

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Vice President Mary Ann Massie in the absence of President Peter Lenk. She welcomed the new board members in attendance.

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), Ellen McNelly (2021/2022)

Board Members absent: Member at Large Linda Heimiller (2021/2022)

The following guests were present: Incoming Board members Michele Gillette, Deanne Hamilton, Carisa Whelan, and Jeanette Makowskyj

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

Report of the President: After joining the meeting, President Peter Lenk welcomed the new Board members and thanked those who are stepping down. He noted that the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders were very pleased to have been able to use our building for their November meeting and that they gave us a \$150 donation.

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding Secretaries Report: Rhea McCaffrey has sent a condolence card to Mary Ann Massie on the passing of her dog Addie.

She has also sent a card to the Hargrove family, which has generously allowed the use of their land for our tracking test, noting the club's donation to the Virginia War Memorial in memory of dog lover Frank Hargrove.

Rhea placed an announcement in the Pawprint regarding the death of member Sandra Yancy. She further noted the passing of Honorary Member June Noyes, but has been unable to find any additional information. An announcement will appear in the next newsletter.

Recording Secretaries Report: Betty Swenson has sent to incoming Recording Secretary Deanne Hamilton templates for the board and general membership meetings, as well as the current roster for recording attendance at meetings. Rocky Altimore will show her via Zoom how to post minutes to the website.

Report of the Treasurer: Rocky Altimore reported for November 2021:

Income	\$ 4874.97
Expenses	\$ 5104.43
Net loss	\$ 229.46

He said that training income was down slightly, not unexpected during the holiday season.

Report of Committees

-Buildings and Grounds: Les Foldesi has repaired the concrete curb that keeps getting moved and has gotten the outdoor lighting fixed.

-Matches: Mary Ann Massie said that the run-thrus for trial entrants on Thanksgiving weekend went well and will be repeated before our next Obedience/Rally trials. Ellen McNelly noted that the new camera & TV system was in use for these run-thrus and that it worked great.

-Membership and Orientation: Emily Chambers has a few prospective members in the pipeline. There will be a Zoom orientation meeting on January 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

-Trials and Events: Mary Ann Massie reported that the event secretary for the upcoming Obedience/Rally Trials did an outstanding job. As Covid cases are increasing in our area, masks will be required in the building for the trials. Susan Newton will chair the February 2022 trial, and Reade Johnson the June 2022 one.

Nicole Allen said the application for the March 18,19, &20, 2022 FCAT needs to be in by the end of the week. There will also be CATs on March 16 & 17, so lots of volunteers will be needed. Three FCATs are also planned for October 2022.

Les Foldesi submitted the November 20, 2021 Farm Dog Certification test report:
Farm Dog Budget

	Proposed	Actual
Port-a John	\$100.00	\$132.50
Ribbons	\$100.00	\$170.42
Thompson- Land owner	\$100.00	\$100.00
AKC Application Fee \$70.00	\$70.00	
AKC Recording Fee	\$-	\$84.00
Total	\$370.00	\$556.92
Revenue		\$735.00
Net		\$178.08

Remarks: 24 entries in two events; 12 showed under each judge

Stineman placed a 15% surcharge for ribbons.

We have enough ribbons for 38 qualifiers for the next Farm Dog Certification Test

AKC provided notification to RDOC that both events were closed out.

Much thanks goes to our two judges, Betty Swenson and Cathy Foldesi, as well as our volunteers: Ginny Padgette, Sharon deCheubel; also Cathy's niece, Claire and her boyfriend, Joe.

Congratulations to RDOC members, Sharon deCheubel (Collie- Amberleigh) and Karen Shoemaker(Border Collie- McDewgann) and Pam Parent(Whippet- Aroostock) for entering their dogs and qualified.

This was the third year that RDOC has held Farm Dog Certification Test. Entries were down compared to the two previous years. There were several other Farm Dog Certification Tests in Virginia within three weeks of RDOC's. A review of AKC event calendar showed that Farm Dog Events in Virginia were only one held in the spring of the year. I recommend the next one to be held in the spring of 2023 if farm site and judges are available.

-Tracking: Betty Swenson said everything is proceeding well.

-Training: Valerie Pascal obtained approval for two instructors to receive reimbursement for some of their expenses for attending training seminars

Unfinished Business: The current mask requirement will remain in place as Covid cases are increasing in our area.

Mary Ann Massie is still working on our revised sub-lease agreement and will present it at the January Board meeting.

Year-end Awards were discussed. Susan Altimore is to get the Instructor of the year award and Judi Edwards the Sportsmanship award. The President's award will be announced in January.

New Business: Les Foldesi, as Building & Grounds Chair, noted that our lease is up for renewal in May of 2023, and recommended that we inform Porter Realty of our intent to renew. He then made a motion for Board to authorize the Chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee to research the feasibility of encouraging the landlord via Porter Realty to replace certain heating/cooling equipment at Landlord's expense with upgraded equipment prior to the renewal of the lease. The Board will negotiate paying the difference between the cost of equipment of current capabilities (.i. e. BTUs) and equipment of greater capabilities, i.e. BTUs, efficiency, noise level). Board will provide guidance regarding equipment priorities. After discussion, Les withdrew the motion, to be brought up again to the new Board of Directors next year.

Adjournment: 7:50 p.m., after a motion made by Mary Ann Massie which was seconded by Rocky Altimore.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Swenson, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as amended 1-11-22