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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The November ABMC Board meeting was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. So there is no update from the Board meeting itself.

Nominations are currently open for the 2026-2027 ABMC Board. 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.

Unfortunately, the ABMC has lost another long time and well respected member. Ann Williams has passed away. The ABMC has made a \$50.00 donation to ABMR in her honor. Her obituary and photo are included in this edition of the Belgian Beat.

The 2026 ABMC National Specialty planning is in full swing. Next yeas 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.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we would like to send our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful membership. May you all have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving with your families and Malinois. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

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: December 4, 2025 Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/
87131810545?

pwd=qQvgP6GjYUJ45nWm8YKQ2E
qHXBL97D.1

Meeting ID: 871 3181 0545 Passcode: 139576

Welcome New Members

None at this time

*** UPCOMING EVENTS****

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

ABMC National Specialty

May 10-16, 2026 Ann Arbor Dog Training Club Whitmore Lake, MI Closing Date: April 10, 2026

*****New Member Applicants****

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****BOARD MEETING MINUTES****

Due to the November Board Meeting being cancelled, the October minutes were not approved, therefore they cannot be published at this time. The October minutes will be published in the December Belgian Beat.





Anne Williams November 22, 1948 - November 3, 2025

"It is with deep sorrow that we announce Anne Rubin Williams passed away suddenly at her home in Brooktondale, New York on November 3. She was born November 22, 1948, in Fort Collins, Colorado, the daughter of the late Nan and Robert Rubin. There she graduated from Poudre High School and Colorado State University.

Anne's passion was dogs. Growing up, with a veterinarian father, the family owned numerous cats and dogs. As an adult, she owned 15 Belgian Malinois or Belgian Tervuren. Her dogs competed in dog shows: conformation, obedience, rally, and numerous other tests in many venues. She was an active Life Member of the Ithaca Dog Training Club where she served as an Officer, Board Member, and Dog Show Chair as well as teaching classes. She was also an active Life Member of the Finger Lakes Kennel Club and served as an Officer, on the Board, and Assistant Show Chair for the Spring shows. At the Fall shows she could often be found driving the golf cart between the obedience ring and the Superintendent and Club tents. She was a member of the American Belgian Tervuren Club for nearly 45 years, as well as the American Belgian Malinois Club for almost 25 years.

She is survived by her brother James Rubin and his wife Margaret Gough living in Fort Collins and her nephew Tanner, his wife Jenna and their two daughters in Moab, Utah.

There is no planned memorial service currently. If you want, Anne's family and friends request that memorial contributions be made to Belgian Tervuren Rescue or Malinois Rescue. Websites: BelgianTervurenRescue.com or MalinoisRescue.org"*

^{*}Thank you Judy Hagen for providing the ABMC Board with the above information regarding Anne.