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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! We hope you are all anxiously awaiting the Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends. The ABMC November Board meeting was very productive. The main focus of the recent Board meetings has been the revision of the ABMC National Specialty Manual. The Board is attempting to make the National Specialty Manual more user friendly and update it to the current needs. There are several changes and updates that have already been completed, however the Board is asking the general membership for its insights into this manual as well. The Board would like to know if there is anything that the general membership would like to see changed or updated. While the review and update process began in September, it is a tedious process so it has yet to be completed. If you have any updates, edits or revisions you would like to see considered please email them to Corresponding Secretary Tiffany Holley, tiffanyeholley@gmail.com by December 9, 2026 so that they can be discussed at the December Board Meeting.

Next, the Board would like to remind the membership that the 2029 National Specialty is open for 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. One ABMC member has reached out regarding the 2029 Specialty, and we hope to see more bids come in.

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 BOARD MEETING INFO

Date: December 10, 2026
Time: 7:30 CST

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86507839440?pwd=BxHfSVsbGnCVhz9MIq2jucHCWIQ5IZ.1

Meeting ID: 865 0783 9440
Passcode: 789997

Welcome New Members

Beth Walker

Leslie Roden

*** *UPCOMING EVENTS*****

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*****

None

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

Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
October 8, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:34 pm CST.
   1.1 Paige Johnson
   1.2 Janet Lasater
   1.3 Sara Andersen - absent
   1.4 Jeanine Daugherty - absent
   1.5 Suzanne Belger
   1.6 Miranda Genetti
   1.7 Tiffany Holley
   1.8 Anastasia Swarthout - absent

2. Approval of Minutes of September BOD Meeting were handled via e-mail.
   Tiffany moved to approve the Minutes with the addition of the list of new members; Suzanne seconded. Approved.

3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. A detailed account is located elsewhere in The Performer.
   Suzanne reported that insurance premium is now and will be paid this month.

4. Committee Reports

   4.1 2027: Dock diving is confirmed; there will not be Fast Cat events; discussion regarding the Herding trial to be held in March, 2027.

   4.2 2028: Tiffany reported that everything is on track: contracts with Sweepstake and Breed judges have been signed; Mallory Eckstut will be handling the rosettes; Claudia Bailey will handle the Scent Work trial(s); Miranda will judge CGC, FDC and Trick Dog events.

   4.3 2029: the BOD is accepting proposals for 2029. It is imperative that plans be approved as soon as possible.

5. Old Business

   5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision: Sections 5 – 6 (H). Discussion was held over all the suggested changes to these 2 sections. Final version will be published when the entire revision of the National Specialty Manual is complete. Sections 6 (H) through 7 will be revised at the November BOD meeting.

5.2 Update regarding the Working dog Zoom meeting (9-17-26): We do support the organization. We are awaiting response from AKC regarding combining their event with ours.

6. New Business: none.

7. New Members: Kristeena & Jared Dodson

8. Announcement(s): none.

9. Next meeting: November 12, 2026

10. Adjournment: Tiffany moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm CST; Suzanne seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary