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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

Happy August everyone. Hopefully you can start to see the end of the summer heat and are ready for some much cooler temperatures. The deadline for submissions for bids for the 2028 ABMC National Specialty was August 1, 2026. As of August 13, 2026 the ABMC Board has received only one complete proposal. The ABMC Board accepted a bid from Miranda Genetti and Tiffany Holley. We are grateful to these two ABMC members for taking on this daunting task. Miranda and Tiffany will post more information at a later date. If you are interested in assisting with the 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the ABMC please reach out to Miranda or Tiffany at their emails listed to the left.

Next, the AKC has asked parent clubs to nominate up to 5 individuals to judge the AKC National Championship Show. The AKC requires that the nominations be approved to Judge at least 5 breeds and be currently approved by the AKC as a Judge. The Board has already elected to nominate Betsey Orman and Danelle Brown. If you would like to nominate another individual, please email the judges name to ABMC Corresponding Secretary Tiffany Holley. Nominations are due to Tiffany by September 7, 2026.

In addition, the Board has revisited the way ABMC Event Applications are submitted. The Board has revised this policy and it was decided that yearly events no longer need ABMC event applications. If you chair of an event for the ABMC and you are NOT requesting any funds (other than AKC fees) and your event remains at the same place each year you do NOT need to submit an ABMC event application. ALL NEW EVENTS WILL STILL NEED TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED ABMC EVENT APPLICATION. If you are unclear if you need to submit an ABMC event application or not, feel free to reach out to any Board member.

Next, the ABMC Board is excited to announce that the medallions have been sponsored for the AKC National Championship for ALL VENUES (Conformation, Obedience, Agility, and Rally). We know that these were not sponsored for a couple of years, due to an oversight and miscommunication, however they have been and will be continued to be sponsored each year.

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, 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. Please join the 2027 ABMC Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CwXn9vrCi/> and/or visit the following website for the most up to date information <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2027/>

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$55

Family Membership -- \$75

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

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ABMC WEBSITE <https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc>**ABMC BOARD MEETING
INFO**Date: September 10, 2026
Time: 7:30 CSTJoin Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81073357661?pwd=EjP9tXwNEaSu59v9aStlOwR8hWEqgE.1>Meeting ID: 810 7335 7661
Passcode: 987290****Welcome New Members******Vicki Cousino
Danielle Richards
Cindy Simonsen
Marcella Deisher*******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 Regional Specialty**December 12, 2026
Orange County Convention Center N/S Building
Orlando, FL
Closing Date: November 25, 2026**ABMC National Specialty**May 9-15, 2027
Mariott Event Center
South Sioux City, NE
Closing Date: April 10, 2026*******New Member Applicants*********Lori Koshowski**1556 Dexter Mountain Rd
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and Wendy Cousino

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

Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
July 9, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:40 pm CST
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen - ab
 - 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 June 11, 2026 BOD Meeting. Jeanine moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Miranda seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2027 National Specialty - there is a delay in receiving the financial information from the Herding secretary. There was lengthy discussion regarding the scheduling of Herding trials for future National Specialties.
 - 4.2 2028 National Specialty – Nina was given a new deadline (August 1) for receipt of her proposal.
 - 4.3 Others
 - 4.3.1 Linda Friedow - Judges ED: Nothing new with Judges Education. I respond to emails or questions as I receive them.
 - 4.3.2 Monique Herding Committee - No report
 - 4.3.3 Barb Benner - Awards Committee: the following awards were produced to be presented at the 2026 ABMC National Specialty: Plaques for the President's Award, Volunteer of the Year and Sportsmanship Award for 2025; Certificates for AKC titles earned during 2025 and Certificates for members who completed 25 years of ABMC membership in 2025.
 - 4.3.4 Carilee Moran - AKC Gazette Columnist: AKC Gazette columns continue to be

submitted on time, most recently on June 1 for the September issue.

4.3.5 Ann McKay – Archives: Nothing New

4.3.6 Tiffany Holley - Meet the Breeds: Nothing new

5. Old Business

5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision:

“Sweepstakes Requirements” – puppies do NOT have to be entered in another class to enter in Sweepstakes.

5.2 Follow up re Chandler Robertson – Chandler has received communication via Certified Mail from the Club informing him of his permanent and immediate expulsion from ABMC as a result of the membership vote at the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting. He has been instructed to remove from his website and all social media platforms any and all indications of any affiliation with ABMC.

6. New Business

6.1 Membership appreciation/recognition: Tiffany has researched the manufacturer of the pins as well as the cost. The best price was for a purchase of 100 pins, which included a one-time cost for the mold. Miranda moved to accept the proposal for the purchase of the 25-year pins. Anastasia seconded. Approved.

6.2 2028 National Specialty proposals – all proposals for 2028 are due in writing to the BOD no later than August 1, 2026.

6.3 Judge nominations for the AKC National Championship – the BOD will compile a list of up-to-five (5) judges for this honor.

7. Announcement: Tiffany reported that \$586.00 profit was made for the T-shirt fund-raiser.

8. New Members: Allison Caley, Elaine Senez Ableidinger and Heather Sallia.
Tiffany moved to approve the above-listed applicants. Jeanine seconded. Approved.

9. Next meeting: August 13, 2026

10. Adjournment: Miranda moved to adjourn at 8:48 pm; Anastasia seconded.
Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary