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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

First and foremost the ABMC Board of Directors would like to say "THANK YOU" to the hardworking members that made the 2026 National Specialty a success. THANK YOU to Dina Ledger and her hardworking group of volunteers that volunteered countless hours to ensure that the show was a success. Next, we would like to congratulate each winner on your wonderful accomplishments. It was great to see so many of our membership in attendance and see so many beautiful dogs.

Next, the ABMC Board is excited to announce that we will be participating in the OFA Champions for Health award once again. This was done several years ago, however it fell by the wayside for several years. The OFA Champions for Health award honors those Belgian Malinois that excel in both the breed ring and the performance venue while obtaining their appropriate health clearances. Nominations should be sent via the nomination form, located at <https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Champion-for-Health-Award.pdf> to Rory Friedow, DVM at anduin@com1net.net. Three qualified dogs will be selected from all nominations and submitted to the OFA, who will make the final winning selection. The winner will be announced at the ABMC Awards Banquet and a \$100 donation will be made by the OFA to the AKC Canine Health Fund in the winning dogs name. ABMC Corresponding Secretary Tiffany Holley worked diligently with AKC Health Committee members Dr. Rory and Linda Friedow to bring this award back to life within the ABMC.

The 2026 ABMC Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with the 2026 ABMC National Specialty and it was very productive. Three main items were discussed and handed. First, due to increasing club expenses, the Board of Directors made a motion and it was unanimously passed to increase ABMC dues to the following rates: \$75 for a household membership and \$55 for an individual membership. The price increase will go into effect immediately for new members and you will see it on the 2027 membership renewal. Next, due to the increasing difficulty of locating a venue that can host all, or most of the events for a National Specialty, a motion was made and unanimously passed to have the ABMC National Specialty at Purina Farms at least every other year. Finally, the ABMC Board of Directors received a complaint accusing a club member of alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the ABMC and the Belgian Malinois. The Board conducted a hearing, pursuant to the ABMC By-Laws, and reviewed all documentation. The Board of Directors presented their recommendation, expulsion from the club, and the ABMC membership in attendance voted unanimously to expel Chandler Robertson from the ABMC effective immediately.

Finally, the 2027 ABMC National Specialty will be held May 9-15, 2027 at the Marriott Event Center in South Sioux City, NE. Show Chair Jill Morstad and her team are already working feverishly to make this a wonderful National. Jill does have a few committee positions open: Catalog Ads, Catalog Sales & Marked Catalogs, Most Versatile Malinois, Reserved Grooming, RV Coordinator, and Silent Suction Coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering to assist Jill in any way, please reach out to her via Facebook messenger or email at jmorstad@prairie9.com.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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ABMC WEBSITE [https://
www.malinoisclub.com/abmc](https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc)**ABMC BOARD MEETING
INFO**

Date: July 9, 2026

Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/
82685250616?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82685250616?pwd=O4w7jwKFaJSPHkPz8rCxPWE)[pwd=O4w7jwKFaJSPHkPz8rCxPWE
xgoyuSq.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82685250616?pwd=O4w7jwKFaJSPHkPz8rCxPWE)

Meeting ID: 826 8525 0616

Passcode: 749399

****Welcome New Members******Diane Coles****Meg Hardtner*******UPCOMING EVENTS********ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes**

August 29, 2026

Amana Colonies Convention Center & RV Park

Amana, IA

Closing Date: August 12, 2026

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

September 25, 2026

Fuji Park

Carson City, NV

Closing Date: September 9, 2026

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

October 31, 2026

Meadow Event Park

Doswell, VA

Closing Date: October 14, 2026

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

November 1, 2026

Meadow Event Park

Doswell, VA

Closing Date: October 14, 2026

ABMC National Specialty

May 9-15, 2027

Mariott Event Center

South Sioux City, NE

Closing Date: April 10, 2026

*******New Member Applicants*********Allison Caley**

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

**Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
April 23, 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
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia SwarthoutAll members were present.
2. Approved minutes of March 12, 2026 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: Miranda will post online the information regarding the Texas Roadhouse fund raiser.
Tiffany has the Crufts certificates and will bring them to the Specialty.
Jeannie Thomas will replace Sharon Redmer as Obedience judge.
 - 4.2 2027 – No report.
 - 4.3 2028 – No proposal yet.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Addition to the National Specialty Manual: discussion regarding Trophy sponsorship. It was decided that this information should be available

sooner to the membership. There is also a need to discuss venues for future specialties.

- 5.2 PAC (Political Action Committee): results of on-line vote by BOD: Jeanine moved to donate \$250; Suzanne seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Expulsion proposal: Tiffany will send the complaint to members and will prepare ballot papers for the membership vote at the Annual Meeting.

7. New Members: Heather Coulis

Miranda moved to approve the new membership application; Suzanne seconded Approved unanimously.

8. Next meeting: June 11, 2026

9. Announcement: Tiffany reported that there are currently 301 club members, including 2 Lifetime members and 1 Junior member. Renewal notices were sent via e-mail to 298 members of which 13 were mailed via USPS.

10. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm CST. Anastasia seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lasater

Recording Secretary