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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

This month's ABMC Board meeting was short yet productive. First, the Board approved four separate event applications, two of which are for multiple date events. One goal of the current Board was to increase ABMC sponsored events being chaired by ABMC members. We are very excited that the membership has reacted positively this and we are seeing more and more Supported Entry shows and Regional Specialties. These events will be published in the Belgian Beat once they are approved by AKC.

Next, communication is proving to be an issue with the AKC Canine Health Fund donation. Rest assured that ABMC President Paige Johnson is working hard to get this donation made and should have another meeting set up with AKC shortly.

Finally, as many of you now, AKC approved herding venues are getting more and more sparse. Sadly, there was no National Specialty Herding Trial for 2025 due to the damage at Purina Farms. The Board has discussed two separate options: 1) having a National Specialty Herding Trial Separate from the National Specialty (preferable before the National Specialty) at a different location than the National Specialty; and 2) holding the National Specialty at the same, somewhat central location each year that provides a location for all National Specialty Venues. We, as a Board, would like to hear what the ABMC general membership would like to see happen. Please reach out to any board member at the email address listed on the left of this page and let us know what you think. Please know this is still in the very beginning stages of planning and will NOT affect the 2026, 2027, or 2028 National Specialties. The Board prides itself in being a representation of what the ABMC membership wants, so please take a moment to let us know your feelings on this matter. We are planning to have a presentation regarding the options at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

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: September 11, 2025
Time: 7:00 CSTJoin Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85602278586?pwd=5dWYxjY5GJbj9BWz4gYZ9jjI4LHlte.1>Meeting ID: 856 0227 8586
Passcode: 101330****Welcome New Members******Christi Johnson**
Mary Janek
Bobbi Siccardi
Samantha Stuber
*****UPCOMING EVENTS*********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 6 - 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

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

**Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
July 17, 2025**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:33 pm CST
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger - absent
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of the June 12, 2025 BOD Meeting. Tiffany moved to accept the Minutes as revised (SECTION 6.1: Pennsylvania, not New Jersey proposals for 2027). Jeanine seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2026 National Specialty: 2 days of agility; still working on hotels and RV parking facilities.
 - 4.2 2027 National Specialty: although we have several chair person volunteers, still needed are the following: Herding chair, Catalog ads; Catalog sales & marked catalogs; Chief Ring Steward; Honor & Rescue Parade coordinator; Judges' Hospitality; Most Versatile Malinois; Photographers(s); Raffle; Reserved Grooming; RV Coordinator; Silent Auction; State Baskets; Website; Welcome bags; Event secretaries; AKC Temperament test.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision: previously tabled – have not had a meeting recently.
 - 5.2 Working dog titles re ROM: Tiffany moved to approve the following procedure with the note that nothing is being added or subtracted from the list of ROM titles. Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously. "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." This information will be sent to Monique for posting on the website.

5.3 Canine Health Association: Paige is attempting to re-schedule ZOOM meeting.

5.4 Update: Oregon Regional Specialty issue: there has been no cooperation from alleged participant. No action taken.

6. New Business

6.1 Event applications for agility trials to be held at Pinnacle Dog Sports in Westlake, Ohio for February 12 - 14, 2027 and March 5 – 7, 2027. Jeanine moved to approve the applications. Miranda seconded. Approved. NOTE: these trials are designated fund raisers for the 2027 National Specialty.

6.2 HOF chair: Tiffany had sent out info requesting a volunteer for this job. Connor Wooten has volunteered and been approved by the BOD. Jeanine moved to approved Connor as the HOF chair. Anastasia seconded. Approved.

6.4 HOF process (see Monique's e-mail, July 1).

6.5 Tiffany suggested a \$50 donation from ABMC to ABMR in memory of any of our members who passes away. Tiffany so-moved; Miranda seconded. Approved.

7. New Members applications:

Teri Robinson

Todd Touchton

Don Jaynes

Mark Vorhees

Marie Shouse

Bree Browning

Elizabeth Berna and Ross Durrer

Miranda moved to approve the above-listed applicants. Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. Next meeting: August 21, 2025

9. Announcement: Miranda is expecting!!! Huge congratulations!

10. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:26 CST pm CST; Anastasia seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lasater

Recording Secretary