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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

Hello Fall!! We hope you are all excitedly enjoying all things pumpkin spice and excitedly awaiting the upcoming holidays. The October Board of Directors meeting was very quick and efficient.

First, the Board continued to review and update the ABMC National Specialty Manual. The Board began reviewing the National Specialty Manual at the September Board Meeting, however the Board welcomes any suggestions from the ABMC membership. If you have any updates or edits you would like to see considered please email them to Corresponding Secretary Tiffany Holley, tiffanyeholley@gmail.com by 9, 2026.

Next, the Board would like to remind the membership that the 2029 National Specialty is open or bids. Tiffany is working diligently with Purina Farms in an attempt to secure dates for the coming year(s) to be in compliance with the motion that was made and passed at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Purina Farms is booked out until 2029 at the very earliest, but the ABMC will secure dates as soon as some become available.

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@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: November 12, 2026

Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88363890186?pwd=i87rFYmzQvf9CS1l2ln7J9tILo627L1)[88363890186?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88363890186?pwd=i87rFYmzQvf9CS1l2ln7J9tILo627L1)[pwd=i87rFYmzQvf9CS1l2ln7J9tILo627L1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88363890186?pwd=i87rFYmzQvf9CS1l2ln7J9tILo627L1)

Meeting ID: 883 6389 0186

Passcode: 424441

****Welcome New Members******Kristen & Jared Dodson*******UPCOMING EVENTS********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 11, 2026

Orange County Convention Center N/S Building

Orlando, FL

Closing Date: November 25, 2026

ABMC Agility Trial

February 12-24, 2027

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: February 3, 2027

ABMC Agility Trial

February 5-7, 2027

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: February 24, 2027

ABMC National Specialty Herding Trial

March 26-28, 2027

Caisson Farms

Catlett, VA

Closing Date: March 5, 2027

ABMC National Specialty

May 9-15, 2027

Mariott Event Center

South Sioux City, NE

Closing Date: April 10, 2026

*******New Member Applicants*********Beth A Walker**

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

Minutes

ABMC BOD Meeting

September 10, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jeanine Daugherty at 7:32 pm CST.
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson - ab
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Anderson
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of August 13, 2026 BOD Meeting. Anastasia moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Miranda seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. A detailed account is located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2027: several fund raisers were discussed. Still need a tracking chair.
 - 4.2 2028: deposit was made to the Roberts Centre. Still looking for a Regional Specialty judge; National Specialty and Sweepstakes judges are contracted. We will have Scent Work trials.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision: Sections 1 – 4. Discussion was held over all the suggested changes to these 4 sections. Final version will be published when the entire revision of the National Specialty Manual is complete. Sections 5 and 6 will be revised at the October BOD meeting.
 - 5.2 Working dog ZOOM meeting: will take place on September 17 at 7:30 CST. Instructions for accessing the meeting are located in The Belgian Beat.
 - 5.3 Nominations for judges for AKC National championship (due In November). Selections include Danelle Brown, Linda Friedow. Other suggestions should be sent to Tiffany.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Lifetime member application: Sharon Sparks. Tiffany moved to approve Sharon's application; Suzanne seconded; approved unanimously.
- 6.2 BCOE complaint: a member has contacted the BOD asking for the name of the complainant regarding the Breeder Code of Ethics. When a complaint is made to the BOD, the procedure is as follows: The complaint is reviewed and researched; if the complaint is found to be valid, said complaint is forwarded to the BCOE committee. The committee's recommendation is then sent to the BOD for finalization. Note: Since the information is easily accessible on-line, the name of the complainant is not provided to any future inquiries.

7. New Members:

Lori Koshowski and Clifford & Barbara McKeithan are the new applicants this month. Suzanne moved to approve the applicants as new members; Anastasia seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

8. Announcement(s): none.

9. Next meeting: October 8, 2026.

10. Adjournment: Anastasia moved to adjourn at 8:54 pm CST; Tiffany seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary