

# BELGIAN BEAT

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## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

After reviewing the feedback provided by our membership, the ABMC Board of Directors voted unanimously to continue publication of the monthly Belgian Beat and change the ABMC Performer to a quarter publication. This change will be reflected in the next issue as it will be the April, May and June Performer. Future editions will be as follows: July - September, and October - December. Please note that the new DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE PERFORMER IS NOW JANUARY 15TH, APRIL 15TH, JULY 15TH, AND OCTOBER 15TH.

Also, one more important item was discussed regarding the Most Versatile Malinois Competition at the National Specialty. The Board of Directors voted to allow dogs entered in C Course Herding, if offered at a National Specialty, to earn points toward the Most Versatile Malinois Competition. It was discussed and decided that individuals may enter both A Course Herding and C Course Herding, however the individual must designate which trial they want to count toward their Most Versatile Points before they compete. Under no circumstances will an individual be able to count both trials for Most Versatile Malinois points. This decision was not taken lightly, and the Board feels that it acted in the best interest of the ABMC Membership.

**MEMBERSHIP  
INFO:**

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership – \$65

Junior Membership (10y-17y) – \$10

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**WELCOME NEW  
ABMC MEMBERS**

None At This Time

**\*\*\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\***

**2024 ABMC National Specialty  
May 17-26, 2024 in Harrisonburg, VA**

“We’re looking forward to reuniting with friends and our Malinois “families” during a fabulous eight days of events held in historic Virginia, the oldest of the thirteen original colonies. Your support – through attendance, entries, purchase of specialty items, trophy sponsorship, submission of catalog ads, and volunteering – all help to make our 2024 National Specialty a success. We look forward to seeing you May 17-26 at Horizons Edge in Harrisonburg, VA.”

– National Specialty Chair Lisa Knock

National Specialities require the help of many volunteers. If you can volunteer in any way, large or small, please contact National Specialty Chair Lisa Knock, cell (703) 424-5491 (call or text) or [trisorts.malinois@gmail.com](mailto:trisorts.malinois@gmail.com)

***\*\*New ABMC Member Applicants\*\****

(Members will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting)

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**SPONSORED BY: Lisa Knock and JoAnne McLellan**

## \*\*\*\*Board Meeting Minutes\*\*\*\*

### ABMC BOD Meeting

January 23, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:30 pm CST
  - 1.1 Paige Johnson
  - 1.2 Janet Lasater
  - 1.3 Sara Andersen
  - 1.4 Jeannine Daugherty
  - 1.5 Susie Williamson
  - 1.6 Suzanne Belger
  - 1.7 Miranda Ginnetti
  - 1.8 Tiffany HolleyAll members were present
2. Approved minutes of November 14, 2023 BOD Meeting. Suzanne moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Jeanine seconded; approved. Suzanne moved to accept the Minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting; Jeanine seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
  - 4.1 2024 – plans are on target; contracted agility judge; Lisa is working on a host hotel.
  - 4.2 2025 – still working on the herding venue.
  - 4.3 Others: [will include Herding committee and Judges' Education Reports and will revise these Minutes]
5. Old Business
  - 5.1 Follow-up regarding ROM photos; a blanket statement will be printed in the Performer stating that if an owner has earned a ROM title or HOF entry and has not posted a photo, but would like one on the web site, the owner may forward a photo to the appropriate chair person.
  - 5.2 Follow-up regarding website updates: Dual and Triple Champions Have been posted.
  - 5.3 The Performer: discussed the results of the survey; also the possibility of printing only quarterly as long as the voting in of new members would be more frequent. A suggestion was made to send out a monthly "Newsletter" listing new member applicants along with upcoming events.  
Tiffany will send out an e-mail to the membership explaining that we are proposing publishing the Performer quarterly along with a monthly mini-newsletter listing new member applicants and upcoming events. In this way, new members can be voted in more quickly and our finances will improve.

## 6. New Business

- 6.1 BCOE issue regarding a member who has bred a dog without having the proper eye exams performed on said dog as well as the sire used. The male dog in question has never had an eye exam and has sired several litters. Jeanine moved to send a letter to the offending breeders; Susie seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 6.2 Agility and Obedience Invitationals issue: due to a mix-up, ABMC did not sponsor medallions for the invitationals. We will make a concerted effort to handle sponsorship in the future. Paige will contact Theresa Kulb regarding her inquiry.
- 6.3 BOD selection: February 15 is the deadline for candidates to submit biographies.
- 6.4 Selection of judges for 2026 National Specialty: Sara will forward selection of judges sheets for the NS.
- 6.5 HOF Committee: Theresa Kulb will announce the winners at the Banquet, but a Chair person is still needed. Also in need of a Tracking chair. Tiffany will post asking for volunteers for those two chair positions.
- 6.6 Update list of officers to AKC: this has been handled.
- 6.7 Regional Specialty in Amana: Tiffany moved to approve the application by Judy Hagen for a Regional Specialty in Amana during the August cluster (August 29, 30, 31, September 1 and 2) with the Specialty being held on August 31 and a Supported entry on September 1. Suzanne seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 6.8 AKC's proposal regarding identifying information in catalog: ABMC delegate to AKC, Carol Shields, requested information from the BOD as to how the ABMC vote would reflect its opinion of the proposed amendment [chapter 12, section 4] which would include adding specific identifying information to event catalogs. The BOD voted NO unanimously.

## 7. New Members:

Mallory Eckstut  
Dale Eason  
Sadie and Darrell Brommer  
Jennifer Myers  
Althea Evans (Jr. member)  
Jeanine moved to approve the applicants; Susie seconded. Approved Unanimously.

8. Next meeting: February 20, 2024.

9. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:53 pm; Suzanne seconded. Approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Lasater - Recording Secretary