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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

As many of you are aware the 2024 National Specialty is quickly approaching. National Specialty Chair Lisa Knock and her team have worked extremely hard to make this year's specialty amazing. If you haven't yet sponsored a trophy for either the Regional or National Specialty, there are several available at the National Specialty store (<https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2024/shop/>).

The Board has also started the lengthy process of updating the National Specialty Procedure Manual. This manual is an asset to any member planning to serve as National Specialty chair or on the National Specialty committee. If there is anything in particular in the manual that you would like to comment on, please feel free to contact any Board member. The current National Specialty Procedure Manual can be viewed at <https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/about-abmc/abmc-policies-and-procedures/>.

In addition to the current "New Member Spotlight" a new "Long-Term Member Spotlight" will be debuting soon. This will be a chance for some of our long-time ABMC members to be showcased and share a bit about themselves. Be on the lookout for an email from Performer Editor Sara Andersen regarding this.

Finally, we are excited to see you in Harrisonburg, VA at the 2024 National Specialty. Many Board members will be around the Specialty throughout the week and we would love to meet you all in person. If you see us, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give us a chance to get to know you. The 2024 ABMC Annual Meeting will be held May 22, 2024 at 3:30pm EST (or 30 minutes after the conclusion of Scent Work) at Horizons Edge on the turf field. We do hope that you will make plans to attend as we will need a quorum present in order to take action on any issues. National Specialty Chair Lisa Knock has a special 50/50 raffle planned for the Annual Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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Cousino*******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 trisorts.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**ABMC Regional Specialty & Supported Entry**September 27
Pacific Belgian Malinois Club
Carson City, NV
Closing Date: September 11, 2024**ABMC Agility Trials**February 7-9, 2025
Pinnacle Dog Sports
Westlake, OH
Closing Date: January 29, 2025**ABMC Agility Trials**February 28- March 2, 2025
Pinnacle Dog Sports
Westlake, OH
Closing Date: February 9, 2025*******Welcome New ABMC Members*******

Kathy Morrison

Deb Wigal

Connor Wooten

******BOARD MEETING MINUTES******

Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
March 19, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:34 pm CST.
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen - absent
 - 1.4 Jeannine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Susie Williamson
 - 1.6 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.7 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.8 Tiffany Holley
2. Approval of Minutes of the February BOD Meeting. Susie moved to accept the February 20, 2024 Minutes as presented; Suzanne seconded; approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2024 National Specialty – store is set up and accepting purchases and trophy donations. Paige will ask Lisa Knock how many medallions she will need.
 - 4.2 2025 National Specialty – will begin fund raising after the 2024 NS is completed.
 - 4.3 Others – none.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 New Member/Old Member "Spotlight": tabled
 - 5.2 Slate of BOD officers: Since no nominations have been received, the Slate of Officers is elected.
 - 5.3 Annual meeting: Paige will contact Lisa Knock regarding time and location of this year's Annual Meeting.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 In response to a member's inquiry, there was discussion regarding funding for National Specialties. It was determined that we need to redo the Event Application form and the National Specialty Manual. There was a suggestion to delineate the exact amount of ABMC-supplied fund for National Specialties Regional Specialties and Supported Entries will be considered. Proposed changes to the applications would include seed money of \$2,500 for NS; \$50 for RS;

and \$25 for Supported Entries. All other events are the financial responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

Susie moved to approve the proposed seed amounts; Suzanne seconded; Tiffany abstained from voting. Approved

- 6.2 Event application from Lynn Daniel: Sunshine State Herding Group specialty in Orlando, Florida December 13, 2024. Suzanne moved to accept and approve the application; Susie seconded; approved.
- 6.3 National Specialty Manual revision: Susie suggested that Best of Breed award be available for sponsorship rather than being sponsored by ABMC. Paige suggested that each month a section of the NS manual be covered/revised at the monthly BOD meeting. Suzanne suggested that the first section of the manual to be revised would be "Finances." However, for next meeting, check Sections 1, 2 and 3.
Also, Suzanne has volunteered to re-do the Event Application.
- 6.4 Application for Agility trial in 2025: The usual venue is not available for 2024, but Trial Chair Linda Redfield would like to save the dates for 2025. Per AKC, she must now apply for the trial for 2025.

7. New Member Applicants:

Reggie and Tracy Huff
Mallory Atkins-Johnson
Angelia and Scott Mullaney

Jeanine moved to approve the applicants for membership ; Miranda seconded; approved.

8. Announcements:

- 8.1 For any member question, please feel free to contact any BOD member, but also send a CC to Tiffany, Corresponding Secretary.
- 8.2 Miranda and her husband of Wandering Pines Trading Post will donate 20% of total sales to ABMC if a code (MALINOIS2024) is used when ordering.

9. Next meeting: May 7

10. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 9:14 pm CST; Suzanne seconded. Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary