

# BELGIAN BEAT

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## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The November ABMC Board meeting was a short, but informative meeting. The Board discussed the ABMC Conformation Committee and what it should be involved with. It was mentioned that they would be in charge of assisting ABMC members with hosting events (Regional Specialties, Supported Entries, Matches, etc.); monitoring AKC for updates and providing updates to the Board (Ex. The Bred By Exhibitor class being divided into Adult and Puppy); handling the CRUFTS Certificates for each National Specialty; and possibly holding a Handling seminar at various ABMC sponsored events. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee please reach out to any ABMC Board member.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Meet the Breeds regulations previously set forth by the ABMC Board. The current regulations were discussed and the Board will be looking at repealing (if needed) the previous regulations. This matter was tabled pending additional research and will be revisited at the December meeting.

The Board would also like to remind the membership that the ABMC Board Meeting zoom information is now printed on page 2 of the Belgian Beat. We invite everyone to attend the Board meetings to stay informed on the happenings of the ABMC. 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.

The Board would like to wish you all a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and may you all be blessed this Holiday Season.

**MEMBERSHIP INFO:**

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership -- \$65

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

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

**ABMC BOARD MEETING INFO**

Date: December 10, 2024  
Time: 6:30 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88011486402?pwd=A8d57flBbcJ5L2KC8o7wqf4mUodUYM.1>

Find your local dial in number:  
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/kbky8gd4bq>

Meeting ID: 880 1148 6402  
Passcode: 785765

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS**

NONE

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

**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\*\*\*\*\***

**Linda Black**

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

**Minutes  
ABMC BOD Meeting  
October 15, 2024**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:31 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 September 17, 2024 BOD Meeting. Tiffany moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Miranda seconded; approved.
  
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
  
4. Committee Reports
  - 4.1 2025 National Specialty: Paige will contact judges; Tiffany is working on securing sweepstakes judges.
  - 4.2 2026 National Specialty: Chairperson Dina Ledger filed her preliminary report. The venue will be Ann Arbor Dog Training Club in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The tentative dates are May 11 through May 18, 2026. She is working on securing hotel, etc. information.  
Tentative schedule:
    - Monday 5/11 – agility
    - Tuesday, 5/12 – agility (tentative)
    - Wednesday, 5/13 – obedience and rally
    - Thursday, 5/14 – Scent work; possibly tracking off-site (IF a Chairperson becomes available).
    - Friday, 5/15 – Regional Specialty - Conformation
    - Saturday, 5/16 – National Specialty – Conformation
    - Sunday, 5/17 – Herding (IF a Chairperson becomes available).Discussion regarding a fund-raiser gun raffle. Miranda will research proper protocol.
  
5. Old Business
  - 5.1 Continuation of NS Manual Revision Committee: the Committee will have a ZOOM meeting next Monday evening, October 21.

- 5.2 Follow-up: Showsight promotion of the breed : previously tabled. Paige will do some research.
- 5.3 Follow-up: Canine Health Fund: Discussion regarding some recommendations. The decision was made to support the following two projects:
  - a) #03178 The Effect of the Canine Systemic Exercise Program on the Dimensions of Lumbar Paraspinal Musculature and Performance Assessment Scores of Healthy Dogs.
  - b) # 03180 Agility Dog Activity Load Management Using a Web-based Application and Handler-provided Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE).

6. New Business: none.

7. New Members: none.

8. Next meeting: November 12.

9. Adjournment: Tiffany moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm CST; Jeanine seconded. Approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Lasater  
Recording Secretary