

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Peter Lenk called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. 41 members were present.

Gabby Hughes made a motion to pause the meeting for refreshments so the ice cream could be eaten before it melts. 2nd by Beth Goodbody and the motion passed on verbal vote.

Emily Chambers introduced our 5 guests: Pat Beersblock, Karen Bell, Jodie Coutts, Sarah Grindstaff and Debbie Parrott

Minutes of the last meeting: The July 2023 minutes were approved as amended.

Report of the Secretaries:

Recording: None

Corresponding: Merilynn Bergstresser reported:

- We received a very nice Thank You note from Gail Peters for the donation to the Morris Animal Foundation on the passing of Meeko.
- We sent flowers to Ruby DiVittorio and MaryAnn Mullen for their recent surgeries.

Treasurer's Report Rocky Altimore reported for July 2023:

Income	\$6,643.52
Expenses	<u>\$8,435.07</u>
Net income Loss	(\$1,791.55)

Year to Date income is \$8,299.96

Rocky also shared that income for this month is good due to registrations for the October seminar. Income from training classes is concerning as we need that income to pay the monthly rent and other operating costs. Rocky encouraged members to help the Training Director develop a Basic training program, and teach classes so we can continue as a club sharing our dog training skills.

Report of Committees

Hospitality:

- Gabby Hughes made a motion to have our holiday party on Saturday 12/16. 2nd by Beth Goodbody and the motion passed on verbal vote. Set up for the party will be on Friday 12/15, all volunteers are welcome.
- Gabby is looking for a volunteer for the October 2023 meeting refreshments. Let Gabby know if you would like to provide the meeting refreshments.

- A big THANK YOU!!!! To JoAnn Slate, Connie Jones, Jody Mountfort, and Courtney Drake for our meeting refreshments today.

Nominating Committee:

- Richard Sullivan, the chair of the committee, reported they are working on the 2024 slate of club officers and is getting many positive responses. He thanked all the members that have helped with this task and is grateful for all their input. There is still a need for a Recording Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Richard Sullivan.

Trials and Events:

- Theresa Myers reported the FCAT is 9/29, 9/30 and 10/1 at Hanover-Cold Harbor Ruritan Park and plans for the event are on track for a successful event. Fun Runs are available after the event on Saturday weather permitting.
- Dave Frazier reported the December Obedience and Rally Trials are on Saturday, 12/9. The Obedience trial is in the morning and the Rally trial is in the afternoon. Dave Brobst is the Obedience judge and Joanie Brobst is the Rally judge.

Mary Ann Massie shared that being a trial chair is not scary or super hard. and encouraged members to consider volunteering to be a trial chair for the February and June 2024 trials. She shared there is a manual with information and procedures for how we run our trials and members are a great resource and willing to help. The dates for the February Trials are 2/17 and 2/18 and the June trials are on 6/22 and 6/23.

- Variable Surface Tracking test (VST) is scheduled for 1/7/2024 at Hampton Sydney in Farmville. This is a new event for RDOC and Maureen Wooley is the trial chair. Our event application has been submitted to the AKC and is pending approval.
- Tracking test – our regular tracking test is scheduled for March 2024 in Hanover. The application has been submitted to the AKC and the event committee has been established.

Training:

- Carisa Whelan reported there was a survey sent to recent Puppy and Basic students to determine what they would like to learn and work on in those classes. She is also taking volunteers to help create the Basic training program.
- Carisa Whelan shared with members that she sets up a ZOOM meeting at 7pm on Thursday evenings for positive training discussions. Feel free to join Carisa to share ideas and learn new things. See the RDOC website for a link to the ZOOM meeting.

Election of New Members: None

New Business:

- Peter Lenk reported a member was training alone and fell on the training floor and was hurt. She was alone in the building for two and a half hours before another member arrived to help. We currently do not have a process in place for member safety in the building. Possible solutions were discussed.

- Diane Lenk shared the Golden Dome Kennel Animal Health Clinic is on Sunday, 9/10. Health checks for eyes and heart and appointments are needed. Please contact Diane Lenk (lenksdogs@gmail.com) for more information or an appointment.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Beth Goodbody, 2nd by Judy Overton. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Approved September 5, 2023 sma