

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Patti Kilcullen.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Patti Kilcullen (2025)

Vice President: Carolyn Wilkerson (2025)

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Trentadue (2025)

Recording Secretary: Claibourne Jackson (2025)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2025)

Member at Large: Susan Nepomuceno (2025/2026), Donna Crumpler (2025/2026), Dave Frazier (2024/2025), Theresa Myers (2024/2025)

Absent:

Training Director: Gabby Hughes (2024/2025)

Training Director: Ann Li (2025/2026)

The following **guests were present:** Mary Ann Massie

- Dave Frazier made a motion to allow Mary Ann Massie to address the board before continuing the Board meeting. Claibourne Jackson seconded the motion and it was passed by verbal vote.

Mary Ann Massie:

- Mary Ann Massie presented information for a VST tracking test planned for January 4, 2026, Sunday in Farmville at Hampden-Sydney College. A motion to accept/approve the test as planned was made by Joan Trentadue, seconded by Dave Frazier and subsequently passed by verbal vote.

Ms. Massie was excused and the Board meeting resumed.

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Donna Crumpler made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2025 Board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Susan Nepomuceno and the minutes were approved by verbal vote.

Vice President:

- Carolyn Wilkerson reported on behalf of Susan Nepomuceno, that Brandon Johnson is scheduled to present Upland Game Flushing at the October membership meeting.

Report of the Secretaries

Corresponding Secretary:

- Joan Trentadue reported that cards or flowers had been sent to members:

Kimberly Osmandson who lost her dog, Fanny

Jamie Robertson for the loss of her dog, Skye

Margaret Van Cleave for the loss of her dog, Einstein

Mary Ann Massie for the loss of her dog, Jack

Nina (Linda) Elliott - Walker for the loss of her dog, Savannah

Margaret van Cleave, who required eye surgery after a fall

Sheila Densler, who fell and broke her hip in an agility class

Debra Hoffman, who had a stroke/brain bleed (but was home as of the meeting)

Update: Sandra Thurston is home after her recent hospitalization

Recording Secretaries Report: none

Report of the Treasurer: none

Report of Committees

Buildings and Grounds:

- Dave Frazier reported regarding the floors in the Annex. They look better after use of Simple Green, but Dave noted the product does not disinfect.
- Regarding switching the mats in the Annex for the ones we have in storage, Donna Crumpler presented pricing to have this done so that club members would not have to do it. Specifically: 4 hours labor for hire, we could get people +/- \$200. A floor cleaning machine can be rented for \$13 to use on the floor before the new mats are put down.
- Donna Crumpler made a motion to continue cleaning the Annex floor with Simple Green, Susan Nepomuceno seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding both floors and ultimately, the subject was tabled until August. Cleaning will continue using Simple Green in the Annex and Odoban in the main building for now.
- Dave Frazier made a motion, Donna Crumpler seconded to disinfect the gravel potty area. Discussion followed with several suggestions, but ultimately there was no decision.
- Thursday, July 10, 3rd quarter HVAC inspection is scheduled, thus the building will be closed until 4pm.
- There have been complaints from DAM Fine Carpentry and Autohaus that our members have come and cursed at them regarding parking spaces. No club member has the right to ask other business owners to move vehicles (except in front of our garage doors). Complainants have been asked to please video any future such confrontations so that we would know who to address in our membership.

Membership and Orientation:

- Membership application of Deborah Munn was read and approved by the Board.

Old Business:

- Rocky reported that Ways & Means committee earlier in this year mentioned changing how/what we do for year-end title awards (pins) Board approved having members request and purchase on our website IF they want pins.

New Business:

- Theresa Myers requests holding NASDA seminars (2 half-day) September 6-7 to be presented by Aleta Channell in the main building at the Club. Hours would be Saturday 12-6, and Sunday 8-12. Club would pay Aleta \$100/working team, the club would charge \$125/team. Auditing spots would pay Aleta \$35, the club would charge \$50. NASDA involves Trailing, Shed Dog, Lost Items, etc. and details on what will be presented are still in the planning stage.

Patti Kilcullen made a motion to approve the seminars, with details to be set and posted for sign up on the website ASAP. Donna seconded the motion and it was subsequently approved.

- Theresa Myers proposed holding a canine First Aid class, and the Board encouraged pursuing the idea.
- Dave Frazier noted that although we have First Aid kits, they badly need restocking. Susan Nepomuceno volunteered to review and restock them.
- Crystal Nolan came to inquire if RDOC might hold Rally/Obedience trials during the March Spring Fling All Breed Cluster (March 25-28, 2027) for the Welsh Springer Spaniel club national specialty. Patti Kilcullen advised that the Board will need a written proposal with estimated costs in order to consider.
- The outdoor gravel potty area has a hole in the fence large enough for small dogs to slip through. Dave Frazier will check and remediate.

Adjournment: Susan Nepomuceno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Wilkerson and subsequently passed by verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

Approved 8/12/2025: CJJ