

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 3, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, 2025, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Patti Kilcullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. but invited everyone to take a few minutes to get refreshments before reconvening. The meeting reconvened at 7:24 with 32 members present.

Susan Nepomuceno made a motion to proceed out of order and have a presentation before the meeting. Kitty Wells seconded the motion and it passed by verbal vote. Carolyn Wilkerson introduced Alice Nickel, owner of Paws to Swim in Rockville, Virginia. Alice spoke about their facility, instruction, booking and pricing followed by a brief question and answer session. Paws to Swim is a great resource and we are fortunate to have it so conveniently located.

**Guests:** Arlene Dickson introduced guests Donna Miles, George Frick, Cindy Briggs, Shilene and William Jones, Debby Munn and special guest, Alice Nickel.

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

- A motion was made by Dave Frazier and seconded by Theresa Myers to approve the minutes of the May 2025 meeting as amended. Minutes were approved by verbal vote.

**Report of the President:**

- Patti reported many messages of thanks from people who attended the recent run-throughs. So, a big thanks to Dave and Joanie Brobst and members who helped to make the event a success.

**Report of the Secretaries**

**Recording:** none

**Corresponding:**

- Gabby Hughes fell and was hurt, but thankfully, not seriously
- Chrissy Tyree lost her dog Max
- Sandra Thurston remains in the hospital

Sympathy and healing thoughts go out to all.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rocky Altimore reported for May:

Income	\$5824.07
Expenses	\$6923.44
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(\$1099.37)</b>

**YTD     \$2500**

**Committee Reports**

**Buildings and Grounds:**

- Dave Frazier asked members to continue to be mindful about parking. It's an ongoing difficulty over which we have no control.
- There have been 4 flat tires among members lately. If you experience a flat tire, please save whatever was in your tire and give it to Dave.

- Please DO NOT TURN THERMOSTATS OFF!!!! Only use the temperature UP/DOWN buttons. The thermostats have a program to maintain temperatures in the building, but if the system is off, the heat or AC will not work.

**Membership and Orientation:**

- Arlene Dickson reported we have several people about to finish their applications for club membership.
- Any instructors who need assistants, please reach out to Arlene.

**Trials:**

- The June Obedience/Rally trials are fully staffed except for ONE spot.
- December trials box secretary contracts are all signed.
- Regarding the upcoming Rally/Obedience trials: If you are competing and want to reserve a crate, you must do so by June 20.

**Tracking:**

Carolyn Wilkerson reported on behalf of Mary Ann Massie:

- RDOC will host a Variable Surface Tracking test on January 4, 2026 on the campus of Hampden Sydney College. Our judges are Gretchen Stephenson and Carol Ruthenberg. Ralph Haddox will serve as chair and secretary.
- In 2025, our test volunteers were collectively awarded 2,400 RDOC volunteer points which may be used to offset RDOC class registration fees.
- In addition, 14 worker certification slips were issued - 11 of the certification slips were for 10 points each, 3 certification slips were for 5 points each. Worker certification slips may be used when workers/volunteers enter RDOC tracking tests.
- In 2025, we offered 5 tracks with zero passes. There was a financial loss of \$350 even with donations exceeding \$200.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

Brags were offered in abundance by many members

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Theresa Myers and seconded by Carol Maupin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by unanimous verbal vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

Approved 7/1/2025