

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Peter Lenk (2023)

Vice President: Michele Gillette (2023)

Corresponding Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser (2023)

Training Directors: Carisa Whelan (2022/2023)

Recording Secretary: Susan Altimore (2023)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2023)

Member at Large: Diane Lenk (2022/2023), Jeanette Makowskyj (2022/2023)

Board Members absent: Judi Edwards, Kara Kolster

The following guests were present: None

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the March 2023 board meeting were approved. Carisa Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. The motion was 2nd by Rocky Altimore, and passed on verbal vote.

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding Secretaries Report: None

Recording Secretaries Report: None

Report of the Treasurer: Rocky Altimore reported he has not been able to get in touch with 2 members, Linda Downey and Martha Berryman, despite trying to reach them in many different ways. Rocky Altimore made a motion to remove them from the club roster at the end of April 2023. The motion was 2nd by Carissa Whelan and passed on verbal vote.

Report of Committees

-Training:

- Carisa Whelan reported she is tentatively planning the seminar watch party for Saturday, 4/29 at 11am in the Annex training space.
- Carisa Whelan would like to take a Fenzi training class in search of training theories and methods that apply to RDOC's training program.
 - Carisa Whelan made a motion to allocate \$265 to her for the training class fee. The motion was 2nd by Rocky Altimore and passed on verbal vote.

Unfinished Business:

- Peter Lenk started a discussion concerning our club training equipment and the need for organized safe storage at our training spaces. Discussion followed with ideas about how to determine what training equipment is needed and how it should be organized for storage.
 - Carisa Whelan made a motion to discontinue Agility classes at RDOC. The motion was 2nd by Rocky Altimore. The motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.
 - Carisa Whelan made a motion to evaluate our current equipment for safety and to trash, donate or sell unneeded training equipment. The motion was 2nd by Michele Gillette and passed unanimously on verbal vote.

- Peter Lenk reported the missing vacuum cleaner parts have reappeared and the vacuum is working.

Presentation of Applications for Membership: The applications of Bennie Byrd, M.Beth Hughes, Ellen Oertel and Jennifer Jordan were read to the Board. They will be presented to our membership and voted on at the May 2023 meeting.

New Business:

- Michele Gillette reported the tracking committee would like to hold a VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test at Hampton Sydney College in Farmville in January 2024. Michele Gillette and Carol Ruthenburg have agreed to judge. The details of the test will be worked out pending a visit to the site.
- Rocky Altimore made a motion for RDOC to approve a VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test event in January 2024 at Hampton Sydney College. The motion was 2nd by Diane Lenk and passed on verbal vote.

- Rocky Altimore reported he received a written request from a member to receive a printed and mailed copy of the Pawprint. Peter Lenk will handle the printing and mailing for the member.

Adjournment: Carisa Whelan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Rocky Altimore and passed on verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as amended 5/9/2023