

**Minutes – November 19, 2014**  
**AMSC Board Meeting**

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 8:05 PM EST via conference call.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary

Board Members Present: Patti Henderson, Margo Klingler, Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger, Patty Ledgerwood, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards, Amy Gordon, Laurie Moore

Other Club Members Present: Brooke Walker

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carla Nickerson made a motion that the agenda be approved and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on September 17, 2014:** The minutes were approved as corrected.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Wyoma Clouss

The Minutes for the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2014 will be forthcoming.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Carol Hafner

**Correspondence (Received):**

1. AKC
  - a. Event operations notice for Roving Specialty
  - b. Event Operations notice for event pending requesting host kennel club support letter
  - c. Approval of Denver Roving Specialty and Sweepstakes
  - d. Letter requesting parent club officer changes/updates
  - e. Request for club membership list update
  - f. Chance to comment on Confirmation judging approval process
  - g. Health screening parent club recommendations to be listed on the AKC Online Breeder Classified ads
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. Question on AKC registration color of “liver” instead of chocolate
  - b. Question on oldest miniature schnauzer ever (Answer: 20+ years)
  - c. Request for breeders in Arizona that provide stud service
  - d. Question on club balloting process
  - e. *Dog News* request for performance dog information
  - f. Request for review of a new book, *I Want A Dog: My Opinion Essay*
  - g. *ShowSight* magazine request for club information and show statistics
  - h. Requests for puppies (3, Florida, China and Texas)

**Correspondence (Sent):**

1. Emailed AKC to cancel AMSC specialty date of 2/27/15 in Scottsdale, AZ and changed to 2/14/15 in Denver, CO
2. Emailed AKC 2015 Life Time Achievement Awards selections of Edd E. Bivin and David Nauer

**Membership:**

As of 11/19/14 our membership totaled 465 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 31 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), for a total of **537**.

**Local MS Clubs:**

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

Month in 2014	Club	Entry History							
		2014		2013		2012		2011	
		RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V	RC	S/V
January	Cactus State	8	1/0	21	X	10	3	X	X
	Portland	32	11/0	41	9	37	14	X	X
February	Chicago	17	2/0	14	X	20	0/0	19	2/0
	Cactus State	49	11/0	24	5	21	4	21	0
	Gateway	5	0/0	X	X	18	1	18	1
March									
April	Northern California	25	3/0	25	6	20	3	23	7
	Atlanta	X	X	X	X	32	6	32	7
May	Gateway	X	X	160	36	X	X	X	X
	Twin Cities	X	X	165	54/4	X	X	X	X
	Metro Cleveland	22	1/0	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Greater Cincinnati	15	3/0	25	5	31	5	20	3
	Centennial State	13	5/0	13	3	28	5	35	9
June	Chicago	19	2/0	22	X	18	0/0	18	0/0
	Southern California	57	9/5	46	11/3	74	18/4	56	17
		57	15/4	46	14/4				
July	Lone Star	14	0/1	28	3/1	78	21	36	7
	Paul Revere	18	2/0	25	5/0	21	4	17	6
	Milshore	17	4/0	9	0/0	14	4	16	3
August	Metro Cleveland	X	X	6	0/1	11	3	13	1
	Twin Cities	0	9/0	10	0/0	11	X	21	3
September	Centennial	16	7/0	25	4/0	17	10	X	X
	Michigan	27	3/0	24	8/0	29	2	25	7
October	Northern California	36	10/0	36	6/0	38	11	X	X
	Mount Vernon	16	4/0	26	2/0	21	3	17	4
November	Greater Columbus			14	4/0	X	X	17	4
December	Florida			28	0/0	33	X	X	X

RC = Regular Classes, S/V = Sweeps/Veterans, X = No Data Available

**AMSC Montgomery County Specialty:**

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club show in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on Sunday, October 5, 2014. Carla Nickerson judged 18 Sweepstakes entries. Margo Klingler judged 82 regular class entries. The 2014 AMSC Specialty in Blue Bell, PA compares with 2013 as follows:

<b>REGULAR CLASSES</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>UP OR DOWN</b>
Total Entry	91	92	-1
Competing	82	85	-3
<b>SWEEPSTAKES</b>			
Total Entry	20	22	-2
Competing	18	20	-2
<b>VETERANS</b>			
Total Entry	2	2	0
Competing	2	2	0

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Bonnie Keyes**

**AMSC BUDGET 2015**

A line item detail review was completed with the Board.

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Notes</u>
<b><u>Contributions</u></b>			
Memorials			
Other	\$100.00		
Purina Parent Club Program	\$900.00		
Rescue			
<b><u>General Expenses Items</u></b>			
AKC Delegate		\$1,750.00	
AKC Entries/Annual Dues \$35		\$35.00	
AKC Fliers		\$225.00	
Advertising		\$250.00	
All Other/Miscellaneous Expenses		\$200.00	
Bank fees and Interest Income	\$75.00	\$50.00	
Donations		\$500.00	
Insurance, Dir & Off, Liability		\$1,499.00	Directors/Officers, Liability, Crime
Meet the Breeds NYC	\$300.00	\$750.00	
Meet the Breeds Eukanuba		\$700.00	
Membership 540 (used 2014 Actual)	\$16,983.00	\$175.00	Postage & Supplies
Parent Club Canine Health Conference		\$1,200.00	
Health Seminars @ Specialties		\$4,500.00	3 Educational Seminars \$4,500
PayPal Fees	\$20.00	\$500.00	
Secretary Expenses		\$220.00	Postage & Supplies
Treasurer Expenses		\$120.00	Postage & Supplies
President Expenses		\$100.00	
Web site maintenance		\$1,110.00	\$135x6 mo then \$25x6 mo +\$150 maint
<b><u>Committee's</u></b>			
AMSCOPE (annual amount)		\$5,010.00	Printing, postage, supplies
Awards – Local newsletter/website		\$100.00	
- President's / Life time members		\$75.00	
- Breeder Awards		\$1,000.00	
Health – Programs	\$500.00	\$2,200.00	Report fees/spec pubs \$500, Postage/Print/Adm \$200, Progeny software upgrade/training \$1,500

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Notes</u>
Health – Programs (cont'd)			
-JRD Study – U of GA		\$300.00	
Judges Education		\$500.00	
Judges Selection		\$225.00	Letter printing & postage
Legislative – NAIA Conference & Travel		\$1,000.00	
Membership		\$150.00	
Publications & Literature	\$500.00	\$400.00	
Trophies (see discussion under New Business)	\$3,100.00	\$4,500.00	Expense covers Denver Roving, Great Western & Montgomery all shows in 2015
Ways & Means – Merchandise	\$6,000.00	\$3,350.00	Afghans, sweat shirts etc.

### **Special Events**

#### **Denver Roving**

Chair expenses			
Catalogue adv/entry fee			
Dinner			
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$300.00	
Judge's Fee		\$1,150.00	Fee, Travel etc
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$200.00	
Meet & Greet Get Together		\$1,000.00	
Board Meeting Room		\$100.00	
Entry %	\$225.00		Based on \$3.00 per dog @ 75 Entries

#### **Great Western**

Chair Expenses			
Catalogue adv/entry fee			
Hospitality		\$300.00	
Judge's Fee		\$1,150.00	
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$200.00	
Meet & Greet Get Together		\$1,000.00	
Board Meeting Room		\$100.00	
Entry %	\$270.00		

**No information received from 2014 show re: Income/expense or any budget information.**

#### **Montgomery**

Chair Expenses			
Catalogue adv/Other Fees		\$56.00	
Meet & Greet Get Together		\$1,000.00	
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$300.00	
Judge's Fee		\$1,150.00	
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$200.00	
Raffle/auction	\$734.00		
Board Meeting Room		\$471.00	
Entry %	\$475.00		Based on \$5.00 per dog @ 96 entries

<b>2016 Minipalooza – (3/30/16 -4/3/16)</b>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Notes</u>
			John has requested \$5,000 to set up bank account. All monies will be recouped during 2016. <b>Board decided that NO separate account or Treasurer would be set up.</b>
Merchandise			
Logo		\$500.00	
Hospitality Deposit		\$500.00	
Special Attraction Trophies		\$300.00	
Miscellaneous		\$200.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$30,182.00</b>	<b>\$42,871.00</b>	
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>		<b>(\$12,689.00)</b>	

Board discussed charging a nominal fee for requested reprints of AMSCOPE and Membership Rosters done by Carla Borelli. The fee will be determined at a future Board meeting. A reminder was given to all specialty show chairs to consider giving the Judges a welcome basket with refreshments and critical club contact information for the judge. The National specialty will be Great Western in 2015 and Minipalooza in 2016. The rotation of the National specialty was voted on by the Board previously.

**REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE:** Don Farley

At the December AKC Delegates' Meeting, the "Delegate Forum" which takes place prior to the meeting, will have a Q&A session with the current nominees for the AKC Board Class of 2019. Nominations by petition closed on Nov. 15, so the current slate of nominees is:

- Robert A. Amen, Port Chester Obedience Training Club
- Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America
- Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club
- Steven D. Gladstone, Waterloo Kennel Club
- Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club

There are four Board positions to be filled. And Jim Crowley, AKC General Secretary, is requesting any questions for these candidates be submitted to him in writing by December 1. So if anyone has questions you'd like any or all of these nominees to answer, please send them to me and I'll send them to Jim in his required format. The only item we're voting on at the December meeting is a change in the rules for Retriever Trials, allowing and All-Age only trial in place of their Open/All-Age trial once every three years.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Trophy Committee Proposal for 2016:
  - 3" medallion for BOB
  - 2" medallion for BOS and Select
  - 1 ½" medallion for AOM
  - Trophies (not medallions) for WD, WB, RWD, RWB, 1<sup>st</sup> in each class, Veterans, Best in Sweeps, BOS in Sweeps
  - 3" medallion for High In Trial
  - 2" medallion for High Combined
  - Appropriate sized rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> each class on up

Cost of Medallions:  
 \$49/large antique brass or antique copper  
 \$35/antique silver plate

\$19.45/small antique brass or antique copper  
\$15/small antique silver plate

Estimated annual budget needed is \$3,500 does not include cost of medallions. Committee will post cost of making more medallions to the Board list. If a die needs to be made, the cost is \$800 for just the 2" medallion that we do not currently have. Bonnie Keyes requested that budgeting be done based on a calendar year. This discussion will continue at the Denver Board meeting. Committee will continue to organize 2015 trophies up until Montgomery.

2. Confirmation of dues amount for 2014-15

*Constitution & By Laws, Article 1, Section 4.*

**Dues**

(a) The amount of the annual dues, maximum \$75, shall be set by action of the Board prior to the mailing of the dues notices

(b) Annual dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January of each year.

(a) Statement of dues payable for the ensuing year shall be mailed to each member at least one month prior to due date.

No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year

Patti Henderson made a motion to keep the dues level the same as last year. It was seconded by Carole Weinberger. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Set up an audit/auditor for the Treasurer's books

*Constitution & By Laws, Article 3, Section 3:*

(d) **Duties of the Treasurer.** The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Club and is in charge of all Club monies and financial records. In this capacity, he shall collect, receive and disburse all monies due or belonging to the Club and receipt therefore; deposit all monies in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club; report at every Board meeting the financial condition of the Club and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; report to the Board any and all members whose dues or other indebtedness remain unpaid; render an account at the Annual Meeting of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year; and shall support the development of a budget and other aids or procedures for establishing and monitoring the financial policies of the Club. The books will be audited at least annually and at any other time specified by the Board.

A new Auditor needs to be found. Extra funds may be needed to hire an independent auditor. Bonnie will check with a local person with accounting background and get back to the Board.

3. Recognition of stud dog owner for Bred By class - CSMSC request

They want to enter the Bred By class with their stud dogs. AKC will not allow it.

4. Contracts for Specialties – It is formalized for the Denver Specialty. We should get it a written contract for all specialties in the future, especially when there are rebates involved. Brian Bogart has info for Montgomery County. Wyoma will check with Vera Potiker for GWTA.

**X. ADJOURNMENT at 10:37 p.m. EST**

**Next Face-to-Face Board Meeting will be on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. or one hour after judging is completed at the Roving Specialty in Denver.**