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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The ABMC Renewal period is now closed. Thank You to all ABMC members who renewed your membership. A club is only as good as its members and we are grateful for our wonderful members.

The ABMC Board of Directors received notification from the AKC that they are now accepting nominations for a new award, the AKC Presidents Sportsman Award and the ABMC Board unanimously voted to nominate the Late Theresa Kulb for this award. Therasas unwavering dedication to the ABMC and the Belgian Malinois in general is truly something spectacular and should be honored. The nomination is included in this issue after the August Board Meeting Minutes.

The Board would also like to remind all ABMC members that you are more than welcome to attend the Board meetings via zoom. The meeting information for the next Board meeting is listed on the second page of the Belgian Beat on the left side, just under the ABMC website. The Board encourages any member that would like to attend to please do so. All Board members are representatives fo the membership and we hope to see some of you at future Board meetings.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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**ABMC BOARD MEETING
INFO**

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 7:00 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83745606254?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83745606254?pwd=P5XFbbariVJyMhWA3ahuqVfCbjiySe.1)

[pwd=P5XFbbariVJyMhWA3ahuqVfCbjiySe.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83745606254?pwd=P5XFbbariVJyMhWA3ahuqVfCbjiySe.1)

Meeting ID: 837 4560 6254

Passcode: 161592

****Welcome New Members****

Donald Allen

Karla Flage

Jeff Polfer

Crystal Martineau

*****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

*******New Member Applicant*******

Sylvia Calcano

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SPONSORED BY: Carolyn Kaiser and Jency Jordan

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

Minutes ABMC BOD Meeting August 21, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 8:00 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. Approve minutes of July 17, 2025 BOD Meeting. Anastasia moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Tiffany seconded; approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report: Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2026 National Specialty: Working with AKC to confirm one of the judges. Everything else is on schedule.
 - 4.2 2027 National Specialty: Jeanine reported that the team is "ahead of schedule".
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Continuation of National Specialty Manual revision: previously tabled: still no meeting.
 - 5.2 Canine Health Association update: Paige continues to work on this. So far, no information from CHA.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Event Application: Designated Specialty, Dec., 2025, Orlando: Tiffany moved to approve the application; Janet seconded. Approved unanimously
 - 6.2 Medallions for December events in Orlando: all handled and have been ordered and paid for all venues!
 - 6.3 Event Application: Mallory Eckstut requested approval for Supported entries 3/21/26 and 3/22/26 at the shows hosted by Silver State Kennel Club. Jeanine moved to approve the application; Miranda seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - 6.4 Event Application: Laurie Kudna requested approval for a Regional Specialty and Supported Entries in Albany, OR April 3,4,5, 2026. Jeanine moved to approve the application. Anastasia seconded; approved unanimously.

- 6.5 Event Application: approval was requested for Supported Entries on 11/29 and 11/30/25 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Washington. Tiffany moved to approve; Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously.
7. New Members:
Christi Johnson
Samantha Stuber
Bobbi Siccardi and Mary Janek
Anastasia moved to approve the applicants; Jeanine seconded. Approved unanimously.
8. Next meeting: September 11 at 7:00 CST.
10. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:42 CST; Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary



Theresa Kulb
September 28, 1959 - June 23, 2025

We are grateful to be able to pay homage to a member of the American Belgian Malinois Club, posthumously, Theresa Kulb. Theresa served the ABMC as Agility Chair and Agility Hall of Fame Chair for many years. She devoted a great deal of time to vetting and personally congratulating each Agility Hall of Fame applicant. Presenting the Hall of Fame plaques to all owners and breeders whose Malinois achieved this honor in all venues gave Theresa much joy.

Theresa was a common fixture at the ABMC National Specialty, where she could often be found volunteering wherever she was needed and greeting fellow Malinois owners with a delightful smile. Theresa was welcoming to all new ABMC members and new participants in dog sports. She was always willing to lend a helping hand, give a welcoming smile or even give individuals a few pointers on how to better train their dog. While Theresa's sports of choice were Agility and Tracking, she could often be found in the conformation ring, participating in FastCat trials or Trick Dog evaluations, and doing her part, both volunteering and participating in the Obedience and Rally rings.

Theresa's passion for the Belgian Malinois is exemplified in the titles, representing multiple venues that she competed in. "Pete" CT TriSorts Fly Me High Chewie TDX2, TDA, RN, TDU, BCAT, CGC, TKA, OA, OAJ was the fourth Malinois to obtain the Champion Tracker title. Theresa most successful dog was K, GCH CH AGCH2 MACH9 PACH2 TriSorts Tko Total Knock Out CD RA MXG3 PDG MJG3 PJG MXP5 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX2 MFC TQX MFPB TQXP T2B10 CGCA CGCU TKA.

Theresa was always completely put together. She was cheerful and positive. Rarely did she share her own health issues or the challenges and obstacles in her own life. She never hesitated to help with rescue, put on trials and specialties, assist others with their dogs or to volunteer to do home visits for prospective puppy buyers when a fellow breeder would ask.

Theresa Kulb was a living example of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship & Civility. Until her passing, June 23, 2025, she volunteered with rescue, always helping with whatever was needed at the time. Theresa's main concern was the welfare of the dog in question and she always went the extra mile for Belgian Malinois.

She exemplified the “Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves” bullet point of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship & Civility in many ways. Most noteworthy is her attention to details and other dog sports participants. A fellow ABMC member, Carol Shields, recently published this memory of Theresa which exemplified this bullet perfectly; “During the 2016 National Specialty in Virginia I was taking part in the bidding for the silent auction. One of the pieces offered was a print of a Malinois with sheep. It was just beautiful, so I began to place my bids. As the final hour approached, I lost the print to another bidder. Fast forward to a few years later, I received a package in the mail. Upon opening it, there was the print, beautifully framed with a note inside “this is for you” - I cried as I sat admiring the gift. The gift was from Theresa Klub. This piece sits in my dog room in my home in Maine and I will always treasure it as well as my love for Theresa.”

“Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct”, definitely describes Theresa Kulb’s life in dog sports as well as her daily life in general. She chose a career in public service when she became a Nurse. After serving in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Theresa went on to earn both a BSN and MSN degrees. She was also a nurse consultant for Kimberly Clark Corp for many years. She met her husband, Dr. Thomas Kulb, in the operating room at the VA hospital in Indianapolis. She was the Director of Surgery at St. Joseph hospital for several years, which she dearly loved.

Theresa was a second generation Belgian Malinois owner. She was living example of “Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations” as she continued owning and trialing Belgian Malinois just as her mother did. Theresa never expected more than her dogs could give, she just expected them to give her their all, which they happily did. Each time Theresa and her dogs headed into or out of a ring, her dogs were always happily wagging their tails and thrilled to be with Theresa.

Theresa Kulb demonstrated the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility in her participation in dog sports, volunteering with the American Belgian Malinois Club, and daily in her personal life and career. It is our great honor to nominate the late Theresa Kulb for the AKC Presidents Sportsmanship Award.

The following is an email received regarding Marti Moses, wife of Jim Moses. The following has been published on the ABMC website and emailed to all ABMC members with permission of the ABMC Board of Directors.

**Thank You,
Tiffany Holley
ABMC Corresponding Secretary**

Dear Malinois family and friends,

My apologies if you've already received this, but I'm learning that for some reason some of you may have not when I first sent it out. And my apologies if this is the first news you have that we have lost her.

About five years ago she was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), a rare bone marrow disorder that prevents the formation of mature red cells. So far, it was just severe anemia, but eventually would have become leukemia. In late July, she went into the hospital with covid & pneumonia. Recovery was going well, but then she became increasingly nonresponsive, the initial thought was possibly "original" covid, or something just overwhelming her fragile system, related to her MDS and long-standing asthma. They finally ordered a CT, which revealed a massive stroke. It was all just too much, and she died on the 10th of August.

As we prepare to celebrate her life, we are creating a virtual memorial service to honor her memory. Instead of a traditional in-person gathering, we will be putting together a video that includes tributes, photos, and stories from those who loved her most.

Her beloved and very talented niece, Melinda Windsor, has graciously volunteered to take the lead, for which I am incredibly grateful. As most of you know, I was the (very) low-tech half of our marriage!

Here's how you can help:

- **Photos & Memories:** Please send any digital photos you'd like included to Melinda.
 - If you only have printed copies, you can **mail** them to her, and she'll scan and return them.
PLEASE include your return address!
 - Melinda Windsor
1929 Fairwinds Drive
Graham, NC 27253
 - It may be easier to **upload** them rather than email.
[You can upload them HERE to her Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j3tNotl7Bewf0a3mqOHWY0NK0tXQXyWL?usp=sharing) - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j3tNotl7Bewf0a3mqOHWY0NK0tXQXyWL?usp=sharing>
 - You can also **text** pictures to Melinda at 704-245-9109.

- **Share a Tribute:** If you would like to record yourself speaking a few words about Marti (a short memory, story, or message), please let Melinda know. She can send you simple instructions on how to do this, or she can set up a time to help record you via Zoom.
 - We hope you understand that we will need to limit these remarks to 2-4 minutes to keep this Service at a reasonable length. ❤️
- **Other Contributions:** Poems, quotes, scripture, or favorite songs that remind you of her are also welcome, and we hope to have space to use them.

Please send your contributions to Melinda by Friday, September 26th, 2025, so we have enough time to put everything together. If you have any questions, you can email Melinda at melgwindsor@gmail.com or call/text her at 704-245-9109.

Thank you for helping us honor her in such a special way. We will provide more information once we've compiled the necessary details.

With love and gratitude,

Jim