

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Mar. 9, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Peter Lenk (2021)

Vice President: Mary Ann Massie (2021) (Zoom)

Corresponding Secretary: Rhea McCaffrey (2021) (Zoom)

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

Recording Secretary: Betty Swenson (2021)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2021)

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

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Feb. 9, 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.

Corresponding Secretaries Report: Rhea McCaffrey has ascertained that no one wants a hard copy of the Pawprint mailed to them in the future. MaryAnn Massie had printed and mailed 21 copies of the March issue, but that will no longer be necessary

Report of the Treasurer: Rocky Altimore gave an update on dues collections. We currently have 140 members. Six people have chosen not to renew their memberships, we have gained four new members, and Rocky has been unable to contact three individuals.

Report of Committees

-Audit: Les Foldesi has gotten the financial information from Rocky Altimore. After he has had a chance to look at it, he will pass it along to the rest of the committee.

-Buildings and Grounds: Roofing material has been noted stacked up outside, but it is not clear if it is to be used on our building.

-Matches: Nicole Allen is working on setting up a run-thru schedule.

-Trials and Events: Nicole Allen reported that the FCAT is sold out for the weekend dates and almost filled for the weekday date. There is potential for a several thousand dollar profit. Another one-day test in conjunction with the Doberman club is under consideration for the fall.

-Tracking: According to Betty Swenson, the Tracking Test went well. Plenty of volunteers meant no one was overworked. There were two TD's earned, one by club member Anne Morris and her dog Mila, the other by Karen Blair and Kippy. Both are members of Judi Edwards' tracking class. All figures are not yet in, but it looks like we made a profit of about \$230. Betty made a motion that the club donate \$50 to the

Beaverdam Ruritan for allowing us the use of their facility for the past two years. The motion was seconded by Valerie Pascal and passed on a voice vote. Betty will write a letter for the Treasurer to include with the check.

Unfinished Business: There was discussion of the June Obedience trial, for which we have no chair, no secretary, and no judges. Therefore the prospect of actually having a trial looks dim. Concern was expressed over the loss of the trial dates (June 26-27) with the AKC. Mary Ann Massie volunteered to contact the AKC to see if we can keep the date if we do not hold a trial on it this year over COVID concerns. The idea of hiring a trial secretary was also brought up.

Presentation of Applications for Membership: The application of JoAnn Slate was read by Betty Swenson. Betty will send a brief write-up for publication in the April PawPrint, and JoAnn will be voted on at the April general meeting.

New Business: Mary Ann Massie made a motion, seconded by Nicole Allen, to make Ron Smith an Honorary Member of RDOC. This will be voted on at the April membership meeting, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

Rocky Altimore moved that the club purchase a business license for Zoom at \$150/year. Les Foldesi seconded the motion, which then passed on a voice vote. Rocky can set it up so that any member can host a meeting.

Ellen McNelly brought up the idea of current event principals creating written job descriptions to show to potential volunteers, in the hope of encouraging more participation in the running of our various events. Rocky Altimore pointed out that such descriptions are in the Standing Rules, and that the AKC website has extensive materials along that line. Mary Ann Massie thought a discussion of what is involved with putting on the different types of trials might make a nice program for one or more of our general membership meetings.

Adjournment: Occurred at 7:47 p.m., following a motion by Les Foldesi seconded by Rocky Altimore and no dissenting votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Swenson, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as written 4-13-21