

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

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Peter Lenk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. 32 members were present.

Emily Chambers introduced our 6 guests: Sarah Grandstaff, Cindy Hall, Beth Hughes, Jennifer Jordan, Debbie McGuire, and Bennie Byrd.

Minutes of the last meeting: The February 2023 minutes were approved as amended on a motion from Cathy Foldesi and 2nd by Jeanette Makowskyj. The motion passed on verbal vote.

Report of the Board: None

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding: Merilynn Bergstresser reported:

- A donation to NCSU Vet School was sent due to the passing of Susan Nepomuceno's husband. The donation was made per Susan's request.
- Flowers were sent to Theresa Myers on the passing of her mother.
- Jeanette Makowskyj's dog Mardi died. RDOC sent a card and a donation to the Morris Animal Foundation in Mardi's memory.

Recording: None

Treasurer's Report Rocky Altimore reported for February 2023:

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| Income | \$12,431.77 |
| Expenses | <u>\$10,906.40</u> |
| Net income Gain | \$ 1,525.37 |

Rocky Altimore reported it was a good month and thanked everyone for all their hard work to make the month financially successful. Sources of income were dues, key fees, training fees, and entry fees from the Rally and Obedience trials and the Run Thru. Among other expenses this month, was the yearly tax preparation and filing fees.

Report of Committees

Buildings and Grounds:

- Les Foldesi will contact our landlord concerning the issues with the outdoor building lights.
- Carisa Whelan was able to make the PA system in the main training space Bluetooth compatible. She will create a user's 'How to Guide'.

Hospitality: Gabby Hughes shared with the membership that she is looking for volunteers for the next 3 months to provide refreshments for our membership meetings. The club reimburses expenses up to \$40 each month. She will look for additional volunteers in a few months.

Trials and Events:

- **Rally and Obedience Trials:** Dave Frazier reported the Rally and Obedience trials were very successful and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to the event.
- **Tracking Trial:** Kara Kolster reported the tracking trial was fantastic and thanked everyone for their hard work to make this event fantastic. Many wonderful comments were made by the judges and exhibitors concerning a well-run tracking test, with good food and friendship before and after the tests.
- **FCAT:** Theresa Myers reported everything is covered for the FCAT at Poor Farm Park on 3/17, 3/18 and 3/19 with set up on 3/16. There will be 'fun runs' Friday and Saturday (3/17 & 3/18) after the trials, weather permitting, for \$10. The club is providing lunch for volunteers.
- **Agility Trial:** Our Agility Trials are at Level Up Dog Sports on 3/24 & 3/25. A few more volunteers are needed. Please contact Cristol Klevinsky for more information (cklevinsky@gmail.com)

Training: Carisa Whelan reported:

- Some new classes are starting soon. Watch the website for registration information.(www.rdoc.org)
- She is going to start a Training Virtual Happy Hour on Thursday evenings. This will be a ZOOM meeting and will be a friendly chat among dog fanciers about anything dog related. See the RDOC web site (www.rdoc.org) for more information and meeting links.
- Plans are still in progress for a watch party for the virtual Puppyworks seminar.

Unfinished Business: None**Election of New Members:** Davina Lancaster was voted in as our newest member – Welcome!!!!**New Business:**

- Rocky Altimore shared with the membership that the Board of Directors discussed changing our class fees and made the following motion. Increase non-member training fees for an 8 week class to \$140 and to \$40 for members. The price increase is a 27% increase to non-member fees. Member class fees will be 30% of non-member class fees rounded to the nearest \$5. The price increases will be effective 6/1/2023. Carisa Whelan 2nd the motion. Discussion followed and Rocky shared the reason for the increase is to partially offset increases in our rent and other operating costs. The motion passed on a show of hands vote with no objections.
- President Peter Lenk shared to Board of Directors is going to start a review of our Standing Rules and By-Laws.

THANK YOU!!! To Gabby Hughes and Beth Hughes for the wonderful refreshments we enjoyed.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Overton, 2nd by Diane Lenk and passed on verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Approved 5/2/2023 sma