pewter up to \$24.99
 - b) Silver \$25.00 through \$49.99
 - c) Gold \$50.00 through \$99.99
 - d) Platinum \$100.00 through 249.00
 - e) Titanium \$250 and over
6. The Trophy Committee requires an updated donor list shortly prior to premium list closing dates for the three Specialty shows so the most current list of donors is to be used as the Standard Bearers List for inclusion in show catalogs.
7. Trophy Committee can prepare a "trophy donation thank you" letter to be submitted for publication in AMScope.
8. Donation Cut-off Dates for inclusion in Catalogs:
 - a) All donor names are to be listed cumulatively in the three Specialty show catalogs throughout the calendar year. For example, all donations received from the start of the trophy year until the catalog cut-off for the Roving catalog will be listed in the Roving catalog. The Roving list and any other donations received by Great Western catalog cut-off are shown in the Great Western catalog. Any additional donations will be listed for the MCKC catalog.
 - b) Donation cutoff policy for inclusion in catalogs is one month prior to the deadline for the premium list information for each specialty. These dates are determined by the specialty coordinators.
9. Expenses
 - a) Expenses include the cost for purchasing and customizing trophies, shipping costs from vendor to desired location, cost of shipping Award of Merit Medallions if more were earned than engraved for presentation at the show, costs of cleaning tablecloths or purchasing new tablecloths, cost of items used to display trophies on the trophy table or any other decorations purchased to enhance the table, shipping costs of leftover trophies from show to Trophy Committee or their designee, and other miscellaneous expenses.

b) The Trophy Committee attempts to control costs by minimizing shipping of trophies and display items to show locations by having a member that will attend the next specialty show transport items as necessary.

c) Show display inventory consisting of 2 sets of tablecloths, AMSC logo'd table overlays and trophy sign holders will be maintained with one set on the east coast and second set in the Midwest or West Coast.

C. FUNDRAISING

Aside from AMSC member donation solicitations, the trophy committee members may consider other ways in which to raise funds earmarked for the trophy committee. Approaches include, but are not limited to:

1. Garage sale: sell AMSC trophy inventory or donated items at any of the specialty show dinners and at the show site when space is available for set-up
2. Online auction
3. Solicit trophies for donation back to AMSC for reuse or sale
4. Calendar sales

D. TROPHY BUDGET

1. Budgeting the trophy expense
 - a) Establish the years trophy expenses in January/Feb based on the previous years donation levels, expenses and any special expenses that may be incurred (i.e. Palooza)
 - b) All components of expense as well as projected donations should be considered and combined with the current cash balance to derive a budget for the year.
 - c) A goal of the Trophy Committee is to raise enough donations to pay for that years trophy expenses and to maintain the trophy fund reserves
2. Allocation of the trophy budget between conformation and companion.
 - a) Conformation and companion trophies will be of comparable value as noted below
 - (1) BOB and Obedience HIT
 - (2) Select and Obedience High Combined
 - (3) Best of Winners and Rally High Combined
 - (4) Reserve Winner and Agility QQQ
 - (5) 1st in Class and New Title
 - b) Similar trophies will be offered for all venues

E. TROPHIES:

AMSC conducts 3 Specialty shows per year for which it provides trophies and/ or rosettes. Additionally, every five years AMSC provides a trophy for the Morris and Essex Kennel Club show in NJ.

1. Morris and Essex in NJ:

When possible an item in the AMSC trophy inventory shall be donated; value to be determined by the trophy committee and suggested it not exceed \$75. The published show schedule for Morris and Essex is 2020, 2025, etc.

2. AMSC Specialty shows:

Conformation:

Prizes will be awarded to all the below. 2nd -4th place prizes may be awarded as the budget allows.

SWEEPSTAKES

Best in Sweepstakes

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

BREED

Best of Breed – 3 inch Bronze Medallion in Lined Show Case.

Best of Opposite Sex (to Best of Breed) – 2 inch Bronze Medallion in Lined Show Case

Best of Winners

Winners Dog & Bitch

Reserve Winners Dog & Bitch

Select Dog & Bitch – 2 inch Bronze Medallion

First in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class

Veteran Dogs & Bitches

Stud Dogs

Brood Bitches

Brace

Medallions: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex and Award of Merit:

- a. Best of Breed medallions- 3, 3” medallions will be awarded annually, one per specialty
- b. Best of Opposite Sex 3, 2 inch medallions will be awarded annually, one per specialty
- c. Select Dog and Select Bitch 2 inch medallion until gone.
- d. Award Merit Medallion (1.5” bronze in lined show case – until all 1/5 inch medallions are gone, then 2 to be replaced by 2 inch medallions)- Award of Merit winners will be selected after Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, Select Bitch and Best of Winners are chosen. All dogs remaining in competition, including the winners of Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, Select Bitch and Best of Winners are eligible for the award. The number of Awards of Merit is determined by the number entered in Best of Breed Competition as follows. 2-10 - 1 Award 11-20 - 2 Awards 21-30 - 3 Awards 31-40 - 4 Awards 41 & over - 5 Awards

- e. Times New Roman is the font to be used on all Medallions
- f. Engraving shall be as noted below:
 - Best of Breed
 - Show Location (Montgomery County; Great Western or Roving City and State)
 - Month/Date/Year

 - Best of Opposite Sex
 - Show Location (Montgomery County; Great Western or Roving City and State)
 - Month/Date/Year

 - Select Dog and Select Bitch:
 - Show Location (Montgomery County; Great Western or Roving City and State)
 - Month/date/year

 - Award of Merit
 - Show Location (Montgomery County; Great Western or Roving City and State)
 - Month/Date/Year
- g. If entries for any specialty show are large enough to require additional medallions, then they are engraved after the fact and mailed to the winners. Because these medallions are expensive, this process ensures that no medallion will be wasted because it was date-engraved ahead of time when the actual entries do not support as many awards.

Companion Sports: Only offered at an AMSC Sponsored events.

At a roving specialty weekend, the trophy committee may decide to support the Miniature Schnauzers entered in the performance events on one day of the weekend, in the event that there is not an official AMSC trial. Each Miniature Schnauzer on the designated day that places in a performance event class will receive a prize of the same or equal value to the conformation class prize.

Obedience Trial Classes:

- a. Obedience High In Trial – 3 inch Medallion
- b. Obedience High Combined (total of scores in Utility A or B combined with the high Open B score) - 2 inch Medallion

Rally Trial Classes:

Rally High Combined score for Rally Ex B and Rally Advanced B Miniature Schnauzer-Designated prize

Agility Classes:

Any Miniature Schnauzer earning a Triple Q (3 qualifying scores in a day) - Designated prize.

F. SPECIALTY SHOW CATALOG SUBMISSIONS

The Prize list and Standard Bearers List shall be submitted to the AMSC show chairperson or AMSC member designee on the following schedules:

Montgomery County Kennel Club

- First draft due to AMSC Show chairperson by approximately April 15th; show chairperson to advise the trophy committee in writing as to deadlines.

Roving

- 5 months prior to show date; show chairperson to advise the AMSC Trophy Committee in writing as to deadlines.

Great Western Terrier Association

- First draft no later than Feb 15th.
- Some submission deadline info is on the GWTA club site <http://gwta.net/> and noted under Catalog Sales

G. Activity Guidelines

Month/Deadline	To Do	Responsible committee person
Jan	Ad in AMSCOPE	
Jan 1	GWTA Catalog donor inclusion	
Feb	Ad in AMSCOPE	
	Roving Dinner Garage Sale	
	Roving Show Garage Sale	
	Roving Trophy table set-up	
March	Send email and hard copy solicitation letter to members	
	Ad in AMSCOPE	
April 1	MCKC Catalog donor inclusion	
	Ad in AMSCOPE	
April 15	MCKC Catalog submission (Std Bearers and trophy lists)	
May	Ad in AMSCOPE	
June	Send email and hard copy solicitation letter to members	
	Ad in AMSCOPE	
	Order trophies for MCKC	
	GWTA Dinner Garage Sale	
	GWTA Show Garage Sale	
	GWTA Trophy table set-up	
July	Ad in AMSCOPE	

August	Ad in AMSCOPE	
September	Ad in AMSCOPE	
Sept 1 (varies on date of Roving)	Roving Catalog donor inclusion	
October	Ad in AMSCOPE	
	MCKC Dinner Garage Sale	
	MCKC Show Garage Sale	
	MCKC Trophy table set-up	
November	Ad in AMSCOPE	
	Order trophies for Roving	
December	Ad in AMSCOPE	

Written by Carma Ewer 09/2015
Updated by Amy Gordon 10/2017

Addendum A

Sample Solicitation Letter

Dear AMSC Member,

The annual AMSC trophy committee is soliciting your help. To ensure the success of this very important fundraiser, we are asking that you take a few moments to read this and consider making a contribution to help defray the costs associated with procuring trophies for our three national specialties and our supported companion event trial.

Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for the AMSC to provide the earned recognition these awards furnish to deserving individuals and their canine companions/athletes. We hope that we can count on your support to help us meet our 20XX goal of \$XXXX???

STANDARD BEARER DONATION LEVELS

TITANIUM - \$250 AND OVER

PLATINIUM - \$100.00-\$249.99

GOLD - \$50.00-\$99.99

SILVER - \$25.00-\$49.99

PEWTER – UP TO \$24.99

Your donation will be acknowledged in show catalogs to recognize your generosity to this worthy cause. Please mail your donation to the AMSC Treasurer XXXXX XXX St, XXX, XXXX and memo it for the trophy fund to pledge your support. You may also donate online using PayPal. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Your Trophy Committee

Written by Carma Ewer 09/2015

Updated by Amy Gordon 10/2017

Trophy committee guidelines were seconded by Carma, and approved.

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

The AMSC Health Committee has been substantively involved in collecting and preserving MAC data submitted from all over the world. We have established a list of MAC DNA results that are backed by

documentation of the result reports. International kennels clubs are providing us or encouraging their members to share comparable data for MAC DNA testing performed by their respective members. Screening continues and is going well. International submissions have picked up recently and Dr Giger has identified yet another severely affected MAC dog. The frequency of carriers is declining from 10% to less which is expected as more general screenings are being done. To date 1500 tests have been performed with 10% carriers many of which are international as the USA seems to be the slower to embrace the test. By far, Argentina has the highest frequency of carriers.

Dr. Giger has given several presentations of the MAC research for veterinary professional organizations and the manuscript will be submitted for publication in late October to early November 2017. This Article will be posted to MAC webpage when published. MAC DNA Testing protocols will be made available to qualified testing laboratories outside the US.

The Health Committee has been engaged in following PRA since receiving 4 reports over the last 2 years. We have been in communication with various European Kennel Club Health groups and sharing of information has been very promising for future collaboration. We have been actively pursuing academic research opportunities in this area for miniature schnauzers and have been able to secure a well-regarded researcher from Helsinki who has applied AND RECEIVED a grant from the AKC/CHF. We will be designating funding for this project in this report. With the announcement of the new PRA-B test from Optigen it is our intention to establish a list like the MAC list but primarily for archival purposes. The Optigen PRA-B DNA test is equivocal & does not represent the full picture of PRA in our Breed. A clear PRA-B test result is no guarantee that you will not experience PRA . There obviously is more to learn and we continue to be hopeful. We are looking to get more definitive information about the specifics of the Optigen research if possible and have been in communication via 3rd party with Dr. Aguirre who has stated that this form of PRA seems to be the more common form in schnauzers but does not account for all PRA in the Breed

We continue to receive unsolicited donations from Members and Clubs which is an outward recognition of the quality of our work. This year we received several donations and wish to acknowledge this support. of the Ginny Fagar - \$678.00; MS Club of Atlanta- \$1095.71; and Portland MS Club \$300.00. Thank you for continuing support.

Summary:

1. AMSC Health Committee Policy has been reviewed and retention of records remains open. It is recognized that this an important administrative requirement for continuity. This topic will remain on the which agenda until resolved. Jan Taylor has been charged with responsibility for digitizing paper records and is currently working on PRA information. We have accumulated most if not all the CJC and the myotonia data.
2. AKC/CHF National Parent Club Health Conference was attended by Drs Paula Steele and Lisa Sarvas in August. Many seminars were attended and reports are attached to these minutes

It is important to note that it was reported at the conference that "It was reported at the CHF Conference that there is an appreciable rise in Brucellosis canis infection in dogs. In addition, a 2nd strain, Brucellosis suis (swine strain), is also emerging in dogs which is a new finding. Brucellosis is a zoonotic bacterial infection and once diagnosed, infected animals are typically euthanized.

<http://www.akc.org/content/dog-breeding/articles/brucellosis-dog-breeders-shouldnt-skip-testing-for-this-dangerous-disease/>

Motion made that The Health Committee publish to the AMSC –L a recommendation that addresses brucellosis testing and that it should be done on all breeding dogs, male and female, prior to mating. Seconded by Vicki. Motion passed.

3. RESEARCH SUPPORT: In 2012, the AMSC Health Committee has withheld support for other CHF research proposals awaiting the Giger Study which we pledged to support fully with the assistance of Carole Weinberger. Since that time, we have not pledged funds for any other CHF grant in anticipation of possible additional needs re MAC. The work we were able to get accomplished through the Gray Lady Foundation funding jump started this research and consequently Dr Giger was able to identify the genetic test within 1 year. The AMSC has thoroughly reviewed the 2017 AKC/CHF Research Portfolio and have selected the following 5 grants in priority order to support with partial funding.

- a) **Clinical and Genetic Background of Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Miniature Schnauzers** Principal Investigator: Hannes Lohi, PhD; University of Helsinki and the Folkhälsan Institute of Genetics Total Grant Amount: \$46,224.00; Grant Period: 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2018 Board approved \$2500 fund support.
- b) **Identifying practical risk factors for the prevention of calcium oxalate uroliths recurrence in dogs.** Board approved \$2500 fund support.
- c) **c) Efficacy of Cannabidiol (CBD) for the Treatment of Canine Epilepsy** Principal Investigator: Stephanie McGrath, DVM, MS; Colorado State University Total Grant Amount: \$356,022; Grant Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2020 Board approved \$2500 fund support.
- d) **d) Hyperlipidemia in the Miniature Schnauzer: A Combined Metabolomic and Genomic Approach** Principal Investigator: Christopher O'Callaghan, MD, PhD; University of Oxford Total Grant Amount: \$14,958; Grant Period: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018 Board approved \$2500 fund support.
- e) **e) Identification of Mitral Valve Disease DNA variants in Miniature Schnauzers** Principal Investigator: Kathryn Meurs, DVM, PhD; North Carolina State University Total Grant Amount: \$56,635; Grant Period: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2019 Board approved \$2500 fund support.

13. Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley – Richard Isley has resigned and Tania Kidd will chair this committee.

14. Judges Selection: Carma Ewer, Galen Ewer -

We are finished with our Judges Selection for 2019 and have the following information:

2018 - Roving Specialty: Ken Allen will fill in the spot vacated by Vicki Kubic

2019 – Schnauza Palooza: Regular Classes - David Kirkland, Sweepstakes Classes - Patricia O'Brien

2019 – Great Western: Regular Classes - Steve Hayden, Sweepstakes Classes – Cheryl Coffman

2019 - Montgomery County: Regular Classes - Brian Bogart, Sweepstakes Classes - Carla Nickerson

15. Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic-

AKC legislative alerts are posted to the AMSC-L list as generated in addition to other pertinent information.

16. Local Club Bulletin/ Websites/Social Media: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale

The committee has met and made the selections for awards that will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

17. Membership: Jacque Eversbach – See “ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS” item

18. Publications and Literature: Patricia O’Brien

Board discussed adding the option to have all items available for purchase as a download.
Total Expenses = \$51.70 PROFIT = \$154.30

23. Website & Social Media: Vicki Kubic, Jana King, Chris Franck

The AMSC website was just upgraded at no charge to a new, more secure back end format. Vicki received a new instruction manual and will work with the website company to learn the new system to make updates, changes and additions, etc. The only visible and noticeable change to the AMSC membership is that the **Members Only Section will no longer require the user name of AMSC#1** that we needed before. All you need today **to access the Members Section is the Password: Schnauzer2015**

Social Media - our Facebook page has almost 35K followers from all over the world. Vicki handles the day to day entries and Helen Carter is kind enough to back Vicki up as needed. As usual, please continue to email VickiKubic@aol.com good quality pictures of our dogs in almost any situation!

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Health Discussions on Closed Facebook page
2. Constitution and Bylaws update
3. Discussion on GWTA and number of future AMSC specialties – Carma volunteered to head a committee to research what options are available for our specialties.

X. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Jacquelyn Ebersbach Patti moved and Gale seconded to accept new member applicants: BRENDA GRASSLEY , JOY WEEKS , JERENE WEIS , MASAMI URYU , LYN FOSTER , SONJA LUND, PAMELA HAIGH , VICKI DAY

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Non-participation of Board members in 2017 (Carol Meitzler and Alice Gough) V
2. Two replacements needed for Board of Governors - Marie M moved and Brian seconded to Vicki Kubic as a replacement for Patti H 3 year term and Gale S. to replace Alice Gough. Motion passed.
3. Donation approval for aid to weather ravaged locations - Marie moved, Brian seconded that the AMSC donate \$2500 to the AKC Reunite Rescue Fund.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Carole called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:30 PM EST. Motion to adjourn was made by Patti and seconded by Brian.

Next Board Meeting will be Friday, April 00, 2018 at Perry, GA at 4:00 p.m. EST or following Breed judging whichever is later.