

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2022

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. Vice President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. 18 members were present and 11 members attended via ZOOM.

Emily Chambers introduced our 5 guests: Arlene Dickson, Abbey Ripley, and Richard Sullivan in person. Scott Dickensheets and Joyce Britt via ZOOM.

The minutes of the August 2022 Membership meeting were approved after a motion from Susan Massart and a 2nd by Judy Overton.

Report of the Board:

- Peter Lenk has been in negotiations concerning the new lease on the property. Rocky Altimore reported that the new 5-year lease included a 33% increase for the first year and 3% increases each year after that. Peter proposed, after approval from the Board, a 25% increase for the first year and 5% increases each year after that. The landlord accepted the new agreement in principle. The Board will be looking at how we will meet the 25% increase in future meetings.

Report of the Secretaries: None

Treasurer's Report: Rocky Altimore reported for August 2022:

Income	\$5,306.07
Expenses	\$5,585.11
Net income (Loss)	(\$279.04)

Report of Committees

Historian:

- Judy Overton announced that if a team has achieved a new title this year, to be eligible to receive a pin or a patch, you must complete and return the form to her, or her box in the office, by November 4th

Nominating Committee:

- Gail Peters reported that the Nominating Committee has finalized RDOC's slate of officers for 2023:

President: Peter Lenk
Vice President: Michele Gillette
Treasurer: Rocky Altimore
Recording Secretary: Carmen Vasquez
Corresponding Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser
Training Directors: Valerie Pascal and Carisa Whelan
Board Members at Large: Judy Edwards and Kara Kolster

If you would like a board position for next year, contact Gail Peters (gbhpeters@gmail.com).

Training:

- Valerie Pascal reported that we have started posting upcoming class information on the home page under announcements. Hopefully, this will help both members and non-members find the classes they are looking for in advance and know when they will be able to register.
- A gentle reminder concerning using the “enter” and “exit” doors accordingly during classes.
- Instructors and assistants, please remember to check the students on your roll for a current rabies certificate prior to the first class. If one has not been uploaded, please email the student and ask them to upload their rabies certificate prior to the first class or bring it with them. If they fail to do so, they will not be able to attend classes until they do. Members, please remember to keep your information up to date.
- No run-thrus will be offered at this time as we have no one to lead them.
- Susan Nepomuceno needs assistants for her Wednesday Puppy S.T.A.R. class starting at 10 am on 9/28/22.
- Thank you to Donna Crumpler, our newest member, for jumping in and starting a brand-new Puppy and Basic class.
- Thank you to all our instructors and assistants for all they do to make RDOC such a success. A special thank you to our members who are jumping in to fill slots, allowing some of the regular instructors to take a needed break. Thank you, Crystal Nolen, who is filling in for Diane Lenk, and Sheila Denzler, who is filling in while Madeline takes some time off. Also, thank you Summer Lee, Cristol Klevinsky, and Judy Abruzese for filling in for Christie Smith while she was out.

Trials:

- December Rally and Obedience Trial planning is underway. The Premium list is posted on the website. Volunteers are needed.

Unfinished Business: None

Election of New Members: None

New Business:

- Rocky Altimore announced that he had made a proposal to the Board concerning the maintenance and continued development of the current RDOC website. He is in the process of setting up a new company, Rockets, and presented a contract to the Board outlining what services his company could offer for the fee of ~ \$100/month. The Board will be considering and discussing his proposal at the next meeting.
- Members enjoyed refreshments provided by Gabby Hughes. Gabby – Thank You for taking good care of us.
- Brags were offered by several members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kitty Wells, 2nd by Valerie Pascal and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne Hamilton, Recording Secretary
Approved 10/4/22