

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 2023

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Peter Lenk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 35 members were present.

Emily Chambers introduced our 8 guests: Debbie McGuire, Davina Lancaster, Richard Sullivan, Cindy Hall, Gil Halasz, Ellen Oertel, Lissy Bryan, and Beth Hughes

Carisa Whelan made a motion to pause the meeting to enjoy the pizza, salad and dessert set up by Gabby Hughes and Sharon deCheubel. The motion was 2nd by Dave Frazier and passed on a verbal vote.

Minutes of the last meeting: The January 2023 minutes were approved as printed in the Pawprint.

Report of the President: President Peter Lenk gave a brief presidential history of the club and his 8 year tenure in the position. He reminded members that we are a volunteer organization and encouraged members to consider volunteering for club committees and Board positions to support our club.

Peter Lenk shared that Susan Altimore has volunteered to be Recording Secretary for this year and will be voted on at the February Board Meeting next week.

Peter Lenk also shared the sad news that Mary Ann Massie lost her dear Aunt a few days ago.

Report of the Secretaries:

Recording: no report

Corresponding: Merilynn Bergstresser reported the club sent flowers to Gail Peters, and cards to Melanie Parrish and Margaret Van Cleave.

Treasurer's Report Rocky Altimore reported for January 2023:

Income	\$9,315.07
Expenses	<u>\$7,092.08</u>
Net income Gain	\$2,222.99

Rocky noted that our Training Director and Instructors are doing a great job with classes. He also noted there are about 25 members that have not paid their dues. The last day to pay dues is February 28.

Report of Committees

Buildings and Grounds: Peter Lenk reminded members that if something building related needs attention or maintenance, please notify Les Foldesi and Peter Lenk so things can get resolved quickly.

Trials and Events:

- **Rally and Obedience Trials:** Dave Frazier reported we are in good shape for the Rally and Obedience trials on 2/18 and 2/19. Trial set up is on Friday 2/17 at 10am and volunteers are welcome to come and help. Dave also thanked Reade Johnson for all her hard work for the RunThru that brought in \$435 for the club. A Run Thru before the June trials is being considered.
- **Tracking Test:** Judi Edwards reported the Tracking test is on 3/5 and is full. Everything is in good shape for the event. 'Lines of Love' are for sale to support the event and will appear in the catalogue. Carol Maupin is in charge of food for the event and is accepting food donations. She also extended an invitation to the event lunch to members.
- **FastCat:** Theresa Myers reported the FAST CAT will be on 3/17, 3/18, 3/19 at Poor Farm Park in Ashland. Plans are on track for the event and volunteers are welcome for the event and for event set up. Please contact Theresa to volunteer.
- **Agility Trial:** Our Agility Trials are on 3/25, and 3/26 at Level Up Dog Sports in Mechanicsville.
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Training Director: Carisa Whelan reported she is planning some new classes and additional instructors are needed.

Web Site: Rocky Altimore reported the following updates to our RDOC website:

- There is a new banner for upcoming classes detailing to date and time registration will begin.
- Automation has been added to open each class for registration.
- An update has been made to the calendar display on the website so the training space will show as available if there is no class on a day during a class session.
- Classes are filling very quickly and sometimes even overflowing. The overflow issue is being worked on and will be resolved soon.

Unfinished Business: none

Election of New Members: Arlene Dickson and Darlene Trace were voted in as new members – Welcome!!!!

New Business:

- **ZOOM Meetings:** Our ZOOM Meetings have been suspended due to manning issues. President Peter Lenk asked if we need to resume the ZOOM Meeting and how would that happen. Discussion followed leaning towards starting a ZOOM Committee to set

policies and procedures for ZOOM Meetings and develop a plan for how the club would move forward on this issue. Members need to consider joining this possible new committee.

- **Class Registration times:** A discussion concerning class registrations times had many good suggestions and ideas. Please watch the website for class registration times.
- **Club communication to members:** A discussion concerning communication of club information and volunteer events to members that are not on FaceBook had no resolution. If you have a suggestion please contact a Board member.

THANK YOU!! to Gabby Hughes and Sharon deCheubel for the wonderful pizza, salad and dessert. It was enjoyed by all.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Judi Edwards, 2nd by Dave Frazier. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Approved as amended: 3/7/2023 sma