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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The July ABMC Board Meeting was a very productive meeting. First, the Board has secured a manufacturer and are ordering more 25-year membership appreciation pins. We are deeply sorry that these were not available at the 2026 Annual Meeting, please know that all of our ABMC members are deeply appreciated.

Next, the Board of Directors discussed the National Specialty manual revision process. The Board will begin updating the ABMC National Specialty Manual at the September Board meeting. Any ABMC members that would like to assist in this process are welcome, as always, to attend the ABMC Board Meeting via the zoom information that is published on the second page of every edition of the Belgian Beat.

In addition, the Board would like to invite any ABMC member who is interested to submit a bid for the 2028 ABMC National Specialty. Bids must be RECEIVED by ABMC Corresponding Secretary Tiffany Holley via email at tiffanyholley@gmail.com or USPS at PO Box 602 Kermit, TX 79745 by AUGUST 1, 2026. Any bids received after this date will NOT be considered. The Board of directors will review ALL COMPLETED bids received at the August Board Meeting and make a final decision regarding the 2028 ABMC National Specialty.

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 and her team are looking for a Scent Work Trial Chair and the following committee positions are open: Catalog Ads, Catalog Sales & Marked Catalogs, Volunteer Gifts, Judges Ed Coordinator, Members Ed Coordinator, Most Versatile Malinois, RV Coordinator, and Silent Auction 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@prairiek9.com.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$55

Family Membership -- \$75

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/
81891324710?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81891324710?pwd=gQWYeVwfxzab7ZP3xG6DQciCmqf9YC.1)[pwd=gQWYeVwfxzab7ZP3xG6DQci
Cmqf9YC.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81891324710?pwd=gQWYeVwfxzab7ZP3xG6DQciCmqf9YC.1)

Meeting ID: 818 9132 4710

Passcode: 576460

****Welcome New Members******Allison Caley****Elaine Saenz Abledinger****Heather Sallia*******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*********Vicki Cousino**3265 Reeling Circle
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*****BOARD MEETING MINUTES*****

Minutes ABMC BOD Meeting June 11, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:35 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 April 23, 2026 BOD Meeting. Anastasia moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Jeanine seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2026 National Specialty - discussion regarding detailed information to be included in the NS Manual and passed along to each chair to help future events run more smoothly. A thank-you card has been sent to the President of Ann Arbor Kennel Club for all their help at the NS Agility trials.
 - 4.2 2027 National Specialty – tentative schedule is out. Most of the “Chair” positions have been filled. Still needed are Scent Work, Dock Diving and Fast Cat chairs.
 - 4.3 2028 National Specialty – No Report.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 A suggestion was made to ensure future events include all venues relative to the NS be within a one-hour drive from the conformation venue. No motion/vote on this suggestion.
 - 5.2 Continuation of NS Manual revision: tabled after discussion stressing that much more detail is needed.

- 5.3 PAC donation check was returned to the Club due to the fact that checks from Breed Clubs cannot be accepted by AKC. However, individuals can make donations. Information will be included in a later edition of The Performer providing the background and instructions for donating for any member(s) who may be interested in donating funds to the Political Action Committee. It was mentioned that this committee has been instrumental in helping with positive legislation regarding pure bred dogs.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Lifetime Membership application – Clemente Newcomb. Jeanine moved to approve this application. Suzanne seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- 6.2 Lifetime Membership application – Shawn and Gregory Nelson. Tiffany moved to approve this application. Jeanine seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- 6.3 Champions of Health Award – Discussion regarding this award. Suzanne moved to have information and nomination forms published in the Belgian Beat and on the website. Members may make nominations and forward them to Rory Friedow, DVM. Anastasia seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

7. New Member Applicants: Diane Coles and Meg Hardtner
Suzanne moved to approve both applicants. Miranda seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

8. Next meeting: July 9, 2026

9. The Annual Membership meeting was held in lieu of the May BOD meeting.

10. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:36 pm CST; Suzanne seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary