

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 14, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Current Board Members:**

President: Patti Kilcullen (2025)

Vice President: Carolyn Wilkerson (2025)

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Trentadue (2025)

Training Directors: Gabby Hughes (2024/2025), Ann Li (2025/2026)

Recording Secretary: Claibourne Jackson (2025)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2025)

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

Board Members absent: Joan Trentadue, Claibourne Jackson

The following guests were present: Arlene Dickson, George Frick, Mary Ann Massie, and Susan Altimore, filling in as Recording Secretary.

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

- Dave Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2024 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Theresa Myers and subsequently passed by verbal vote.

**Report of President:**

- President, Patti Killcullen reminded Board members that the Board group email is for sharing information only. No items will be voted on using the email group. Patti Killcullen and Gabby Hughes do not use the group email and need emails forwarded the them at their personal email address.

**Vice President:** No report.

**Report of the Secretaries:**

**Corresponding Secretaries Report:** No report.

**Recording Secretaries Report:** No report.

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Rocky Altimore reported for December 2024:

Income	\$16,510.06
Expenses	<u>\$15,238.53</u>
Net gain	\$ 1,271.53

- Rocky Altimore shared that all 2024 tax information has been shared with our accountant.
- Our Ways and Means Committee is working to create a plan for 2025 to keep our club profitable and in business as we face rent increases and business competition.
- Dues notices have been sent to members. The last day to pay dues is 2/28 and approx. 50 % of members have already paid.

### **Report of Committees**

**Buildings and Grounds:** Dave Frazier reported it will be in our clubs best interest to purchase the new type of Obedience jump required for use in trials beginning July 2025. Gabby Hughes will do more research into which jumps to purchase and how many we need for trials and training purposes.

**Historian:** Dave Frazier reported for the Historian Committee. 2024 had more titles earned by club members then in previous years. As our club grows and there are more titles achieved in a wider range of dog sports, it may be time to review our club policies

**Photography Committee:** Dave Frazier noted we need club members to help taking pictures at our club events and activities. This item will be discussed at the February General Membership meeting.

**Points Committee:** Donna Crumpler started a discussion concerning the current point values of activities, possible updates to the current values and was seeking information concerning how the system is working.

**Training:** Gabby Hughes reported:

- She had been contacted by member concerning the potential of having an 'old fashion' obedience run thru. Details are being worked out.
  - Susan Nepomuceno made a motion to have an Obedience Run Thru organized by Joanie Brobst. Joanie will work out the details. Theresa Myers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed on verbal vote with Rocky Altimore voting against the motion.
- She received a request from a member to purchase new AKC Rally rule books from the AKC. The cost for each copy of the rule book is believed to be \$14.
  - Gabby will check with members at the February General Membership meeting to see if any members are interested in having a copy of the rules.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Theresa Myers and Donna Crumpler are investigating the possibility of where and how we could have a scent work trial. Our initial trial will require the purchase of equipment and ribbons needed for the trial.

**Presentation of Applications for Membership:** none

**New Business:**

- Guests Mary Ann Massie and Arlene Dickson shared a proposal from a new Box Secretary for our Rally and Obedience trials. The trial committee will do an analysis of the new Box Secretary fees using the information from our December 2024 trials. This will allow a comparison of both Box Secretary fees and process for analysis and informed decision making.
- Rocky Altimore reported that our website was maxing out on our web data storage space. Rocky contacted our web provider concerning this issue and found out that extra space was on sale.
  - Rocky Altimore made a motion to purchase a WIX upgrade to Business Elite for 3 years at the sale price of \$1,720. Susan Nepomuceno 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which passed on verbal vote.
- Patti Killcullen shared that Cathy and Les Foldesi do not plan to renew their membership. This will be shared with the club membership at the February meeting with the suggestion of making them Honorary members.
- FCAT
  - Theresa Myers made a motion to spend \$1500 for FCAT ribbons. Susan Nepomuceno 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which passed on verbal vote.
  - Dave Frazier reported we have paid the deposit and have a signed contract for our next FCAT. We still need to provide a certificate of insurance.
- Susan Nepomuceno is the Chairperson of the new building committee and is planning to have a meeting on Saturday, 1/18. The committee needs information concerning our current lease, space requirements, and building expenses to be able to move forward in their search. Rocky and Dave to help provide information.
- Donna Crumpler is concerned that the general membership is not aware of our clubs current financial situation and that we need to increase our profit.

**Adjournment:** Rocky Altimore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Crumpler and passed by verbal vote. Thus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Altimore, filling in for Claibourne Jackson

Approved February 25, 2025 - CJJ