



Beard 'n Brows

October 2019

Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club, serving Maryland, Virginia & Washington, DC since 1955

“Celebrating the spirit of the Miniature Schnauzer”

President's Letter

What a great program Karen Hoffman, DVM, conducted for our club on Sept. 15th! Thank you, Karen, for the wonderful information you shared with members and guests!

I hope to see most of our members at our annual Specialty conformation show, member meeting, and luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 12th. See the notice on this page for details. Our show attracts a number of top Miniature Schnauzers as they head home from Montgomery.

The Board has been busy reviewing and updating club policies as well as our constitutional and by-laws. More information will be shared at our annual meeting.

Warmly,
Shawne Imler
President

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MVMSC Specialty at Catonsville Kennel Club Dog Show, Saturday Oct. 12th

Our Specialty is about a week away! If you have not done so, sign up to join us for this great show and luncheon/meeting event! The MVMSC Specialty show will be attended by beautiful Mini Schnauzers and people from around the country. The show is held at the Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794.

This year the Miniature Schnauzers are being shown in ring #8, starting at 11:15 am. Our judges are Ms. Carol Filer (Sweepstakes) and Mr. Sidney L. Marx.

The show judging program is available [here](#). The show fairgrounds map and driving directions are on page 13 of the judging program.

There is still time to register and sign up to bring an appetizer or side dish. This meeting is also when we provide member awards and vote on the 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors.

Volunteers are needed to perform a few easy tasks that are easy and can be performed by any club member. A new volunteer Evite poll has been sent to members. So sign up to help!

Immediately following the conclusion of the Mini's showing, the member meeting with awards, election, auction, and luncheon will be held indoors at the Miniature Schnauzer grooming area. Note: bring your own chairs.



Holiday Party Time!

Be sure to save the date for the MVMSC Holiday Party on November 30 from 1:00 - 5:00 at the Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. A private room has been reserved, members will pre-select from a menu and pay for their own meals. A cash bar will be available.

We will have our optional gift exchange (up to a \$15 gift) and silent auction. As the date approaches, more information will be provided and an Evite invitation sent to all members so they can RSVP and select their preferred meal.

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEMBER AWARDS!



Guess who this is with her first Mini Schnauzer? If you belong to our Facebook group you know. If you don't belong to the FB group, now is the time to join and find out!

Contact Barbara Donahue to join.

2019 Meeting Schedule

Member Meetings

Oct. 12: MVMSC Specialty; Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD 21794. See [website](#) for details.

Nov. 2: Supported entry Warrenton Kennel Club; see [website](#) for details

Holiday Party: November 30 from 1:00 - 5:00 at the Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. An evite invitation with meal selection will be emailed after our Oct. 12th Specialty. Visit our [website](#) for details.

Board Meetings

Held the last Monday of the month at 8 pm via conference call.

HELP! Member Meeting Topics

Have an idea for a fun or educational member get-together? Would you like to help organize a Schnauzer walk in the park? Know a person in the dog industry who would like to speak with our members on a particular subject? Does your schnauzer have a particular skill that you would like to demonstrate to fellow members?

Do you know a dog friendly location or restaurant where we can meet with our dogs? Have a favorite dog bakery?

Reach out to a board member (listed on page 1 of the newsletter) to help schedule a session for the club.



MVMSC member Karen Hoffman, DVM, right front center, provided an excellent health program for members and guests Sept. 15th. Everyone was engaged and asking great questions.

Members in attendance (not in order in the photo) were Howard Bowen, Jeni Bowen, Leslie Cromer, Karen Hoffmann, Pam Schott, Paula Tibbs, and Randy Tibbs.; Lisa Lavender and Kelly Radcliffe are not shown.

Guests in attendance were Rose Brown and Pat Voveris.

NJSRN OH 20 Update

Our FB group had a post about how New Jersey Schnauzer Rescue Network (NJSRN), the only AMSC recognized Miniature Schnauzer rescue in our club geography, was taking in 20 Mini Schnauzers from a hoarding situation in northern OH. The rescue was seeking foster homes that would help the dogs get accustomed to living with and being handled by people. MVMSC member Cindy Sanders kindly offered her assistance.



MVMSC and NJSRN member Kelly Radcliffe and a fellow MS rescue advocate, drove the 12 hours roundtrip to pick up the dogs and came home with 15 Miniature Schnauzers. Thankfully, the shelter was able to rehome some the the dogs on their own, so NJSRN ended up with the "OH 15". NJSRN appreciates the offers to help these dogs, all of whom are fully vetted, brucellosis negative, spayed/neutered and some of the dogs are ready for adoption and others are settling in with foster families.

Member Update

Great news! Debi Durst has reported she is cancer free and feeling much better. Her immune system is still compromised, so she is not yet able to participate in club events, but she plans to be active with the club once her doctors give her the OK.

Aren't medicine and will power amazing?

Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club
DRAFT Club Member Meeting Minutes; to be voted on Oct. 12, 2019 @ Member Meeting
Olney-Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital
1300 Olney Sandy Spring Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860
September 15, 2019

Members in attendance: Howard Bowen, Jeni Bowen, Leslie Cromer, Karen Hoffmann, Lisa Lavender, Kelly Radcliffe, Pam Schott, Paula Tibbs, and Randy Tibbs

Guests in attendance: Rose Brown and Pat Voveris

Call to Order: In the absence of the president, Kelly Radcliffe called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Attendance: Members and guests were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: None.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Radcliffe reported that, as of this morning, the club has \$6,352.26 in the General Fund; \$307.17 in the Trophy Fund; and \$1,017.50 in the Rescue Fund for a total of \$7,676.93.

President's Report: The president was not able to attend today's meeting, so there was no president's report.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: The Membership Committee chair was not able to attend today's meeting, but has recommended that dues remain the same for 2019-2020 (\$30 for regular, voting members and \$25 for associate, non-voting members). Members in attendance agreed with that recommendation.

Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe reported that New Jersey Schnauzer Rescue Network now has the 15 dogs from Ohio that Barbara Donahue alerted the members to, and NJSRN has received a foster application from one member and inquiries from a few others. Thank you!

Specialty Show: Paula Tibbs reported that we will be in the big building, not the terrier building as we were last year. We do not know yet how that will affect our luncheon set-up. The board will send out notice if we have more information before the day of the show; otherwise, an announcement will be made at the show.

Trophy: Paula Tibbs reported that all trophies have been purchased and are ready to go.

Nominations from the Floor: Randy Tibbs nominated Paula Tibbs to serve on the board.

Applications for Membership: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM. A program on Miniature Schnauzer health and wellness followed the member meeting. Dr. Karen Hoffmann lead an interesting and informative program, and answered many questions from our members. Our thanks go out to Dr. Hoffman for her time and expertise and for the use of her facility.

On behalf of the secretary,
Kelly Radcliffe

**Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club
Board Meeting Minutes, **Approved**
Conference Call
August 26, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Shawne Imler at 8:16 pm.

Board members in attendance included: Shawne Imler, Barbara Donahue, Kelly Radcliffe, and Leslie Cromer.

Minutes of the Last Meeting (July 29, 2019): Kelly moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting on July 29, 2019. Barbara seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

President's Report: Shawne reported that the 2nd building at Howard County Fairgrounds is supposed to be finished by the date of our Specialty on October 12th. We will be set up in the Main building and plan to have our luncheon in the grooming area there. Shawne also spoke with Dr. Karen Hoffman about hosting our club meeting and health seminar on September 15th, 2019.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly reported that the club has \$7,676.93 in the bank, broken out as follows:

\$6,352.26 General Fund
\$\$307.17 Trophy
\$1,017.50 Rescue
\$7,676.93 Total

Kelly noted that she is missing a few receipts for trophy purchases.

Secretary's Report: nothing to report

Applications for Membership: None

Elections of New Members: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: The member award form has been emailed to members twice and as of August 23rd, two have been submitted.

The FB group is not excessively busy, but a few members have been posting info.

A couple of members, who aren't posting, have said they enjoy it. Will continue to encourage people to join and post.

Nominating: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Tatiana Myers, Rich Edwards, and Barbara Donahue, respectfully report the information for Leslie to email to the members on August 27. I have assurance that Rich Edwards AMSC membership will be voted on at Montgomery, so he will be eligible to serve as the MVMSC Delegate to AMSC. The nominating committee's slate for 2019-2020:

- Shawne Imler – President
- Leslie Cromer – Vice President
- Kelly Radcliffe – Secretary
- Barbara Donahue – Treasurer
- Rich Edwards – Director and Delegate to the AMSC

Rescue: Committee post on MVMSC FB that 20 dogs from Ohio are in need of homes. If anyone is interested in fostering, please contact committee.

Specialty Show: Kelly asked if Paula sent information to AMSC and/or AKC to be posted. Paula's emails concerning information were shared stating that everything had been sent to AKC. Kelly will inquire about MVMSC's information.

Trophy: nothing to report

Old Business

MVMSC Specialty - Shawne asked Ed about making his special barbecue for the luncheon and he agreed. MVMSC will provide meat, paper goods(Shawne has) and MVMSC cake. Kelly will bring drinks, and Paula will bring tables and coolers. Barbara will set up an evite for members to sign up letting us know what they plan to bring.

Committee Report Policy - Kelly sent out draft. Barbara questions whether we were emailing notices of meetings to members. Committees are to submit information 7 days prior to meetings. Kelly MOVED that the board adopt the draft policy. Shawne seconded and it passed unanimously.

Discussion on Changes to Constitution/Bylaws - tabled

New Business

The board designated the vice president and secretary as the voting members for Responsible Dog Owners of Maryland.

Barbara suggested taking the current logo and having it revamped. The cost would be approximately \$200 if no major changes are required, with an additional \$100 for vector file format. Barbara made a motion to approve the expense, and Kelly seconded it. All were in agreement.

Using a member survey to obtain information from members on programs they would find useful and would attend was discussed. A survey hasn't been given out in approximately 10 years. Barbara made a motion to send out survey. Shawne seconded it. All were in agreement.

Barbara made a motion to accept the membership committee's recommendation that membership dues remain the same for the 2019-2020 year. Kelly seconded. All were in agreement. The topic of annual dues will be added to the September club meeting agenda.

Creating a task list of in-process items/topics was discussed to prioritize what needs to be done and see progress or lack of thereof. This list could be reviewed at the beginning of meetings to help determine what the club wants to accomplish. This list would be retained by the Secretary. Kelly and Barbara will work on making such a list.

Kelly put together a Committee Guidelines Template Draft. Kelly will send to Leslie to forward to existing committees. All agreed. The board also agreed that the chairs of the membership committee, rescue committee, show committee, and trophy committee would be required to provide draft guidelines to the board by December 31.

Executive Session

Barbara made a motion to adjourn at 9:42. Shawne seconded it.

As approved by the Board on September 30, 2019.



POLICY

SUBJECT: Committee Reports

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: August 26, 2019

BACKGROUND

Standing and ad hoc committees, formed to take on work that the board cannot do during a regular board meeting, are required to provide written reports to the board.

POLICY/PROCEDURES

Committee chairs shall provide monthly written reports to the club secretary. These reports are required in order to keep the board informed of the status of the committee's work, to obtain board approval of proposals prior to implementation, and, unless authorized by the board by specific motion or in the committee guidelines, to seek board approval prior to the expenditure of club funds.

Board meetings will be announced in the club newsletter and via e-mail to all board members and committee chairs.

Committee chairs will e-mail their monthly reports to the club secretary at least five days and no more than 10 days before each board meeting, along with copies of any documents or materials referenced in the committee report.

The club secretary will include the written committee report and any supporting documents with the agenda that is mailed to the board members prior to the meeting.

Board members will review the meeting agenda and committee reports prior to the board meeting. Committee chairs should be prepared to answer any questions that the board may have and to report back to the board as necessary.

The club secretary will include the written committee report and comments/questions raised during the meeting in the board meeting minutes, making them a part of the permanent historical record for the club.