

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, 2025, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. Vice President Carolyn Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. 34 members were present.

Guests: Arlene Dickson introduced three guests: Cindy Briggs, Debbie Munn, Bill Jones

Minutes of the last meeting: A motion was made by Claibourne Jackson to approve the minutes of the July minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve Shanks and passed by verbal vote.

Report of the Board: none

Report of the President: none

Report of the Secretaries

Recording: none

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)
Dave and Joanie Brobst for the loss of their dog, Digby
Bennie and Lee Byrd for the loss of their dog Addison
Update: Sandra Thurston is home after her recent hospitalization

Treasurer's Report:

Rocky Altimore reported for July:

Income	\$6866
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$8911</u>
(Net Loss)	(\$2045)

YTD: \$ 1935.00

Report of Committees

Buildings and Grounds:

- Dave Frazier reported welcome and thanks to Steve Shanks who is now helping.
- Steve Shanks reported that he had researched possible environmental issues stemming from chemicals and/or fluids from the car repair business across from RDOC. All permits have been procured and so far, the business is operating responsibly, keeping any fluids cleaned up and/or contained.
- Dave further reported that the grass potty area is back to being accepted for use, however we (RDOC) is responsible for maintaining it, i.e. cutting grass, weed-eating. THANK YOU Pam Parent for doing this job most recently. We need additional volunteers!
- Please, when your dog poops in the potty areas, pick up ALL remnants, even if it means picking up gravel, grass and dirt along with.
- REMINDER! IF YOU ARE AT THE CLUB ALONE – LOCK. YOURSELF. INSIDE.
- We will be placing NO PARKING signs on our overhead doors (our members and students ARE always allowed to park in front of them). IF someone else is parked in front of our doors, take photos of the vehicle/license plate and send them to Dave Frazier with the day/time.
- Watch your step going in and out of the equipment closet in the main building as the molding on the floor can be a trip hazard.
- Main building has again been found unlocked; if you should find the building unlocked, please do not post presumptive names on FB or the website.

Trials and Events:

- The first organizational meeting for the next Rally trial will be September 13 at 12:00 noon. (This meeting is just for the Rally trial).
- Searching for a volunteer to take on a trophy sponsorship program. Please contact Arlene Dickson.
- Arlene Dickson added that we need volunteers for Obedience & Rally trials to be set up on December 5 and run on December 6 and 7. Entries open on October 8, Cheryl Platt will be judging. Contact Arlene Dickson to volunteer
- Arlene further noted that a February special trial has been approved by AKC. This trial will be Novice Obedience *only*, to be held the morning of February 14. The afternoon will be *Rally Choice* and *Rally Master*.
- Theresa Myers reported that there will be a NASDA CLINIC (searching for a rat) held at the club on September 6-7.
- AKC has approved our application to hold a Scent Work trial in January 2026 (the 17th & 18th). It is still in the planning stages and expected to be containers and buried only, for Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master levels.
- Theresa Myers asked for a show of hands to see if there was interest in a Dog First Aid seminar. Lots of hands went up so she will be pursuing this.
- Sarah Grindstaff noted that RDOC's next FastCAT and FitDog events will be held September 26, 27, 28. Volunteers are needed for these fun events!

- Sarah further noted there will be a FastCAT committee meeting in the Annex directly before September's club meeting.
- Susan Nepomuceno, Chair of the Nominating Committee, asked for volunteer(s) for Training Director in the upcoming year.

Training:

- Gabby Hughes reminded everyone that there are limited instances to have a non-member come inside with their dog. The guest is required to bring a rabies certificate, fill out a registration form with waiver (in office), and pay a fee (\$10/hour with a 2-hour max) and this is only allowed 3 times per year. These documents/payment must be placed into the tiny green safe in the supply closet.
- INSTRUCTORS: You MUST fill in CLASS ATTENDANCE on the WEBSITE!
- INSTRUCTORS: PLEASE email the STUDENT FEEDBACK FORMS at or near the end of each session so instructors can see feedback from students
- INSTRUCTORS: Please look for and use the new headset microphone as you may find it more efficient/comfortable than the clip on.

Unfinished Business: none

Election of New Members:

- Arlene Dickson read application recommendation letters for Debbie Munn. Votes were made by ballot, tallied and subsequently Debbie was welcomed into the club. Welcome Debbie!!

New Business: none

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Altimore and seconded by Claudia Frazier. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary