

BELGIAN BEAT

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

We are excited to announce the election of the 2024 ABMC Board. No nominations were received from the floor, so the slate of candidates as presented by the nominating committee will stand as elected. President Paige Johnson, Second Vice-President Sara Andersen, Recording Secretary Janet Lasater and Director Miranda Genetti will continue to serve the ABMC in their respective positions for another two years. We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the 2024 Nominating Committee consisting of Susie Williamson, Monique Buzzarte and Binky Majumder. Serving on the Nominating Committee is always a daunting task and we appreciate your stepping up to the challenge.

Recently, the Board sent to the membership a reminder of the established Event Application Policies and Procedures. While these policies are not new, they have not been enforced for some time and that has led to some confusion. A National Club such as ours has several responsibilities and as the Board of Directors of the ABMC it is our responsibility to prioritize how best to support the ABMC and adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws. In order to fulfill our duties and responsibilities to the club, we must be fiscally responsible and more mindful of the financial status of our club. The financial stability of our club will allow us to be able to support members, of our club, in conducting sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, herding trials, and performance events under the rules of the American Kennel Club, in accordance with Constitution & Bylaws.

In an attempt to be able to continue to support ABMC Sanctioned events, the Board has adopted the following financial assistance limits for events using the ABMC name:

Supported Entry Shows - \$25.00

Regional Specialty Shows - \$50.00

National Specialty Shows - \$2,500.00

At this time other events, including but not limited to Agility Trials, Herding Trials, Scent Work Trials, FastCat Trials, etc. will

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

Junior Membership (10y-17y) -- \$10

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WELCOME NEW ABMC MEMBERS

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not receive any financial assistance. These events must be solely funded by the Event Chair/Committee and/or the Event Hosting Club. As always, all events should be planned to show a positive balance. Fundraisers and donations are strongly encouraged to offset the expense of such events.

Please know that the ABMC Board has made the above decisions for the fiscal security of our club. While we must act in accordance with the Constitution & Bylaws, we must also ensure that the ABMC can still cover all of our yearly expenses (insurance, tax preparation, Performer printing, judges education, etc.). Should the financial status of our club improve, Event Application Policies and Procedures will be reevaluated to best meet the needs of the club and its membership.

As a Board, we are open to hearing from any and all of our members. Our email addresses are listed on the left side of page one of each issue of the Belgian Beat. When emailing the Board, please feel free to reach out to any Board Member, however please CC our Corresponding Secretary on each email for documentation reasons and to maintain the proper protocol.

Finally, we have had no members show interest in chairing the 2026 ABMC National Specialty. If you are interested in chairing this highlight of the year event for our wonderful breed, please reach out to any board member for assistance. We are in the process of updating the ABMC National Specialty Manual and will publish an updated version as soon as possible.

*******UPCOMING EVENTS*******

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

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 trisorsts.malinois@gmail.com

ABMC Herding Trials

June 1-2, 2024
Three Quarter Circle H Ranch
Gardnerville, NV
Closing Date: May 15, 2024

ABMC Regional Specialty & Supported Entry

August 31-September 1
Prarieland Belgian Malinois Club
Amana, IA
Closing Date: August 14, 2024

*****Board Meeting Minutes*****

Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
February 20, 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 - absent
 - 1.5 Susie Williamson
 - 1.6 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.7 Miranda Ginnetti
 - 1.8 Tiffany Holley
2. Approved minutes of January 23, 2024 BOD Meeting. Suzanne moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Miranda seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer. Tax return is completed. Reminder: future applications for holding National Specialties must include a complete budget proposal prior to being approved.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2024: things are on schedule. Still encouraging members to volunteer.
 - 4.2 2025: herding issue has been handled. Six fast cat trials will be held.
 - 4.3 Others: it has been decided that, since The Performer is now being scheduled for publication on a quarterly basis AND because The Belgian Beat newsletter is scheduled for monthly publication, a brief synopsis of the monthly BOD meetings along with other committee reports (such as Herding, Judges' Education, etc.) will be included in The Belgian Beat to ensure more timely information available to the membership.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 The Performer: There is discussion regarding frequency of publication. Statistics, new titles, etc. will be posted on the website. This will save the club money and will provide much more information available in a more timely fashion. Also in a cost-saving effort, Susie moved that The Performer be published on a quarterly basis. Suzanne seconded. Approved unanimously. The next issue will be the April, May, June issue.
 - 5.2 BOD selection: Since there were no nominations for the open Board positions, the proposed slate will be sent to the membership.
 - 5.3 Update: selection of judges for 2026 National Specialty: voting ends on February 29

and Sara will send out that information.

- 5.4 Report: BCOE committee: Tiffany moved to accept the BCOE committee's suggested revisions of the Breeder Code of Ethics form. Susie seconded the motion. Approve unanimously. The Revised Breeder Code of Ethics will be posted on the website.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Agility trial fund-raiser for ABMR: Suzanne moved that, although the usual venue is unavailable for this year, that the dates be saved to sponsor the trials in the future. Miranda seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 6.2 MVM request: There was discussion regarding which Herding trials at the 2024 National Specialty would be used for score totals toward the MVM (Most Versatile Malinois) award. Susie moved that the Committee be allowed to designate one (1) A course and one (1) C course to be utilized; only one (1) course is to be used by a handler for said dog; the handler must choose PRIOR to competition which course is to count toward his/her dog's MVM score; each course is to have the same point value. Suzanne seconded. Approved unanimously. Lisa has informed the BOD that the designated events are the C course on Friday and the A course on Sunday.
- 6.3 New member "Spotlight": Tiffany writes an article for Public Education in each Performer and suggests that in place of that column, a new member spotlight and a photo of the member(s) and/or their dogs be included in The Performer. Sara does offer that in each issue of the Performer. Susie suggested that an "Old Member Spotlight" be included instead. Third option: an old and a new! Tabled.
- 6.4 Announcement: CHF (Canine Health Foundation) Quarter 4 Donor Statement: As of 12/31/23, our balance is \$4,101.59. Discussion regarding making suggestions to CHF and our money. Paige will research .
- 6.5 Wall hanger: Miranda shared the 3' x 3' wall hanging that she is making as a fund-raiser. Options were discussed regarding the best way to go about earning the most money.
- 6.6 Sara will send the list of new member applicants to Tiffany for publication in the Belgian Beat on a monthly basis.

7. Next meeting: March 19, 2024

8. Adjournment: Suzanne moved to adjourn at 8:57 pm; Tiffany seconded. Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary