

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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), Ellen McNelly (2021/2022) zoom,
Linda Heimiller (2021/2022) zoom

Board Members absent: Les Foldesi

Minutes of the last meeting: Valerie Pascal made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2021 board meeting; the motion was seconded by Rocky Altimore and passed on verbal vote.

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding Secretaries Report: Rhea McCaffrey has gotten a card from Ron Smith thanking the club for the sympathy card and Morris Animal Foundation donation we sent. Valerie Pascal reported that Ron had called and spoken with her by phone and that he seemed pleased about his honorary membership. Rhea recommended that Gaby Beyer, as PawPrint editor, be invited to board meetings. It was decided that the Zoom meeting information should be published in the newsletter so that any member who wishes to can attend.

Recording Secretaries Report: none

Report of the Treasurer: Rocky Altimore noted that our old web host service is coming up for renewal and he recommended we not renew since we no longer use it. Betty Swenson made a motion, seconded by Valerie Pascal, to follow that recommendation, and it passed on voice vote.

Report of Committees

-Agility Trial: There will be an Agility Committee meeting on Tuesday June 15 at 5:30 at the club building.

-Training: There will be an instructor and assistant meeting on Tuesday June 22 at 6:30 in the annex. An electronic class evaluation form has been created by Laura Herrmann and is currently under evaluation by Rocky Altimore and will be reviewed at the instructor meeting. Instructors should be able to send it to all students from the website. Valerie Pascal noted that the main motivation for this is to find out why some students drop out of class. Once the information is obtained, the training directors can review it and try to solve any issues. For now, drop-in classes will still have on-line registration.

Unfinished Business: We decided to table discussion Les Foldesi's suggested changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules since Les was not at the meeting.

Mary Ann Massie reported that our rental agreement document for allowing other groups use of our building has been revised and the revision is under review. Peter Lenk noted that the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs needs a new meeting site and suggested we think about offering use of our building. (Their annual meeting is the second Sunday in November)

Mary Ann also brought up some issues from the obedience trial committee meeting. Dave Brobst told her that the board had previously approved the purchase and set up of a camera and TV system to live-stream from the show ring to the annex, thus improving traffic flow to and from the ring. The previous cost estimate for this system was \$400, but Dave has revised this to \$1200. Mary Ann moved that we approve the revised cost estimate of \$1200, Nicole Allen seconded, and the motion passed. Dave knows how to set up the system and run it; there was some concern expressed that some other members need to be trained in its use as well. Mary Ann noted that there is a need for better continuity of operations in general at RDOC, as well as a need to cross train and/or share responsibilities.

There were no new member applications

New Business: Les Foldesi requested via email board approval for a Farm Dog Certification Test in November. A budget estimates of \$450 in expenses was made. Betty Swenson estimated \$1200 potential income, based on a total of 40 entries at \$30 each. Betty moved to approve holding this event, Valerie Pascal seconded, and the motion passed.

A nominating committee needs to be formed for November elections. This committee consists of five members, one of which needs to be a current board member, plus two alternates. Laura Herrmann was suggested as the chair. Suggestions for the other members and alternates were: Aleta Shelton, Claudia Frazier, Janet Bowers, Christie Smith, Judi Edwards, Susan Massart (alternate chair), Susan Nepomuceno, and Ellen McNelly. Rhea McCaffrey will contact these people to inform them of the honor which has been bestowed upon them.

There was discussion about whether we would continue to offer Zoom attendance for membership meetings and it was decided that we should for the foreseeable future. Mary Ann Massie suggested the club purchase a laptop computer for this purpose. Rocky Altimore announced that Susan Altimore has volunteered to be the official zoom operator and that she would prefer to use her own computer. Susan has resigned as the hospitality chair. We decided that the board meetings from now on would be Zoom only.

Valerie Pascal brought up the idea of some sort of compensation for members making real contributions to the club. Some ideas offered were free classes, waived entry fees, priority registration for classes, and written recognition in the PawPrint. We need to be careful not to violate our rule against allowing a member to financially profit from the club.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m., after a motion by Rocky Altimore

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Swenson, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as amended 7-13-21