

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 over ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Peter Lenk (2022)

Vice President: Michele Gillette (2022)

Corresponding Secretary: Rhea McCaffrey (2022)

Training Directors: Valerie Pascal (2021/2022), Carisa Whelan (2022/2023)

Recording Secretary: Deanne Hamilton (2022)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2022)

Member at Large: Linda Heimiller (2021/2022), Jeanette Makowskyj (2022/2023), Ellen McNelly (2021/2022)

Board Members absent: Janie Robertson (2022/2023)

The following **guests were present:** Theresa Myers

Minutes of the last meeting: The amended minutes of the February 2022 board meeting were approved. Rocky Altimore made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the last board meeting. The motion was seconded by Michele Gillette and passed on verbal vote.

Peter Lenk made a motion to go out of order so guests could speak first. The motion was seconded by Rocky Altimore and passed on verbal vote. Minutes of discussion under **New Business**.

Report of the President: none

Report of the Secretaries:

Corresponding Secretaries Report: none

Recording Secretaries Report:

Sent a card to Janie Robertson for the loss of her Sheltie, Gracie. Also, sent a gift to the Morris Animal Foundation in Memory of Gracie.

Received a post card from AKC regarding insurance for Member Clubs.

Report of the Treasurer:

Rocky mentioned that almost all dues have been collected and that he has reached out personally to the few remaining.

Report of Committees

-Tracking:

Michele Gillette reported that the Tracking Test was a huge success, including the dinner, test, and post event lunch. They will be doing a follow-up meeting and then on to planning for next year.

Unfinished Business:

Peter Lenk brought up the topic of masks. After a brief discussion, Rocky Altimore made a motion to end the mask mandate at the club. Deanne Hamilton seconded and the motion passed unanimously by verbal vote. Rhea McCaffrey stated she would post on RDOC's Facebook page. Signs will be removed at the Club and it will be posted in the Pawprint. Anyone who wants to wear a mask may continue to do so.

Peter Lenk also brought up the discussion on returning to the Club for Board Meetings starting in April. The Board would meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Peter made a motion to approve moving back to the club and off ZOOM. Rocky Altimore seconded and the motion passed by verbal vote. Rhea McCafferty will send a message to the Pawprint to notify Club Members. Ellen McNelly asked if Membership Meetings would continue to be offered in person and on ZOOM. It was decided that we would need to bring that to the Membership Meeting in April for discussion.

Valerie Pascal opened for discussion a follow-up proposal sent to the Board regarding a one day Tracking Seminar in April. There was some discussion on the best date and April 2, 2022 selected. Peter Lenk made a motion to move forward with the event. Rocky Altimore seconded and the motion passed by verbal vote.

Valerie Pascal also sent to the Board a comparison of the price of classes in our area from other dog training facilities. The document was reviewed and discussed. Discussion also included the Club's status as an organization (profit vs non-profit or not for profit vs community organization, etc.). Carisa Whelan asked what proportion of the people taking classes are members vs non-members. It was decided to table the discussion for now and gather additional information for future conversation.

Peter Lenk had received a letter from Catherine Foldesi following up on her request to move forward with planning a memorial event for Sally Cecil. Peter Lenk made a motion to approve. Rocky Altimore seconded and the motion passed by verbal vote. Peter will email Cathy to let her know.

Presentation of Applications for Membership: The application of Teri Frick was read to the Board. Peter Lenk made a motion to approve the application for a vote at the April 5, 2022, Membership Meeting. Deanne Hamilton seconded and the motion passed by verbal vote.

New Business:

Theresa Myers requested \$2,269.94 to pay the bill for the ribbons for C.A.T. and F.C.A.T. Valerie Pascal made a motion to spend the money on the ribbons and Carisa Whelan seconded. Passed by verbal vote.

Theresa Myers also requested permission to move forward with completing paperwork to rent Pole Green for the next F.C.A.T. Valerie Pascal made a motion to approve, seconded by Peter Lenk. Verbal vote passed the motion.

Valerie Pascal requested approval for no more than \$175.00 for the purchase of more clickers for training. Peter Lenk moved to approve, seconded by Rocky Altimore. Verbal vote passed the motion.

Peter Lenk said he had received a letter from Carol Maupin requesting Honorary Membership for Alice and Wayne Overton. Her comments included:

That for many years they have generously allowed RDOC access to their beautiful farm for our tracking test. They have warmly welcomed us allowing us use of their land, their home, and their bathroom (that's a big deal to tracking enthusiasts.) Prior to the pandemic, we were invited into their home for our test

luncheon. Land is so hard to come by for tracking tests we are grateful that we have access to such beautiful property and they seem to genuinely enjoy hosting us. The club members have so appreciated their generous hospitality, it seems fitting to welcome them into our club as honorary members.

Peter Lenk moved to bring the request of Honorary Membership for the Overton's to the April Membership Meeting for a vote. Valerie Pascal seconded and the motion passed by verbal vote.

Rhea McCaffrey mentioned that a question had been brought to her by the Gaby concerning whether RDOC would be hosting a member picnic in July. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that we should return to a Picnic in July and a Christmas party in December. Peter Lenk made a motion to move back to having these two events. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Makowskyj and passed by verbal vote.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Valerie Pascal, seconded by Carisa Whelan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved 4/12/22