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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

It is that time of year again - time to nominate Officers for the 2026-2027 term. The ABMC Board would like to say THANK YOU to the 2025 Nominating Committee: Chair - Paige Johnson, Members - Lisa Dillman and Carol Shields, and Alternates Angela Silvestri and Rachel Fabrizi. The positions up for nomination this year are: President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and one Director position. If you are interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions please reach out to the Nominating Committee. The deadline for Nominations is January 10, 2026.

Please take a moment to review the "Upcoming Events" section of the Belgian Beat. We have some wonderful volunteers that have some wonderful events planned for the upcoming months.

The 2026 ABMC National Specialty planning is in full swing. Next year's Specialty will be held at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Facility in Whitmore Lake, MI. Please join the 2026 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BKG2dXR34/> or visit <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2026/> for the most up to date information. Thank you to Dina Ledge and her amazing group of volunteers that have taken on this daunting task. We hope to see all of you at the 2026 National.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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**ABMC BOARD MEETING
INFO**

Date: November 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86891422255?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86891422255?pwd=yY2xb7NxnZl3aXyvpUE3It7Y5TUVsD.I)

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Meeting ID: 868 9142 2255

Passcode: 384282

****Welcome New Members****

Sylvia Calcano

*****UPCOMING EVENTS*******

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

October 31, 2025 - November 2, 2025

Meadow Event Park

Doswell, VA

Closing Date: October 15, 2025

ABMC Regional Specialty

December 12, 2025

Orange Count Event Center N/S Building

Orlando, FL

Closing Date: November 12, 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 Applicants*******

NONE AT THIS TIME

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

Minutes ABMC BOD Meeting September 11, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:03 pm CST
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater - ab
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen - ab
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti - ab
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout - ab
2. Approved minutes of August 21, 2025 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 2026: Candlewood Suites is the host hotel. Dina is still trying to finalize the contract with Sonny Strom so that it can be approved by AKC. He will be given a January 1, 2026 deadline to provide the proper documentation.
 - 4.2 2027: No report.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Update of National Specialty Manual: no meeting/no report.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 AKC Sportsmanship Award: The BOD voted unanimously via e-mail to nominate Theresa Kulb. Tiffany will write the essay to accompany that nomination and will forward the information to AKC.
7. New Members:
Donald Allen
Karla Flage and Jeff Polfer
Crystal Martineau
Suzanne moved to approve the applicants for membership; Tiffany seconded.
Approved.

8. Next meeting: Thursday, October 9.
9. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm CST; Suzanne seconded.
Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary