

# BELGIAN BEAT

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## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The February ABMC Board meeting was very productive. It's time for the ABMC to perform an internal audit of the clubs finances. Per the ABMC Bylaws: "At the expiration of the current term of the Treasurer, or every two years, an independent audit shall be performed and the results shall be submitted to the Board." The ABMC is looking for three volunteers with at least 1 year of club membership, to assist ABMC First Vice President Jeanine Daugherty in performing this important task. The duties are minimal and can be conducted online via zoom and email. The main requirements are simply reviewing several documents in order to verify that the club finances are in order. NO financial knowledge is needed. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to ABMC First Vice-President Jeanine Daugherty at [jeaninepdaugherty@gmail.com](mailto:jeaninepdaugherty@gmail.com) no later than March 15, 2026.

The 2026 ABMC National Specialty planning is in full swing. Next years 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 Ledger and her amazing group of volunteers that have taken on this daunting task. We hope to see all of you at the 2026 National.

Attached is the ABMC Awards Request Form for 2025. If your dog earned an AKC title in 2025 and you would like to be recognized at the 2026 ABMC National Specialty, please complete the attached form and return it to Barb Benner no later than March 15, 2026.

**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: March 12, 2026

Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82399104740?pwd=EMXYpdrzaMKhXMrF2kKGa6XyKfq1UT.1)

[82399104740?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82399104740?pwd=EMXYpdrzaMKhXMrF2kKGa6XyKfq1UT.1)

[pwd=EMXYpdrzaMKhXMrF2kKGa](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82399104740?pwd=EMXYpdrzaMKhXMrF2kKGa6XyKfq1UT.1)

[6XyKfq1UT.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82399104740?pwd=EMXYpdrzaMKhXMrF2kKGa6XyKfq1UT.1)

Meeting ID: 823 9910 4740

Passcode: 408878

**\*\*Welcome New Members\*\***

**Angela van den Ham**

**\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\***

**ABMC Agility Trials - Fundraiser for 2026 National Specialty**

February 27 - March 1, 2026

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: February 18, 2026

**ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes**

April 4, 2026

Lynn County Fair & Expo Center

Albany, OR

Closing Date: March 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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SPONSORED BY: Anastasia Swarouth and Lisa Dillman

**\*\*\*BOARD MEETING MINUTES\*\*\*****Minutes  
ABMC BOD Meeting  
January 8, 2026**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:30 pm CST.
  - 1.1 Paige Johnson
  - 1.2 Janet Lasater
  - 1.3 Sara Andersen - ab
  - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
  - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
  - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
  - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
  - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of December 11, 2025 BOD Meeting. Anastasia moved to accept the minutes as printed; Jeanine seconded; approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
  - 4.1 2026 National Specialty: Paige reported that Claudia Bailey has everything ready for the Scent Work trial – just waiting for the approval of AKC. Jeanine reported that Dina has ordered small placement and qualifying rosettes for Rally and Obedience. The first draft of the premium has been completed and corrections submitted. Beauty of the Beast has requested a vendor spot; Dina will contact Judge Sonny Stromm regarding his flight plans; most events are already listed on the website. The Annual Membership meeting will be on Friday. The disaster plan and emergency vet arrangements have been confirmed. From Dina: She will forward the AADTC contract shortly. The contract is signed with Superintendent Foy Trent and the host hotel. Information regarding FastCAT trials is not currently available. Working on schedule and securing a photographer. Event chairs are hiring judges.
  - 4.2 2027 National Specialty: Obedience and Rally judges are under contract; the show superintendent contract is signed; the committee is working on adding FastCAT trials. Anastasia will reach out to Sandy Moore for 2027 regarding the possibility of having a herding presentation.

- 4.3 2028 National Specialty: Paige will message parties that have expressed interest in chairing 2028 NS to encourage submission of their proposal as soon as possible.

5. Old Business - none

6. New Business

- 6.1 Crufts Certificates: as of June, 2025, the Crufts Certificates are also available to winners at the Royal Canin Show in Orlando each December,. They are available for pick-up at the venue.

- 6.2 Rally HOF: Discussion regarding deadlines and title achievements. Janet moved to extend the deadline for applications for all HOF admissions to February 1 for the previous year, to be honored retroactively to include 2025. Suzanne seconded. Approved unanimously.

7. New Members applicants: Lisa Brown

Suzanne moved to approve the applicant; Jeanine seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. Next meeting: February 12, 2026.

9. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm CST; Anastasia seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Lasater  
Recording Secretary

# AMERICAN BELGIAN MALINOIS CLUB AWARDS REQUEST FORM

FOR ALL **AKC** TITLES EARNED  
FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

DOG NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AKC NUMBER:\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CO-OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LIST CERTIFICATES REQUESTED AND DATE EACH TITLE WAS EARNED

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

To be eligible you must have been a member of the ABMC at the time that the title was earned.

Please, only one Malinois per request form.

\*Because AKC maintains a database that lists dogs' titles, it is possible to verify titles on the AKC website. Please provide the dog's AKC registration number for verification if you are not including copies of certificates.

I will \_\_\_ will NOT \_\_\_ be present at the 2026 National Specialty. (If you do not attend the Specialty, your dog's award certificate will be mailed to you after the Specialty.)

PLEASE RETURN THE AWARDS REQUEST FORM(S) BY **MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
(you may scan or photograph and e-mail them if you wish) to:

**Barb Benner**  
**PO Box 2259**  
**Airway Heights, WA 99001**

**e-mail: [agilmals@gmail.com](mailto:agilmals@gmail.com)**