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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

We are getting very excited to see everyone at the 2026 ABMC National Specialty in Ann Arbor, MI! The entries are in and the events are mere days away, if you would like to volunteer to assist in any way please reach out to Dina Ledger via email at condormom@aol.com or Conformation Chair Allison Bath via email at endeavormal@yahoo.com

There has been one significant change to the 2026 ABMC National Specialty, sadly, Obedience Judge Sharon Redmer has had to resign from her assignment. Mrs. Redmer recommended fellow Obedience Judge Jeanie Thomas as a replacement. Mrs. Thomas has graciously accepted the assignment.

Please visit <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2026/> or check the Facebook group, <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2026/> for the most up to date specialty information. Please visit the specialty store at <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2026/shop/> for all of your specialty needs.

The ABMC Board voted unanimously to donate \$250 to the AKC Political Action Committee. More information can be found regarding the AKC Political Action Committee at <https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/pac/index.cfm>

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 15, 2026 - 45 minutes after the conclusion of the ABMC Regional Specialty inside the Ann Arbor Dog Training Facility (1575 E. North Territorial Rd. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189). The DEADLINE for ABMC members to submit items to be placed on the Annual Meeting agenda is April 31, 2026. Please submit agenda items to Recording Secretary Janet Lasater at coolpix2@aol.com

Please note that there will be NO ABMC Board Meeting in May due to the Annual Meeting to be held at the ABMC National Specialty. The next ABMC Board Meeting will be held in June.

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: June 11, 2026

Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83071933644?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83071933644?pwd=cy8vT5sfe28Z0YYZBxcEabsmc)

[83071933644?pwd=cy8vT5sfe28Z0YYZBxcEabsmc](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83071933644?pwd=cy8vT5sfe28Z0YYZBxcEabsmc)

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Meeting ID: 830 7193 3644

Passcode: 218070

****Welcome New Members****

Heather Coulis

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

ABMC National Specialty

May 10-16, 2026

Ann Arbor Dog Training Club

Whitmore Lake, MI

Closing Date: April 10, 2026

ABMC Agility Trial

May 22, 2026

Horizons Edge Sports Campus

325 Cornerstone Lane

Harrisonburg, VA

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

August 29, 2026

Amana Colonies Convention Center & RV Park

Amana, IA

Closing Date: August 12, 2026

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

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

**Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
March 12, 2026**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:32 pm CST.
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger - ab
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of February, 2026 BOD meeting. Anastasia 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 National Specialty: the premiums for conformation, obedience and rally should be available soon.
 - 4.2 2027 National Specialty: no report.
 - 4.3 2028 National Specialty: no proposal yet.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 AKC Breeder Education position: Suzanne has volunteered for this position.
 - 5.2 AKC PAC (Political Action Committee): BOD will vote via e-mail.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Event Application from Tasha Messina re "Bonanza Specialty" in Carson City, NV on September 25,26 and 27, 2026. Jeanine moved to approve the application; Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - 6.2 AKC Judges Mentor List Update: Tiffany will forward the revised list to AKC.
 - 6.3 Approve updated Meet the Breeds documents. Tiffany moved to accept the updated Meet the Breeds documents; Miranda seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - 6.4 Sweeps requirements: as of January, 2025, AKC has approved allowing a person who judges sweepstake events at a National Specialty to show in all other events at the Specialty except for Sweepstakes events. Tiffany moved to put our rules regarding

Sweepstakes Judges parameters in line with those of AKC. Jeanine seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

7. New Member Application: Devetta Hill Tiffany moved to approve Devetta's application for membership; Jeanine seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. Next meeting: April 9, 2026

9. Adjournment: Anastasia moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm CST.

Jeanine seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary