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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

At the December ABMC Board meeting several matters were discussed. First, Co-Chairs for the 2025 National Specialty reported that the Specialty is ahead of schedule. The Premium List is a work in progress and will be made public once the last few edits are made. Next, an update on the 2026 ABMC National Specialty was presented via email by the 2026 Show committee. We are eager to share more information regarding the 2026 Specialty at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Finally, the Board revisited the Meet the Breeds discussion that was tabled at the November meeting. The Board asked Tiffany to review and amend the Meet the Breeds Application and requirements to something that will be more attainable and allow for more volunteers.

The deadline to apply for the ABMC Hall of Fame is quickly approaching. Please refer to the requirements on the last page of this issue of the Belgian Beat.

The Board would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS 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: January 14, 2025
Time: 6:30 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/81192694267?pwd=mouKcCJEWx5lreJ7Ib3ewLW6iK5iUS.1>

Find your local dial in number:
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/kDs3pOfKH>

Meeting ID: 811 9269 4267
Passcode: 872273

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

NONE

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

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

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

April 5, 2025
Linn Cty Fair & Expo Center
Albany, OR
Closing Date: March 19, 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
November 12, 2024**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:32 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 - absent
 - 1.7 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.8 Tiffany Holley

2. Approved minutes of October 15, 2024 BOD Meeting. Miranda moved to accept the Minutes with corrections regarding researching the gun raffle in 4.2 and the projects listed in 5.3. Jeanine seconded; approved.

3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.

4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2025: Paige will check regarding judges' RV accommodations. Other judges will be housed at the hotel; the premium list is being formulated and will be presented to the BOD for any necessary revisions prior to sending it to the superintendent, Foy Trent. A check for \$400 is in the mail to ABMC for the profit made in the table raffle.

 - 4.2 2026: From Dina Ledger 2026 National Specialty Chair: I have email confirmation of the venue for all the events at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club the week of May 11, 2026 through May 16, 2026. It was the same place used for agility and obedience/rally in 2021. I don't have a written contract or pricing yet. The host hotel is Still in the works. We may need to have only one day of agility in order to accommodate scent work/tracking. I'm looking into a couple of questions about whether there are restrictions on an all breed trial close to any other trial. I'll be contacting Cheryl /Smith to see if her farm is available for herding either the Sunday before or the Saturday after the bulk of events. I will start submitting applications for the events shortly. I believe the process is I fill out the application information and then forward to the BOD for approval and the application is sent into AKC with the appropriate fees. If this isn't correct, please let me know. Sonny Strom has accepted the assignment and will speak to foreign judges that recently judged in the U.S. regarding visa requirements. He will likely charge a flat fee for judging as the concept of fees based on number of dogs seemed odd to him.

Jeff Bouffard has not responded to email or a phone call yet. I'm told he's been asked to judge sweeps previously at UBSDA and has turned it down more than once. He'd prefer to show his dogs however we may have success in our request as I don't think he shows Malinois. Jim Dagan has accepted the National Sweepstakes judging assignment.

4.3 National Specialty Manual Revision – no report

4.4 Conformation: discussion regarding the purpose of this committee and the question of, “Do we really need this committee”? Susie will discuss this issue with Allison Bath (previous committee Chair) and will determine the possible purposes and responsibilities of said committee.

4.5 Meet the Breeds: Tiffany suggested that we simplify the procedures of providing Malinois at Meet the Breeds events. Tabled while some research is done on this topic.

4.6 Others:

From Annette Lynch 2025 National Specialty Tracking Chair: Tracking update :

“Don't have a committee per se - Just me . I'll be chair and secretary .”Have judges secured; have site secured in Sullivan, MO. Suzanne will supply Insurance info needed for sites after beginning of the year. AKC events are done and up on website. Pending items: Secure hotel in area . Most likely be Baymont; Secure Tracklayers; Premium; Gifts for tracklayers / judges; Food for event; Ribbons- club to supply?”

From Carolyn Kaiser ROM Committee Chair: The American Belgian Malinois Club maintains a Register of Merit, or ROM, at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class levels for Malinois owned by ABMC members that have proven themselves to be outstanding “multi-purpose” dogs as evidenced by holding advanced titles and/or titles in a variety of events. For more information about the ABMC's ROM program, including the eligibility criteria and application process, go to:<http://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/abmc-register-of-merit-program/> Carolyn Kaiser is the ROM Custodian; please email her

at turickmals@gmail.com if your dog has earned titles allowing for a ROM class upgrade or if you have a questions about the ROM program.

Congratulations to the newest addition to the Register of Merit Program;
Upgrade to ROM Ist Class: GCHS CH RACH Delancey's Marshall
Raylan Of Caveat CDX BN RM4 RAE3 RC MX MXJ MXF T2B BCAT
RATCH CGCA CGCU Owned by Janet Lasater

Judges Education-Linda Friedow Nothing new to report

Conformation-Allison Bath-Not sure if this is still a committee

Meet the Breeds-Tiffany Holly-Added to Agenda

Herding-Monique Buzzarte- Complete report with graphs will be printed in The Performer.

5. Old Business

5.1 Showsight promotion of the breed – tabled

5.2 Follow-up: Canine Health Fund – the selected funds are: 03178 The Effect of the Canine Systemic Exercise Program on the Dimensions of Lumbar Paraspinal Musculature and Performance Assessment Scores of Healthy Dogs. 03180 Agility Dog Activity Load Management Using a Web-based Application and Handler-provided Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE).

6. New Business

6.1 D&O (Director and Officers Policy): Suzanne is waiting for further information and will make sure payment is made in a timely manner.

6.2 AKC Member Club Dues: Paige will check to make sure that \$25 payment is made to AKC.

6.3 AKC Medallions: Paige will contact Theresa Kulb regarding the progress of ABMC's order and payment for the performance medallions.

6.4 Club Medallions: Susie has 190 medallions. The medallions are supposed to be in the possession of the First Vice President. Susie will ship them to Jeanine.

7. New Members: Linda Black Jeanine moved to approve; Miranda seconded. Approved.

8. Announcement: none

9. Next meeting: December 10, 2024

10. Adjournment: Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:34 pm CST; Tiffany seconded.
Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary

Reminder: December 31st is the deadline to apply for the ABMC's Halls of Fame (Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Herding, Agility, and Rally)

Please see the general Hall of Fame page for more information about the Hall of Fame awards:

<https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/>

"The ABMC's Halls of Fame were established to recognize Belgian Malinois that have achieved a high level of success in conformation, obedience, tracking, herding, agility, or rally. The owner of the dog must be a member or have been a member of ABMC during the time the dog was being exhibited. Inductions into the Halls of Fame are made at the National Specialty occurring in the following calendar year of the year the application was submitted. There is no charge to submit an HOF application, and retroactive applications are accepted."

Specific requirements for each Hall of Fame are listed at the top of that Hall of Fame's page, followed by previous inductees.

Conformation:

<https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/conformation/>

Email Allison Bath at conformation@malinoisclub.com

Obedience:

https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/obedience_hof

Email Karen Shivers at stonefox4085@gmail.com

Tracking:

<https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/tracking/>

Email Annette Lynch at agaklynch@sbcglobal.net

Herding:

<https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/herding/>

Email Monique Buzzarté at monique@buzzarte.org

Agility:

<https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/agility/>

Email Theresa Kulb at TKKulb09@gmail.com

Rally:

<https://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/achievement-awards/hall-of-fame/rally/>

Email Claudia Bailey at foxleighcb@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact the respective Hall of Fame chair. If no questions, please submit the requested material directly to the chair. They will confirm that your dog is eligible, and then forward the information needed for the plaques and website to those volunteers.

Dogs are inducted and plaques awarded at the National Specialty banquet. Should you not be able to attend the National Specialty, the plaque will be mailed to you. The HOF pages on the club's web site will be updated with the new inductees after the HOFs have been awarded.