

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Peter Lenk (2021)

Vice President: Mary Ann Massie (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), Linda Heimiller (2021/2022), Ellen McNelly (2021/2022)

Board Members absent: Linda Heimiller (2021/2022)

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the August, 2021 board meeting were approved. Rocky Altimore made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting; the motion was seconded by Nicole Allen, and passed on verbal vote.

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding Secretaries Report: n/a

Recording Secretaries Report: Betty Swenson said the draft copy of tonight's minutes may be sent out later than usual.

Report of the Treasurer: n/a

Report of Committees

-Buildings and Grounds: Les Foldesi is aware of some lights being out in the training area and is in the process of correcting that. He also brought up the issue of a reactive dog crated by the exit door having visual access to dogs approaching that door. Valerie Pascal will investigate the situation and offer solutions. Les further recommended we inform the realtor that we intend to renew our lease when the current one expires, and thought we could try to negotiate better terms for the club. Nicole Allen offered to look at the current lease and offer suggestions as to what we might ask for. Valerie expressed concern about the mess in the dumpster area; Nicole will discuss the situation with the realtor.

-Trials and Events: Les Foldesi reported one entry received so far for the November Farm Dog Certification Test. The Obedience Trial Committee chaired by Mary Ann Massie has hired an Event Secretary for the December trial. This person will do all the Secretary chores which need doing up to the date of the trial. Entries for this Obedience trial open on November 1 and close on November 24, and can be made on line.

-Training: Valerie Pascal has gotten a complaint from a student about not being able to bring his female dog to class while she is in season. Rocky Altimore will add the statement about females in season not being allowed in class to the Terms and Conditions portion of the registration form.

Unfinished Business: Mary Ann Massie has sent a draft copy of the revised rental agreement for sub-leasing our building to other organizations or individuals to all board members, but a line-by-line discussion of the revision was tabled pending a review of the contract that Merrimac DTC uses. There was further discussion of the previously approved camera and TV monitor set-up for use at trials in the building. Dave Brobst has gotten an estimate of \$600 to have a licensed electrician do the installation. Mary Ann moved we approve this additional \$600 expenditure, Nicole Allen seconded, and the motion carried on voice vote. Les Foldesi has gotten permission from the landlord for installing the TV on the wall.

New Business: Emily Chambers asked if the new member packet can be sent electronically, and it was decided that it could.

Betty Swenson asked how to correct a wrong email address in the membership roster, and Rocky Altimore said the only way to do that was for the member involved to delete his/her account and re-enter everything.

Peter Lenk reported that the Blue Crab Cluster is looking for stewards for their March 3-April 2 shows in Doswell, and that they may be willing to pay. He will get more details and bring it up at the October general membership meeting.

Valerie Pascal made a motion to require masks be worn in the club building regardless of vaccination status, Nicole Allen seconded. Valerie pushed for this change due to the high rate of transmission of the Covid delta strain, which is increasing in our area. There was some discussion, the gist of which was that this will be re-evaluated on a month to month basis. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Adjournment: 7:38 p.m., following motion by Les Foldesi seconded by Valerie Pascal

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Swenson, Recording Secretary

Approved as amended 10-12-21