

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Aug. 10, 2021**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**The following Board Members were present:**

President: Peter Lenk (2021)

Corresponding Secretary: Rhea McCaffrey (2021)

Training Directors: Valerie Pascal (2021/2022), Nicole Allen (2020/2021)

Recording Secretary: Betty Swenson (2021)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2021)

Member at Large: Emily Chambers (2020/2021), Les Foldesi (2020/2021), Ellen McNelly (2021/2022)

Board Members absent: Vice President: Mary Ann Massie, Member at Large : Linda Heimiller

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the July 2021 board meeting were approved. Valerie Pascal made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting; the motion was seconded by Les Foldesi, and passed on verbal vote.

**Report of the Secretaries:**

**Corresponding Secretaries Report:** n/a

**Recording Secretaries Report:** n/a

**Report of the Treasurer:** n/a

**Report of Committees**

**-Agility Trial:** Cristol Klevinsky is the new trial chair and is being mentored by Kim Bolster

**-Buildings and Grounds:** Peter Lenk has repaired the gate to the dog exercise area, and the briars growing through the fence have been cut back.

**-Matches:** Nicole Allen has scheduled run-thrus for August 20 and 27, 2021.

**-Membership and Orientation:** Emily Chambers has taken over chairmanship of this committee

**-Nominating:** According to Ellen McNelly and Peter Lenk, the following slate has been nominated:

President - Peter Lenk

Vice President - Michele Gillette

Treasurer - Rocky Altimore

Corresponding Secretary - Rhea McCaffrey

Recording Secretary - Deanne Hamilton

Training Director - Carissa Whelan

Members at Large - Janie Robertson and Jeanette Makowskj

**-Trials and Events:** Les Foldesi reported that the Farm Dog Certification test has been approved by AKC and that the rosettes have been ordered.

Regarding FCAT, Nicole Allen reported that we have one day remaining in our allotment, but the only day available is a Wednesday in December and she did not think we would get enough entries to make it worth the effort, Nicole is planning for a three day event in March, 2022 and another three days in the fall of 2022.

**-Training:** Valerie Pascal said that Margaret Van Cleave has volunteered to teach a six week Foundation Agility class at 4:30 on Thursdays. Valerie requested, and received, permission to purchase a Fit Paws rocker board for this class.

**Unfinished Business:** Having determined that she has met the work requirements, the board voted to reinstate the membership of Ruby DiVittorio.

**Presentation of Applications for Membership:** The application of Claibourne Jackson was read to the Board, and she will be voted on at the September membership meeting.

**New Business:** Mary Ann Massie had inquired by email as to the status of the registration forms which guests of members need to fill out if training their dogs in the building. Valerie Pascal said she will locate the forms and publicize their location.

Valerie requested, and received, pre-approval for reimbursement of \$100 to attend the Clicker Expo in March 2022.

Valerie also requested permission to purchase 100 'Save My Pet' emergency stickers to hand out to puppy class students. The cost would be \$99. Betty Swenson moved, and Rocky Altmore seconded, to approve the purchase. After discussion, it was decided that the 'Puppy Culture' books were probably not used enough to justify the cost of re-ordering. Valerie will search the internet for PDF's with the same information to send to new students.

Les Foldesi recommended that future event secretaries include a statement in the event premium that junior handlers were welcome and supported. The AKC's junior handler program for performance events requires a small amount of additional paperwork, but no alteration as to how the event is conducted. Nicole Allen asked for, and received, permission to credit a future entry fee for two individuals who were unable to attend the last set of run-thrus due to emergency circumstances.

Valerie Pascal raised the topic of re-instating the mask requirement in the training building. After discussion, Emily Chambers moved that we post a sign strongly recommending the wearing of masks, regardless of vaccination status. Les Foldesi seconded the motion, which carried on voice vote. Individual instructors can still require masks in their classes.

**Adjournment:** 7:35 p.m., following motion by Valerie Pascal and seconded by Les Foldesi

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Swenson, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved September 14, 2021