

# BELGIAN BEAT

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## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

Happy Fall to you and your Malinois. At the October Board Meeting, the ABMC Board voted to use the ABMC's portion of the AKC Canine Health Fund to sponsor the following grants through the AKC Canine Health Foundation:

- *Effect of a Canine Systematic Exercise Program on the Dimensions of the Lumbar Paraspinal Musculature and Performance Assessment Scores in Healthy Dogs*
- *Agility Dog Activity Load Measurement Using a Web-based Application and Handler-provided Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE)*

The ABMC Board will be donating approx. \$4,400.00 to help fund the above studies.

The ABMC Board Meeting zoom information is now printed on page 2 of the Belgian Beat. The Board invites any member who would like to attend to do so. Please note that you will be muted by the meeting moderator and be attending in a listen only capacity. Hope to see some of our members attend.

**MEMBERSHIP INFO:**

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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**ABMC WEBSITE** <https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc>

**OCTOBER 2024 ABMC BOARD MEETING INFO**

Date: November 12, 2024  
Time: 6:30 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/89196182597?](https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/89196182597?pwd=ljmoDPjk1oVuMW5Sax9TXoA6lK2bZZp.1)

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[pwd=ljmoDPjk1oVuMW5Sax9TXoA6](https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/89196182597?pwd=ljmoDPjk1oVuMW5Sax9TXoA6lK2bZZp.1)

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Meeting ID: 891 9618 2597

Passcode: 837929

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS**

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**\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\***

**ABMC Regional Specialty**

November 1-3, 2024

Doswell, VA

Closing Date: October 16, 2024

**ABMC Regional Specialty**

December 13, 2024

Orlando, FL

Closing Date: November 13, 2024

**ABMC Agility Trials - 2025 National Specialty Fundraiser**

February 7-9, 2025

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: January 29, 2025

**ABMC Agility Trials - 2025 National Specialty Fundraiser**

February 28- March 2, 2025

Pinnacle Dog Sports

Westlake, OH

Closing Date: February 9, 2025

**2025 ABMC National Specialty**

May 3-10, 2025

Purina Farms

Grey Summit, MO

**\*\*\*\*\*Welcome New ABMC Members\*\*\*\*\***

None

## \*\*\**BOARD MEETING MINUTES*\*\*\*

Minutes  
ABMC BOD Meeting  
September 17, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:43 pm CST.
  - 1.1 Paige Johnson
  - 1.2 Janet Lasater
  - 1.3 Sara Andersen
  - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty
  - 1.5 Susie Williamson
  - 1.6 Suzanne Belger
  - 1.7 Miranda Genetti
  - 1.8 Tiffany HolleyAll members were present.
2. Approved minutes of August 13, 2024 BOD Meeting. Jeanine moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Suzanne seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports:
  - 4.1 2025: Everything is on schedule; most of the trophies have been chosen; deposits are paid for all trophies. Sara is working on securing vendors.
  - 4.2 2026: Scheduling of the Roberts Center is still up in the air; Dina is checking on other venues; we need to finalize contracts with judges.
  - 4.3 Others Committee Reports:
    - 4.3.a Linda Freidow - Judges Ed: The AKC Canine College Course for the Belgian Malinois was completed a few months ago. Judges and breeders should have received a notice from AKC that it was available for purchase/viewing. A HUGE thank you to all that helped with content, interviews, photos, videos, etc. Mentoring help was offered at Amana Regional - thanks again to those that offered their dogs for hands on and conversation with them judge learning the breed.
    - 4.3.b Carolyn Kaiser - Register of Merit: No new ROM applicants.
    - 4.3.c Monique Buzzarte - Herding Committee Report: FYI #1 The shift to a quarterly rather than bi-monthly Performer coupled with the shift to quarterly rather than monthly "AKC Herding Report for Belgian Malinois" results in a very tight turn-around time to prepare the rankings. For example, in July the report from the AKC arrived July 26th and the Performer "deadline" was July 19; the previous issue was similar. Kudos to Sara for being so understanding, and STILL getting the information into the Performer. FYI #2 The Performer issue that is slated to features herding is the Jan-Feb-March issue, with a deadline in February. I've proposed to Sara that she seek permission to

reprint “Herding and the Belgian Malinois” I wrote for the May 2024 Showsight Magazine in this Performer issue as the Herding Committee’s contribution this year.

<https://digital.emagazines.com/showsight/20240510/mobile/index.html?t=f03fd570-02d1-44ba-b8c5-b2e1a60d2b7c#p215>

4.3.d Rob Squires - Legislative Issues/ADOA-Legislative Issues: New rules for the importation of dogs into the United States have gone into effect August 1, 2024.

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/new-dog-import-rules-effect-today/>

4.3.e Suzanne Belger - BCOE (Breeder Code of Ethics) We have ended the renewal period for the breeders code of ethics and the updated list is now on the website.

4.3.f Allison Bath - Conformation: No report.

4.3.g Tiffany Holley - Meet the Breeds: Nothing to report.

## 5. Old Business

5.1 Continuation of National Specialty Manual revision: previously tabled: there is a committee that will be working on it, but meeting dates have not been confirmed.

5.2 Follow-up: Showsight promotion of the breed : previously tabled: Paige will check into this later this month.

## 6. New Business

6.1 Publishing BOD ZOOM information: information regarding access to the BOD ZOOM meetings will be posted in the Belgian Beast. Any member may attend, but will be muted. There may be times when an executive session is necessary.

6.2 Although they did not want to file a formal complaint regarding certain breeding practices, two members proposed creating an Ethics Committee. The BOD will have those members present a formal proposal including a mission statement, the purpose(s) of the committee, standards over which the committee will have jurisdiction, means of policing said standards, procedures, consequences, etc. Once that information is received, the BOD will determine the efficacy of presenting such a proposal to the Membership for approval.

6.4 Canine Health Fund: Discussion regarding where to donate ABMC’s portion of the AKC Canine Health Fund in order to best serve our breed. The suggestion was made to reach out to the veterinarians who are members for their input. Currently, our fund is approximately \$4,400.

7. New Members: Smadar Lavie; Sandra & Gary Padgett. Suzanne moved to accept the above-listed applicants as new members. Susie seconded. Approved.

8. Next meeting: October 15, 2024.

9. Adjournment: Tiffany moved to adjourn at 8:36 pm CST; Miranda seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Lasater, Recording Secretary