

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 10, 2022**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

**The following Board Members were present:**

President: Peter Lenk (2022)

Vice President:

Corresponding Secretary: Rhea McCaffrey (2022)

Training Directors: Valerie Pascal (2021/2022) and Carisa Whelan by phone (2022/2023)

Recording Secretary: Deanne Hamilton (2022)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2022)

Member at Large: Jeanette Makowskyj (2022/2023) and Ellen McNelly (2021/2022)

**Board Members absent:** Michele Gillette (2022), Linda Heimiller (2021/2022), & Janie Robertson (2022/2023)

The following **guests were present:** none

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the April 2022 board meeting were approved. Valerie Pascal made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the last board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Makowskyj and passed on verbal vote.

**Report of the President:** none

**Report of the Secretaries:**

**Recording Secretary Report:** none

**Corresponding Secretary Report:**

We sent a get-well card with a Kroger gift card to Shirley Lesser for her recent hospitalization.

We mailed a notice of final termination of membership for non-payment of dues to 4 members. Two responded with payments.

We sent a sympathy card and donations to Morris Animal Foundation in memory of Margaret Van Cleave's papillons, Rosie and Indy.

We sent a get-well card to Susan Newton for her recent out-patient surgery.

**Report of the Treasurer:** none

## **Report of Committees**

### **-Training:**

There will be a Training meeting June 7, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Annex

### **Unfinished Business:**

Ellen McNelly asked where we were with the 2022 Audit. Peter Lenk mentioned that Les Foldesi had been ill and he had not had the opportunity to speak to him about the Audit. Peter will follow-up.

**Presentation of Applications for Membership:** The applications of Maureen Woolley and Alison Visokay were read to the Board. Deanne Hamilton made a motion to approve the application of Maureen Woolley for a vote at the June 7, 2022, General Membership Meeting. Valerie Pascal seconded, and the motion passed by verbal vote. Deanne also made a motion to approve the application of Alison Visokay for a vote at the June 7, 2022, General Membership Meeting. Ellen McNelly seconded, and the motion passed by verbal vote.

### **New Business:**

Peter Lenk reported that our lease will expire April 30, 2023. Peter said that he will need to contact Suzanne Lopez to see where we are in the process of beginning to negotiate a new lease. The current lease was renewed on what was originally drawn up in 1993.

Rocky Altimore spoke up about a letter he had received from Nancy Gee. She is the Director for the Center for Human and Animal Interaction at VCU Health. They produce a calendar each year to raise funds for their therapy dog and handler programs at VCU. Rocky Altimore made a motion to donate \$500 for a full-page ad of our logo next to a dog and handler in the calendar. Rhea McCaffrey seconded, and the motion passed by verbal vote.

Peter Lenk brought up the request from the Bearded Collie Club of America to rent/borrow equipment for their October Nationals in Virginia Beach. Discussion ensued on what we might be able to offer and who would be responsible for moving the 100' mat rolls and other equipment. Peter will reach out to someone from their group to see if they can come to RDOC and see exactly what we have, decide on whether this is even feasible, and what we would be able to offer.

Valerie Pascal made a request for several refunds:

Kerry Byrne from the tracking seminar. Her dog was very sick and ended up going to the emergency vet that morning. Valerie made a motion to refund the \$120 for the registration, Carisa Whelan seconded, and the motion passed by verbal vote.

Natalie Aloï \$110 and Clifford Skelton \$100, both from the Basic Class, as their dogs were not appropriate for the class at this time. Valerie made a motion to refund the \$110 to Natalie and \$100 to Clifford for the registration, Jeanette Makowsky seconded, and the motion passed by verbal vote.

Finally, Valerie asked for a refund for participant with who got sick but kept saying she would return. She had not requested a refund. A decision was made to offer a credit or transfer for another class as per the rules.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by Valerie Pascal, seconded by Jeanette Makowskyj, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as written 6/14/22