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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

We hope you are all enjoying the warm summertime temps with your family and dogs. First, we would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to the family and friends of the late Theresa Kulb. We are deeply saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected passing of fellow ABMC member, devoted ABMC volunteer and fellow Malinois owner, Theresa Kulb. Theresa devoted much time to the ABMC by chairing the ABMC Agility Committee, handling the Agility Hall of Fame and Hall of Fame tiles for all venues over the past several years. Theresa was a wonderful woman and will be deeply missed.

Next, we are excited to announce that the Board unanimously approved Connor Wooten to be the chair of the Agility Hall of Fame. Connor will be handling the presentation and shipping of all Hall of Fame plaques. The Board also unanimously approved Karri Higgins as the new Agility Committee chair. Karri will be responsible for vetting all Agility Hall of Fame applicants and providing her expertise regarding all things Agility. Thank you Connor & Karri for volunteering to handle these positions for the ABMC, we are grateful for your dedication. We would also like to thank Jeanine Daugherty for storing the Hall of Fame tiles for all venues. Thank you Jeanine for adding this to your list of ABMC duties that you are already handling, we are grateful for members like you.

The 2026 ABMC National Specialty is coming along great. Dina Ledger and her team are working diligently to make this a wonderful event. The specialty will be held at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Facility in Whitmore Lake, MI May 10-16, 2026. Please join the 2026 ABMC National Specialty Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19Zf1qkP8q/> and/or visit <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2026/> for the latest information.

Miranda Genetti and Carolyn Kaiser have been working together to create a system to accept working dog titles from other organizations. Working Dog titles that do not appear on the dog's AKC records must first be verified by the Working Dog Committee before submitting the ROM application. Send the following material directly to the Working Dog Committee, c/o Miranda Genetti neverlandk9@gmail.com

- 1) a short video of the scorebook showing the cover, the dog's information page, and the titling page (this is preferred), or
- 2) photographs of working title certificates may also be submitted.

Material should indicate the dog's registered name, registration number, title, and date the title was awarded. The Working Dog Committee will confirm their verification with the applicant and the ROM Custodian. After verification has been confirmed, please go ahead and submit the ROM application.

Finally, the ABMC Board would like to publicize that we have instituted a new program to recognize all ABMC members who are a member at the time of their passing. The ABMC will make a donation to ABMR in memory of any ABMC member who passes away that is a member at the time of their passing. The Board feels that this is the a great way to honor and ay tribute to ABMC members.

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: August 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:

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****Welcome New Members******Teri Robinson****Marie Shouse****Todd Touchton****Bree Browning****Donn Jaynes****Elizabeth Berna****Mark Vorhees****Ross Durrer*******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

ABMC Agility Trials - Fundraiser for 2026 National Specialty

February 7 - 8, 2026

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: January 28, 2026

ABMC Agility Trials - Fundraiser for 2026 National Specialty

February 27 - March 1, 2026

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: February 18, 2026

*******New Member Applicants*********Christi Johnson**

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

Minutes ABMC BOD Meeting June 12, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:35 pm CST
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti - absent
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of April 24 , 2025 BOD Meeting . Jeanine moved to accept the Minutes as corrected (agility trials at National Specialty were well-attended, but not full); Suzanne seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2025: Discussion regarding Superintendent Foy Trent's error in providing the proper number of rosettes. Everything was finally reconciled.
 - 4.2 2026: discussion regarding acquiring a Superintendent.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision: tabled
 - 5.2 Paige will have a Zoom meeting with the Canine Health Association next week and will report at July BOD meeting.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Proposals for 2027 National Specialties (one for Nebraska and one for New Jersey. Jeanine moved to accept the proposal (based on geographical location) for Sioux City, Nebraska, with first choice for 2028 offered for the New Jersey proposal. Anastasia seconded. Approved.
 - 6.2 Working dog titles re ROM (paragraph from Carolyn Kaiser) – tabled.

- 6.3 Oregon Regional Specialty issue: WB did not go back into ring and therefore, lost her major points and was supposed to return all awards and trophies to the trial secretary. Per AKC, Corresponding Secretary is to send letter to owner (and provide proof of certified mail to AKC) so that further action may be taken, if necessary.
 - 6.4 Event applications for Agility trials February 6 - 8, 2026 and February 27,28 and March 1, 2026 to be held at Pinnacle Dog Sports in Westlake, Ohio. Suzanne moved to approve the applications; Jeanine seconded. Approved. NOTE: these trials are earmarked as fund raisers for the 2026 National Specialty.
 - 6.5 Breeder Code of Ethics issue: a member has been removed from the Breeder Referral list for not complying with the mandate to have OFA eyes done prior to breeding. Once removed, a member may reapply in 3 years.
7. New Members: Randall & Amanda Hoadley
Tiffany moved to approve applicants for membership; Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously.
8. Next meeting: July 17, 2025. It was decided to attempt to schedule future meetings on the third Thursday of each month.
9. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm CST; Suzanne seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary