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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The 2025 ABMC National Specialty is in the books. Co-Chairs Tiffany Holley and Paige Johnson would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the ABMC membership and volunteers for attending this event and helping to make it spectacular.

Suzanne Belger, ABMC Treasurer, would like to share with the membership that the audits required in the Bylaws have been completed. UHY has three main concerns: 1) that bank statements be reconciled as soon as they are received; 2) that ALL payments made have a COMPLETED and SIGNED check request form with LEGIBLE receipt(s) or invoices; and 3) receipts be provided for ALL cash received by ABMC. Suzanne has addressed the concerns set forth by UHY: 1) bank statements will be reconciled by the 5th of the month it is received; 2) NO payments will be made for ANY REASON without a COMPLETED AND SIGNED check request form AND legible supporting documentation (invoice or receipt(s)); 3) ABMC is unable to provide receipts for all cash received, this will be noted for future audits. The Board also discussed that, due to the expense of a professional audit, a professional audit will be conducted in the even number years and an ABMC Member (Non-Board Member) audit will be conducted every off number year.

The 2026 National Specialty planning is in full swing. Dina Ledger has graciously taken on the show chair position and will have her website and Facebook page up ASAP.

The Board received two complete proposals for the 2027 National Specialty. Thank You to Jill Morstad, Nina Schlack and Connor Wooten for submitting proposals. The Board would like to announce that the 2027 National Specialty will be held in South Sioux City, NE and show chair will be Jill Morstad. 2027 Judges are, pending any conflicts, Carol Shields for Breed and Darlene Laurin for Sweepstakes. An invitation has been extended to Nina & Connor to host the 2028 National in PA. It has been a very long time since the Board has received two National Specialty proposals, and we are extremely thankful to the members that worked so diligently to complete these two proposals.

Finally, the Board would like to remind all ABMC members that you are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The information for the next Board meeting can be found on the second page of the Belgian Beat on the left hand side. Please know, that should you attend, you will be muted the entire time and will be attending in a listen only manner.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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ABMC WEBSITE <https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc>**ABMC BOARD MEETING
INFO**Date: July 17, 2025
Time: 6:30 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Passcode: 305598***** UPCOMING EVENTS********ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes**

August 30, 2025

Amana RV & Event Center

Amana, IA

Closing Date: August 13, 2025

ABMC Supported Entry

August 31, 2025

Amana RV & Event Center

Amana, IA

Closing Date: August 13, 2025

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

September 26, 2025

Fuji Park

Carson City, NV

Closing Date: September 10, 2025

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

October 31, 2025 - November 2, 2025

Meadow Event Park

Doswell, VA

Closing Date: October 15, 2025

Closing Date: TBD

*******Welcome New Members*********Randall & Amanda Hoadley*********New Member Applicants*********Teri Robinson**425 High St
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****BOARD MEETING MINUTES****

Minutes ABMC BOD Meeting April 24, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:36 pm CST
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater - absent
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout - absent
2. Approved minutes of March BOD Meeting. Suzanne moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Jeanine seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2025 – everything is on track; one agility rosette is missing, but has been ordered. Discussion regarding the banquet. Agility trials are not full; we are expecting day of event entries for dock diving and fastcats. Signs will be posted reminding participants of the other events available.
 - 4.2 2026 – Agility secretary has been secured.
 - 4.3 2027 – we have not received a proposal.
 - 4.4 Breeder Code of Ethics: will be sent at the same time as renewal reminders; renewals are due July 1, 2025
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Breeder Education coordinator - tabled
 - 5.2 National Specialty manual update - tabled
6. New Business – none
7. New Members:
Brigitte & Andy Dietz
Lea Orloski
Jeanine moved to approve the new membership applicants ; Miranda seconded. Approved unanimously.
8. Next meeting: June 12, 2025.
9. Adjournment: Suzanne moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm; Jeanine seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary

**** NO MAY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD DUE TO ABMC NATIONAL SPECIALTY AND ANNUAL MEETING****