

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Peter Lenk (2023)

Vice President: Michele Gillette (2023)

Corresponding Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser (2023)

Training Directors: Carisa Whelan (2022/2023)

Recording Secretary: Susan Altimore (2023)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2023)

Member at Large: Diane Lenk (2022/2023), Jeanette Makowskyj (2022/2023), Kara Kolster (2023/2024)

Board Members absent: Judi Edwards

The following guests were present: Donna Crumpler

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the July 2023 board meeting were approved as amended. Rocky Altimore made a motion to approve the amended 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: None

Report of Committees

Nominating: Richard Sullivan, the chair of the Nominating Committee,

- Sent a report from the Nominating Committee with a list of candidates for the 2024 RDOC Board of Directors. There is a candidate for each position. The proposed slate was approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the September membership meeting.

Training: Carisa Whelan reported members have proposed some new classes with class outlines that have been reviewed.

- Carisa Whelan made a motion for 2 new classes:
 - Beginning Rally – A 1 hour class running for 8 weeks to be taught as a daytime class by Ellen Lipps.
 - Are You Ready To Trial – A 2 hour, 2 week class to be taught on Sunday mornings by Beth Goodbody. Pricing to be determined.

The motion was 2nd by Michele Gillette and passed on verbal vote with 2 opposed votes.

- Carisa Whelan made a motion to change the pricing for tracking classes to \$110 for members and \$200 for non-members. This price change is effective for tracking classes this fall. Rocky Altimore 2nd the motion. Motion passed on verbal vote.

Unfinished Business:

- Diane Lenk started a discussion concerning the recent price increase in our Conformation handling classes. There is a concern that our pricing for our 3 week class is very competitive with other handling classes in the area but when the class is listed as a 4 week class we are higher than our competitors. We will try to keep our conformation handling classes running as 3 week classes. These classes are very popular and fill quickly.
- Nicole Allen, the keeper of our building keys, sent a report to the Board noting we are getting low on extra keys to our building and need to either purchase new keys for our current door locks or consider getting a new system for securing our club building doors. She sent information that is still being reviewed by the Board.

Presentation of Applications for Membership: The application of Sarah Grindstaff was read and approved by the Board. The application will be presented to our membership and voted on at the September 2023 meeting.

New Business:

- Carisa Whelan mentioned that our First Aid Kits and Fire Extinguishers are out of date and need attention. The idea of having a service keep these items current was mentioned.
- Susan Altimore mentioned the Odoban spray bottles were not full and easily accessible when needed during a recent class.

Adjournment: Carisa Whelan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Kara Kolster and passed on verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved 9/12/2023