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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The January ABMC Board meeting was recently held and several important issues were discussed. Co-Chairs for the 2025 National Specialty updated the Board that planning is ahead of schedule, and Regional Specialty trophies and all rosettes have been received. Co-Chairs were pleased to announce that a couple of educational opportunities will be held at this year's specialty. A Canine CPR & First Aid class will be offered on May 7, 2025 in the Founders Room and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to ABMR. Also, the Upright Canine Brigade will be on site to offer education about Megaesophagus and Myasthenia Gravis. A quick update was provided by the 2026 Show Chair that planning is going great and she is working to secure her Obedience & Rally Judges and a host hotel.

Allison Bath has graciously agreed to remain as chair of the ABMC Conformation Committee. She will be monitoring AKC for important updates to the Conformation events and will be relaying those to the ABMC Board and the general membership. If you wish to volunteer for this committee please feel free to reach out to her.

The Board is pleased to announce that the Meet the Breeds policies, procedures and application have been updated. Dogs that will be working at a Meet the Breeds event no longer have to have a CGC Certification and only the chair of an event must be an ABMC member. The Board made these changes in an attempt to grow our Meet the Breeds program the Board feels it is very important to educate the public on our wonderful breed.

There was a short discussion on ABMC sponsored awards. The medallions for the AKC National Championship (all venues) were in fact sponsored by the ABMC, however there was a miscommunication and the medallions were not handed out by AKC at the National Championship. ABMC Treasurer Suzanne Belger contacted AKC as soon as the Board was informed there was an issue with them. Suzanne was originally told by AKC in December that the medallions would be mailed out the end of January. Suzanne followed up with the AKC and is now being told by AKC that they will NOT be mailing out any medallions after the fact. Sadly, due to the miscommunication with AKC no medallions will be sent out this year. In an attempt to provide some consolation, the Board will be sending an ABMC engraved Medallion to each person who qualified for one at the National Championship. Please accept the Board's sincerest apologies for this issue. The Hall of Fame plaques that were given out at the 2024 National Specialty were unfortunately missing the words "Hall of Fame". Theresa Kulb has reordered those and will be sending corrected plaques to everyone who received an incorrect one. The incorrect plaques are available for anyone who would like to use them as a trophy for any ABMC sponsored event.

In an attempt to remain transparent and abide by the current ABMC Bylaws, the ABMC will be hiring UHY LLP (formerly Baird, Cotter & Bishop PC) to perform an independent audit of the ABMC financials. The independent audit will be done for the previous two years (2023 & 2024) and will cost approx. \$4,000. However this must be done in order to remain in compliance with the ABMC Bylaws.

The Board received and reviewed one ABMC Event Application from Judy Hagen for a Regional Specialty & supported entry to be held August 30 & 31, 2025 at the Tri-Cities Kennel Club & Cedar Rapids Kennel Ass. in Amana, IA. The Board unanimously approved this event and would like to thank Judy for her time and dedication to the ABMC.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40
Family Membership -- \$65
Junior Membership (10y-17y) -- \$10

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ABMC BOARD MEETING INFO

Date: February 27, 2025
Time: 6:30 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/85462590724?pwd=HKSwtoDC9eJVOp7uIk3MGOB7EiQIg.1>

Find your local dial in number:
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/kc4mm73jjY>

Meeting ID: 854 6259 0724
Passcode: 973069

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

NONE

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

** Bids are now open for the 2027 ABMC National Specialty. Please consider this "event of the year" for the ABMC. If you are interested in chairing or have any questions about it, please reach out to any board member.**

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

ABMC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes

August 30, 2025
Amana RV & Event Center
Amana, IA
Closing Date: TBD

ABMC Supported Entry

August 31, 2025
Amana RV & Event Center
Amana, IA
Closing Date: TBD

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

NONE

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

**Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
December 10, 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
- 1.7 Miranda Genetti
- 1.8 Tiffany Holley

All members were present.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2024 BOD Meeting: Suzanne moved to accept the Minutes as corrected*; Susie seconded; approved. *Susie corrected 4.4; Suzanne's name was spelled "Susan" in Annette Lynch's report

3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer. All insurance has been paid.

4. Committee Reports

- 4.1 2025: no further information regarding RV parking; all judges' rooms have been reserved. Working on the premium list.
- 4.2 2026: No report.

5. Old Business:

- 5.1 Continuation of NS Manual revision: previously tabled: No report.
- 5.2 Profit & Loss regarding Nevada herding trial (previously tabled): Income was \$4,360 – 3,923 (expenses) = profit of \$437.
- 5.3 Conformation Committee: Paige will contact Allison for her opinion.
- 5.4 Meet the Breeds procedures: Tiffany will look over the present form and make suggestions for improvement. She will present that information to the BOD next month for revision and/or approval.

6. New Business:

- 6.1 Previous Treasurer's paperwork: Sara contacted Christine Klockenbrink who assured her that she will box up and send all the necessary paperwork to the current Treasurer, Suzanne, probably after Christmas.
- 6.2 Updating archives on the website: Discussion regarding marked catalogs from the past as well as past videos being made available. Jeanine will contact Archivist, Ann MacKay and Dina Ledger. Any information obtained will be forwarded to web master, Monique Buzzarte for publishing.
- 6.3 Club dues (\$25 due to AKC): paid.
- 6.4 Question regarding HOF plaques that are missing the HOF designation. Tiffany will ask Theresa Kulb how many plaques must be reordered with HOF Question regarding medallions: Suzanne

will call regarding sponsoring medallions as the BOD has previously approved such sponsorship.

6.5 A member has asked if there is a possibility of having a Dock Diving HOF? Since there is no Championship for Dock Diving, there is no HOF at this time. However, it was suggested that the interested party should put together a proposal with requirements comparable to those of the other HOF categories and submit that proposal to the BOD.

6.6 Application for one agility trial May 16, 2025 by Lisa Knock. Suzanne moved to approve the application. Jeanine seconded. Approved unanimously.

6.7 Application for Belgian Gala Oct. 31, Nov 1 & 2, 2025, by Lisa Knock. Suzanne moved to approve the application. Jeanine seconded. Approved unanimously.

7. **Next meeting:** January 23, 2025.

8. **Adjournment:** Jeanine moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm CST; Miranda seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary