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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

September has arrived, and hopefully you are enjoying the cooler temps and easing into the fall season. The September Board of Directors meeting was very productive, and some great updates are being made.

First, the ABMC has been feverishly working to update the ABMC National Specialty Manual. At this month's meeting we updated Sections I - IV. Next month the Board will be reviewing and updating Sections V-VI. If you have any suggestions please email them to ABMC Corresponding Secretary by October 5, 2026 so the Board can include them with our updates.

Second, We received a couple of nominations from the ABMC Membership for judges to judge the AKC National Championship. The ABMC Board will be submitting the following judges for consideration: Sharon Redmer, Betsey Orman, Danelle Brown, Linda Friedow and Rory Friedow. Thank you to the members who submitted judge names, we appreciate you taking the time to participate in this process.

Next, the Board would like to make the ABMC membership aware of how a Breeder Code of Ethics violation is handled. Once a complaint is made, it is investigated by the ABMC Board, which then verifies the complaint. The complaint is then submitted to the ABMC Breeder Code of Ethics Committee (BCOE) to review. The BCOE Committee then recommends removal from the Breeder Code of Ethics list. Finally, the Board notifies the individual of removal via e-mail AND USPS certified-mail return-receipt requested. The complainant is, and will remain, anonymous because the violation is public record and can be seen with a simple search on the OFA website.

Finally, the ABMC Board would like to announce that Sharon Sparks has applied for and been granted Lifetime Membership Status. THANK YOU Sharon, for your years of dedication to the ABMC and the Belgian Malinois

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 have the following committee positions open: Catalog Ads, Catalog Sales & Marked Catalogs, Volunteer Gifts, Members Ed Coordinator, Raffle Chair, and Volunteer 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. 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 BOARD MEETING
INFO**

Date: October 8, 2026

Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

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86860777251?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86860777251?pwd=oVpLtoyFVgpoMGMEtyEXxKhjdY7HW1I)

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hjdY7HW1I](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86860777251?pwd=oVpLtoyFVgpoMGMEtyEXxKhjdY7HW1I)

Meeting ID: 868 6077 7251

Passcode: 400058

****Welcome New Members****

Lori Koshowski

Clifford & Barbara McKeithan

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

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*******

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Sponsored By: Tiffany Holley and Nancy Hendricks

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

Minutes

ABMC BOD Meeting

August 13, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:33 pm CST.
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty - ab
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of July 9, 2026 BOD Meeting. Anastasia moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Tiffany seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: 2027 National Specialty Herding Application fees have been paid to AKC. The detailed account is located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2026: All accounts are being closed out.
 - 4.1 2027 National Specialty - Herding, Agility and Obedience applications have been received and sent to AKC with payment.
 - 4.2 2028 National Specialty: Tiffany is working with Hannah at Purina Farms in Iowa. With a "probable" chair for 2029, there is a possibility of locking in the dates for both Specialties. We are also "penciled in" at the Roberts Center. Once Tiffany receives definite dates from Hannah, the final venue will be locked in. Suzanne moved that the BOD approve the Proposal submitted by Miranda and Tiffany. Anastasia seconded. Miranda and Tiffany abstained from the vote on

this proposal; however, it is approved.

5. Old Business

- 5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision: Paige asked each BOD member to go over sections 1 – 4 and bring any suggestions to next month's meeting.
- 5.2 BOD's list of nominations of judges (up to 5) for AKC National Championship. Deadline for submission is November.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Event applications for four (4) Herding Events for the 2027 National Specialty. Tiffany moved to approve the applications; Miranda seconded the motion. Approved.
- 6.2 Membership appreciation/recognition: 25-year pins have been ordered; they have been produced, shipped and received by Barb Benner.
- 6.3 Medallion sponsorship: Medallions for Conformation, Rally, Agility and Obedience have been ordered and payment has been sent to AKC for the events held at the Convention Center in Orlando in December of 2026.
- 6.4 Working dog group: Paige will have a ZOOM meeting with Teri Robinson to discuss details regarding collaboration between the two groups. Once the ZOOM meeting has been set, Paige will forward the date and time to the BOD and welcome BOD members to join in on the call.
- 6.5 Application from Lynn Daniel regarding the Regional Specialty in Orlando in December. Miranda moved to approve the application. Tiffany seconded. Approved.

6.6 New event information: The BOD has revised the ABMC Event Application process. In order to more easily manage recurring events, the Event Chair will no longer have to submit yearly applications to the BOD if the following conditions are met: a) no funds are needed from ABMC (other than AKC fees); b) the event is held at the same venue each year. ALL NEW EVENTS WILL STILL NEED TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED ABMC EVENT APPLICATION TO THE BOD. If any clarification is needed, feel free to contact any BOD member.

6.7 Breeder Code of Ethics (BCOE) violation: The committee has received a complaint regarding a violation by a fellow member. The committee has discussed the violation and has recommended that said member be removed from the BCOE list and is ineligible to regain membership on the BCOE list for two (2) years. Tiffany moved to remove said member from BCOE list; Anastasia seconded. Approved.

7. New Members:

Applicants are:

Vicky Cousino

Danielle Richards

Cindy Simonsen

Marcy Deisher

Anastasia moved to approve the applicants; Suzanne seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. Next meeting: September 10, 2026.

9. Adjournment: Anastasia moved to adjourn at 8:13 pm CST; Suzanne seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary