

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 7, 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. with 36 members present.

Susan Nepomuceno made a motion to proceed out of order, allowing for a guest presentation. Donna Crumpler seconded the motion and it passed by verbal vote.

Susan Nepomuceno introduced Brandon Johnson, Upland Bird Dog Training.

**Guest Presentation:**

Susan Nepomuceno introduced Brandon Johnson, local bird dog trainer and Vizsla breeder. Brandon has participated in and trained dogs/handlers for AKC Hunt Test, AKC Field Trials, American Field Trials, North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA), JGHV (German System of Testing) and general obedience. In that time he has trained Pointing breeds as well as Flushers. Brandon also conducts small group seminars and training classes for groups upon request. Brandon is a Board member for the National Vizsla Association. He has bred, trained and shown Vizslak, both wire and smooth for the last 18 years. He noted that he generally breeds for performance but also shows the wire-haired Vizslak.

Mr. Johnson currently trains dogs and gives lessons to dog/handler teams in retrieving, pointing, bird flushing, water retrieving, and gun sound acclimation – all under different terrains and conditions. Brandon also offers training for AKC Hunt Tests and will train dogs with or without the owner.

The exciting news is that Brandon is expects to open a new facility, New Kent Pet Resort, in Summer of 2026 which will offer boarding, hunting dog training for upland hunting, grooming, dock diving, canine conditioning program seminars and group training classes.

Mr. Johnson's presentation was interesting and several members asked questions before resuming the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**Guests:** Zhanna Carter Liz Smalley

**Minutes of the last meeting:** A motion was made by Susan Nepomuceno and seconded by Cristol Klevinsky to approve the minutes of the September membership meeting as printed in the Pawprint. The motion passed by verbal vote.

## Report of the Secretaries

**Recording:** none

**Corresponding:** Joan Trentadue reports Carol Maupin is home from the hospital after appendicitis and is doing well.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Rocky Altimore reported for September:

Income	\$ 32,627.75
Expenses	\$26,103.82
Net	\$ 6,523.93

!! Note !! Training income for September: \$9,062.50

**YTD \$ 9,237 profit**

## Report of Committees

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

- Dave Frazier reported that the heat in the Annex for office, lobby and bathroom is not working. Landlord has parts on the way and will be repairing the system at their expense. Don't turn on the heat (thermostat in the library of) for this section of the Annex.
- Dave noted that doors are still being found unlocked, lights, bath fans & lights on, etc. Please see that rooms are in order, lights are off, and that no water is running in sinks or toilets and be sure to **lock both/all the doors** if you are the last one in the building
- To use the PA SYSTEM: Power is just ONE switch and it's on the wall – do not adjust any power units or amplifiers, routers etc.

### **Trials and Events:**

- Steve Shanks mentioned needing an exit door volunteer for the trial Saturday December 6 - Patti Kilcullen volunteered. Volunteers are also needed for 2-3 hours Friday December 5 to set up for the Obedience and Rally trials.
- Due to the cost of ribbons, a group has formed to arrange ribbon and trophy sponsorship and fund raising vis-à-vis raffles.

- Registration for Rally & Obedience Trials opens tomorrow at noon.
- Theresa Myers reported AKC has approved holding a Scent Work trial here at the building Saturday & Sunday, January 16-17, 2026. Opening date for entries not yet set. These trials will be for Buried and Container elements only, Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master.
- Patti noted that pending Board approval, Dave and Joanie Brobst will be holding Obedience run-throughs on Sunday, November 23!!
- Dave Frazier announced a reminder about getting pins for your dogs' earned titles this year. If you want a pin, you must go to the Members area of our website, click AWARDS and follow instructions. You will be able to order and pay for (member contribution \$5.00 each pin) pins. If there are questions, please contact Claudia Frazier. The PawPrint online has a link to a video explaining this.
- Theresa Myers reported that Brandon is holding a seminar this weekend and there are working spots available. Contact Theresa if interested.

### **Hospitality:**

- Gaby thanked Beth Baldwin who supplied the goodies for tonight's meeting. Noted that we must have a volunteer to be Hospitality Chairperson for 2026! This person will not be doing everything alone – most of the work is coordinating supplies and people to help. The position garners 300 points for the year. Gabby also asked for someone to roast a turkey for our 2025 holiday dinner.

### **Election of New Members:**

- Patti Kilcullen presented the application and reference letters for George Frick. Subsequently there was a ballot vote, resulting in welcoming George to the club! Congratulations and Welcome!!

### **Slate for upcoming Election of Officers and Board for 2026:**

Patti Kilcullen agrees to serve again as President

Davina Lancaster volunteers to run for Vice President

Joan Trentadue agrees to serve again as Corresponding Secretary

Rocky Altimore agrees to serve again as Treasurer

Debra Munn volunteers to run for Training Director

Theresa Myers and Gail Peters have agreed to run for Members at Large (Board Members)

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

- The membership sends a hearty thank you and much gratitude to Sandra Thurston for her many years of service keeping the club's office straight.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Spees and seconded by Susan Nepomuceno. The motion was passed, thus the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

Approved as amended November 4, 2025