

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Peter Lenk (2023)

Vice President: Michele Gillette (2023)

Corresponding Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser (2023)

Recording Secretary: Susan Altimore (2023)

Training Directors: Carisa Whelan (2022/2023)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2023)

Member at Large: Diane Lenk (2022/2023)

Member at Large: Jeanette Makowskyj (2022/2023)

Member at Large: Judy Edwards (2023/2024)

Board Members absent:

Member at Large: Kara Kolster (2023/2024)

The following **guests were present:** None

Report of the President: President: Peter Lenk reported that Susan Nepomuceno's husband had passed.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the January 2023 board meeting were approved. Judi Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting; the motion was seconded by Diane Lenk, and passed on verbal vote.

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding Secretaries Report: None

Recording Secretaries Report: None

Report of the Treasurer: Rocky Altimore reported that about 20 members have not paid their dues yet. Dues need to be paid by 2/28/2023 to maintain membership.

Report of Committees

-Trials and Events:

- Rally and Obedience trials are on 2/18 and 2/19 are on track to be successful events.

- Tracking Test is on 3/4 and 3/5 and all test spots are full. Judi Edwards is looking into changing the date for future events.

-Training: Carisa Whelan reported instructors are needed.

-Web Site: Rocky Altimore reported he is stepping down as the Chairperson of the website committee and Judi Edwards has volunteered to be the Chairperson of the committee.

Unfinished Business: Rocky Altimore started a discussion concerning the cost of our classes. Judi Edwards made a motion to increase the cost of our 8 wk training classes to \$140 for non-members and \$40 for members. The price increase is a 27% increase to non-member class fees. Member class fees are 30% of non-member fees, rounded to the nearest \$5. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Makowskyj and passed on a verbal vote. This motion will be presented for vote to our club membership at the March 2023 meeting.

Presentation of Applications for Membership: The application of Davina Lancaster was read and approved by the Board. It will be presented to our membership and voted on at the March 2023 meeting.

New Business:

- New Recording Secretary: Diane Lenk made a motion for Susan Altimore to be the Recording Secretary for 2023. The motion was 2nd by Jeanette Makowskyj and passed on verbal vote.
- As of the date of the board meeting no one has volunteered to be on the ZOOM committee. ZOOM meetings continue to be suspended.
- Carisa Whelan has a wish list for new equipment. She is gathering pricing data and prioritizing equipment needs.
- Carisa Whelan made a motion to purchase Bluetooth speakers for the main training space for \$100 or less. The motion was 2nd by Rocky Altimore and passed on verbal vote.
- Judi Edwards started a discussion concerning:
 - A better means of communication within our board and club. Constant Contact and ‘groups.io’ were discussed. Carisa Whelan made a motion for Judi Edwards to investigate to best tool for this purpose. The motion was 2nd by Rocky Altimore and passed on verbal vote.
 - Respiratory diseases among dogs and our responsibility as a training club. No action was decided on at this time.
 - Ways to build camaraderie among members and get new students to our classes. Ideas were discussed but no action was taken.

Adjournment: Jeanette Makowskyj made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Judi Edwards and passed on verbal vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as amended 3/14/2023 sma