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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The 2025 National Specialty is quickly approaching. The website at <https://malinoisclub.com/abmc2025/> is up to date and complete. The National Specialty store is open so now is the time to sponsor a trophy, raffle tickets, banquet and welcome reception tickets, or pre-pay for that catalog. Please know that all profits from these sales will go back into the ABMC treasury to assist with the daily running expenses that the ABMC incurs as well as helping with next years specialty. There is also an all breed show being held at Purina Farms the weekend prior to our National Specialty. It is superintended by Onofrio and more information can be found at: <https://www.onofrio.com/execpgm/fndindex?show=PL2025041605AB#ROLL1>

Sadly, the 2025 National Specialty Committee has some unfortunate news to report. Due to the tornado that damaged Purina Farms recently, the Herding venue sustained more damage than originally thought which lead to Purina Farms cancelling all Herding trials indefinitely. Ann MacKay has looked into other venues in the area and was unable to secure a location to more the trials to, however she has mentioned that she may try to hold a National Specialty Herding trial at a later date in 2025. We would like to THANK Ann and her committee for their diligent and hard with on the trials.

Please make plans to attend the 2025 ABMC Annual Meeting to be held in the Founders Room at Purina Farms on Friday, May 9, 2025 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Rally trial. The 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes are attached for your review. Should you wish to place an item on the 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda, please send it to ABMC Recording Secretary Janet Lasater at coolpix2@aol.com by Monday, April 28, 2025.

The 2026 National Specialty is still in the planning stages, however a location, venue, Agility Judge, Obedience Judge, Sweeps Judge and Breed Judge have all been contacted and are under contract. The 2026 Show Chair is eagerly awaiting the 2025 Annual Meeting to announce more information.

The Board has heard from two individuals that are interested in co-chairing the 2027 National Specialty. We are expecting an official bid shortly, and we will post more information as soon as we secure the proper approvals. The 2027 National Specialty Sweepstakes & National Judges election has concluded and those results will be announced at the 2025 ABMC Annual Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Individual Membership -- \$40

Family Membership – \$65

Junior Membership (10y-17y) – \$10

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ABMC BOARD MEETING INFO

Date: April 24, 2025
Time: 6:30 MST

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88567869441?pwd=TAYUbnYXAbGCtEkelL7WDGZFQ5gdbk.1>

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

Meeting ID: 885 6786 9441
Passcode: 813040

*******New Member Applicants*******

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***** 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.****

2025 ABMC National Specialty

May 3-10, 2025
Purina Farms
Grey Summit, MO

ABMC Agility Trial

May 23, 2025
Horizons Edge Sports Complex
Harrisonburg, VA
Closing Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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 Members*******

Rachel Hack

Ray & Edith Atchley

Angela Silvestri

Diane Orenchuk

Melissa Dewitt

Lauren & Kenneth Getchell

Lisa Root

*****BOARD MEETING MINUTES*******Minutes
ABMC BOD Meeting
February 27, 2025**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paige Johnson at 7:30 pm CST
 - 1.1 Paige Johnson
 - 1.2 Janet Lasater
 - 1.3 Sara Andersen
 - 1.4 Jeanine Daugherty - absent
 - 1.5 Suzanne Belger
 - 1.6 Miranda Genetti
 - 1.7 Tiffany Holley
 - 1.8 Anastasia Swarthout
2. Approved minutes of January 23, 2025 BOD Meeting. Suzanne moved to accept the Minutes as printed; Tiffany seconded; approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Discussed. Detailed account located elsewhere in The Performer.
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1 2025 National Specialty: everything is on schedule; all members are urged to post and ask for trophy sponsors.
 - 4.2 2026 National Specialty: Dina is working hard on organizing and is on Schedule.
 - 4.3 2027 National Specialty: there is possible interest in Pennsylvania.
 - 4.4 Conformation (January 30 meeting): No report.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Continuation of National Specialty Manual revision which was previously tabled: Paige attended the last 2 meetings; Linda Friedow has joined the group. Doing small things. The current discussion is regarding a treasurer for the National Specialty and funding for it; the suggestion was made: If the NS makes money, the profit will be designated for future specialties"; discussion regarding number of hotels rooms to be reserved. Continuing to work on it.
 - 5.2 Update: Sara reported that the paperwork from the previous Treasurer has been received.
 - 5.3 Update: Suzanne reported that the issue regarding sponsored medallions has been handled.
 - 5.4 Update: Working dog titles for ROM: Miranda sent out an e-mail with a proposal. She moved to approve that the working dog titles be accepted for ROM recognition. Suzanne seconded. Approved. A lot of work will have to be done in order for those titles to be recognized by AKC. If a member would like to take on that task, they are encouraged to contact the BOD and offer to help.
 - 5.5 Designated donation update: Paige has attempted several times to contact proposed recipient of our nearly \$5,000 designated donation, with no return communication.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Early exit from the BOD: Due to work conflict, Susie Williamson has resigned. Suzanne moved to accept said resignation; Tiffany seconded. Approved.
 - 6.2 Groups.io subscription: Tiffany explained about the premium due for this service.
 - 6.3 New BOD member: Although there were no other volunteers to assume the recently-vacated BOD seat, Suzanne moved to accept Anastasia Swarthout be accepted to fill out the remainder of Susie's term. Tiffany seconded. Approved.
 - 6.4 Agility contract for 2026: Dina is to sign the contract.

6.5 Herding Premium: Tiffany sent two (2) corrections to the premium to the Superintendent. The premium is approved pending those corrections.

6.6 Discussion regarding the President's Award and the ABMC Sportsmanship Award.

6.7 Barn Hunt Premium: corrections were sent to the Superintendent. The premium is approved pending those corrections.

7. New Members: none

8. Next meeting: March 27, 2025

9. Adjournment: Miranda moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm CST; Suzanne seconded. Approved.

**Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lasater
Recording Secretary**

******2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES********MINUTES
ABMC Annual Meeting
May 22, 2024**

1. Call to Order by President Paige Johnson at 4:04
2. Roll Call (via sign in). Quorum was met. Members present: Carol Aulick, Claudia Bailey, Wendy Cousino, Patti Cross, Jim Dagan, Lynne Dagan, Natalie Dagan, Lynn Daniel, Jeanine Daugherty, Rachel B. Fabrizi, Linda A. Friedow, Rory Friedow, DVM, Trish Gautier, Miranda Genetti, Kathy Greenwood, Tiffany Holley, Toby Holley, Paige Johnson, Carolyn Kaiser, Christine Klockenbrink, Tom Klockenbrink, Lisa Knock, Theresa Kulb, Janet Lasater, Kate Leary, Dina Ledger, Ann MacKay, Angela McCalla, Jim McLellan, JoAnne McLellan, Angela Mullaney, Scott Mullaney, Christine Nethery, Sue Olson, Pat Perkins, Carol Shields, Cynthia Tait. Guests: Braiden Parks, Tom Tait, Susan Jaynes, Annette Lynch, Allison Kennedy, Laurie Sype (sp?) and Renee Yirkovsky.
3. Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting Rachel Fabrizi moved to approve Lisa Knock seconded; approved
4. Report of the President: Paige thanked Lisa and all volunteers and participants; she went on to explain goals of the BOD on behalf of the club; reminded that all members of the BOD are available to answer questions.
5. Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Tiffany thanked all the members for allowing her to become our Corresponding Secretary; she reminded us that membership renewals are open now; online renewal is now available; any other questions regarding the renewal form should be sent to Sara Andersen.
6. Report of the Treasurer (Suzanne joined the meeting on speaker). She is finalizing the 2024 National Specialty financials and the printed data will be found in The Performer.
7. Reports of Committees
 - 7.1 2023 National Specialty – Janet Lasater: thanked everyone who helped out last year and reiterated that part of the reason for the success was on-site sales, 50-50 raffle and use of Venmo and PayPal.
 - 7.3 2024 National Specialty – Lisa Knock: heartfelt thanks to all volunteers; started out a little rocky, but volunteers stepped up; she will add more information at the banquet.
 - 7.4 ABMC Website – Monique Buzzarte – No report.
 - 7.5 AKC Delegate – Carol Shields: after 2025, there will no longer be herding trials at Purina Farms; Carol will check again at the next delegates' meeting to see if this is final.
 - 7.6 AKC Gazette Columnist – Carilee will continue as the columnist.

- 7.7 Agility – Teresa Kulb; updating rules, etc. She reminded us that if you qualify for Agility HOF, you will receive the award the following year at the Banquet.
- 7.8 Awards and Merit Achievement – Barb Benner: Paige will distribute at the banquet.
- 7.9 Breeder Code of Ethics – Suzanne Belger: the committee has revised the sign-up dates so that it coincides with membership renewal dates; also revised were the consequences of pulling oneself off list; she will forward those revisions to the BOD.
- 7.10 Conformation – Allison Bath: No report.
- 7.11 Education (Judges and Members) – Linda Friedow
- 7.12 Health Committee – Peri Norman No report.
- 7.13 Herding – Monique Buzzarte via Carolyn Kaiser: 2 Malinois will be inducted into the Herding HOF.
- 7.14 Historian/Archives – Ann MacKay: No report.
- 7.15 Legislative Issues/ADOA – Rob Squiers - No report.
- 7.16 Obedience – No report.
- 7.17 Public Education/Meet the Breeds – Tiffany Holley – No report.
- 7.18 Register of Merit – Carolyn Kaiser: see addendum
- 7.19 Rescue – Carol Aulick (current President of ABMR): see addendum.
- 7.20 Statistics – Terrie Janssen – No report.
- 7.21 Tracking – new volunteer Annette Lynch will chair.
- 7.22 Working Dog Sports – No report.

8. Unfinished Business

- 8.1 Club store – Carol Aulick. No additional information.
- 8.2 Update on ZOOM meeting for 2025: will try for it; listeners would not be able to vote or count toward a quorum.

9. New Business

- 9.1 Funding of National Specialties: After lengthy discussion, Pat Perkins moved that the BOD approves to spend NO more than 50% of the treasury at the end of the previous year for a National Specialty until the National Specialty manual is updated. Claudia Bailey seconded. Approved. Paige asked for volunteers to handle the updates. Lisa Knock will chair the committee; Angela McCalla will help. Christine Klockenbrink suggested that the

chairs of the last three (3) years National Specialties be on that committee; however, that has not been finalized.

10.1 2025 National Specialty: Tiffany reported that tracking will be included along with 12 fast cat trials and dock diving. Scheduled at Purina Farms from May 4 - 10, 2025. There will be no scent work trials.

10.2 2026 National Specialty: Dina reported that judges are Sonny Strom for the National and Jeff Bouffard will judge Sweepstakes.

11. Announcements:

11.1 Miranda will raffle off the quilt tomorrow, with the proceeds going to the National Specialties.

11.2 Winners of the drawings were Susan Jaynes and Jody McLellan

12. Adjournment: Trish Gautier moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. Carolyn Kaiser seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lasater

Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM

ABMR Report to ABMC 2024 National Specialty Harrisonburg, VA

Hi, My name is Carol Aulick and I am currently serving as President for ABMR. The ABMR BOD would like to give you an update on ABMR activity in 2023. Our BOD are: President: Carol Aulick Vice President: Jeanine Daugherty Secretary: Hedy Barton Treasurer: Linda Redfield Directors: Julie Bear, Maryfrances BeQs, Bonnie Craig, and Lin Karrels Let us start with our statistics. ABMR brought in approximately 289 dogs in 2023. Approximately 253 were adopted out in 2023 and 19 were euthanized. As we reported last year, our requests for intake from shelters and owner surrenders continue to grow. The number of pregnant females and litters of puppies that we are bringing in has grown as well. We've also been contacted about and helped with several cruelty cases and this year. We are constrained by the number of foster homes that are available. They are by far, our most scarce resource. The other challenge is that we are finding it even more difficult to find qualified forever homes for these dogs. The number of people interested in adopting has dropped and of those that apply, a large number do not qualify. The "curse" of increased popularity has been a tipping point where we have a much larger supply of Malinois in need of forever homes versus the number of qualified homes. In past years, we had never had difficulty placing puppies before but now even this is becoming more difficult. Our ABMR staff and volunteers do a phenomenal job. They work tirelessly to save as many dogs as possible while balancing the emotional toll that is unavoidable in rescue. We are very blessed to have such a knowledgeable, dedicated group. Our

ABMR family is vast and broad and it is also what keeps us going because without the many supporters that foster, help with home visits, transports, evaluating dogs, financial support, and providing training support or expert knowledge and education on all things Malinois, we could not do what we do. We can always use more help, in many forms, please stop by our raffle booth and learn more about us! Expenses have increased dramatically. This is due to the rise in costs for veterinary care, combined with intake of dogs in need of special veterinary care due to abuse, neglect, or poor genetics. So the ABMR fundraiser at the specialty each year is a lifesaver - literally. It is by far, our largest single fundraiser. We are so grateful for the support, generosity, and kindness we receive from ABMC BOD and members. We could not take care of the large number of dogs we help without you. We also hope that every Belgian Malinois enthusiast will become evangelists for our breed and take every opportunity to educate the public and provide resources to research their potential compatibility for this breed as well as where to find reputable breeders and rescues. As always, we are so grateful to the dedicated and responsible breeders who are part of ABMC - we look to you to protect the integrity of our beloved Belgian Malinois.