

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. Treasurer, Rocky Altimore called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. 40 members were present.

Emily Chambers introduced our 5 guests: Tala Castro, Anita Elliott, Henny Huff, Amelia Lorette, and Maggie Tomlin.

Meeting refreshments were provided by Gabby Hughes and enjoyed by all. Gabby – Thank you for all the wonderful snacks.

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

Report of the Board: None

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretaries:

Recording: None

Corresponding: Merilynn Bergstresser reported the club sent a donation to the Morris Animal Fund in honor of the passing of Crystal Meadow's dog Breeze.

Treasurer's Report Rocky Altimore reported for August 2023:

Income	\$ 4,903.07
Expenses	<u>\$ 6,897.51</u>
Net income (Loss)	(\$1,994.44)

- Rocky noted that training revenue was down during the month and expects club events in September and October to bring in more revenue.

Report of Committees

Buildings and Grounds: Les Foldesi reported

- Peter Lenk is looking into making improvements in the potty area.
- Dave Frazier is looking into possibly improving the lighting in the equipment storage room.

Trials and Events:

- FCAT - Dave Frazier reported the FCAT is one schedule for Friday thru Sunday, 9/29 – 10/1, at the Hanover-Cold Harbor Ruritan Park in Mechanicsville. This year we will access to the picnic facilities, and there will be a limited number of fun runs available after the Saturday trial is complete. Theresa Myers is the event Chairperson.
- VST test – Maureen Woolley reported the Variable Surface Tracking test in on schedule for January 7, 2024 at Hampdem-Sydney College in Farmville, Va. Spectators are welcome at the test.

- Obedience and Rally Trials - December: - Dave Frazier reported the Obedience and Rally Trials will be on Saturday, 12/9. The Obedience trial is in the morning and the Rally trial is in the afternoon. Steward for both trails are needed. Please contact Chief Ring Stewards Theresa Myers (dobrmum02@gmail.com) or Susan Altimore (s_althimore@hotmail.com) to volunteer.
- Obedience and Rally Trials - February – Dave Frazier reported Teri Frick has volunteered to be the Trial Chairperson for the February 2024 trials. Thank you Teri.

Training: Carisa Whelan reported:

- The Basic training program has been revised and will be presented to the Board. If you would like more information on the program join the Virtual Happy Hour.
- Basic and Puppy instructor are needed. Contact Carisa if you are available to teach a class. (carisa.pups@gmail.com).

Unfinished Business: Rocky Altimore reported the report from the Nominating Committee listed 2 candidates for the Training Director position for the 2024 slate of officers. Our club By-Laws allow only one nomination for Training Director from the Nominating Committee. Currently, Carisa Whelan is our sole Training Director and her term ends 12/31/2023. There is currently a vacant position with a term expiring at the end of 12/31/2024. The Board is working with the 2 candidates from the Nominating committee to appoint one of these members to fill the current vacant position and the other candidate would stay on the ballot for 2024 club officers.

Election of New Members: Welcome to our new member – Sarah Grindstaff.

New Business: Dave Frazier is working with the Building and Grounds Committee for the best possible solution concerning club Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits and AED units.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Frazier, 2nd by Reade Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Approved October 3, 2023 sma