

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Patti Kilcullen.

The following Board Members were present:

President: Patti Kilcullen (2026)

Vice President: Davina Lancaster (2026)

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Trentadue (2026)

Training Director: Deb Munn (2025/2026)

Training Director: Ann Li

Recording Secretary: Claibourne Jackson (2026)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2026)

Members at Large: Susan Nepomuceno (2025/2026), Donna Crumpler (2025/2026),

Theresa Myers (2026-2027), Gail Peters (2026-2027)

The following **guests were present:** Joanie Brobst, Sarah Grindstaff

Patti Kilcullen made a motion to allow Joanie Brobst and Sarah Grindstaff to speak before commencing the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Rocky Altimore and passed by verbal vote.

Joanie Brobst proposed holding Obedience run throughs every other month on a Sunday in March, May, July, September and November. Deb Munn asked that Joanie (or someone) consider holding Rally run-throughs on a regular basis as well. Some discussion followed with the expectation of more details to come.

Sarah Grindstaff presented the budget for FastCAT in March. Theresa Myers made a motion to accept the budget, Davina seconded the motion and it was subsequently passed by verbal vote. Sarah also presented the contract for the venue.

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Susan Nepomuceno made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2025 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Munn and the minutes were approved by verbal vote.

Report of the Secretaries

Corresponding Secretaries Report: none

Recording Secretaries Report: none

Report of the Treasurer: none

Report of Committees

Trials and Events:

- Theresa Myers noted that the club's first Scent Work Trial is the coming weekend and that set up will begin Friday at 1:00. Both buildings will be closed to dogs & training once trial set up is complete.

Building Search:

- Susan Nepomuceno reported that the Waco building is temporarily unavailable, but may come back onto the market.

Training:

- Ann Li reported a new class (Summer Lee) "Working Through Distractions" for people who plan to compete in Obedience or Rally.
- Deb Munn reported an upcoming class to be offered by Cindy Briggs & Joanie Brobst "Games to Build Confidence." This is intended to be a class to take after Basics.
- Deb noted that there is a need for an instructor to teach Puppy Star in an evening slot
- Deb inquired about the possibility of placing hooks on the wall in cubbies to hook leashes to for training puppies. She will check cost and availability/possibility to report further.
- Re: dirt along the walls in the main building training floor. Is it okay to take the gating down so that floor edges can be cleaned? The Board decided that this is acceptable. Deb Munn will place an announcement in PawPrint.

Old Business:

- Aleta Channell sent a proposal to do a seminar and trial of NASDA activities the 21-22 of February (on Saturday, it would be an afternoon seminar and Sunday would be a trial). Theresa Myers made a motion to approve, Ann Li seconded the motion and it passed by verbal vote. Theresa will be present as RDOC club member representative.
- Donna Crumpler noted further details about the Commonwealth Canine Classic – Law Enforcement Exhibition scheduled for October 24, 2026. RDOC will present the following demonstrations in these time slots: 1. 10:30-11 Rally – all 3 level 2. 12-12:30 Utility and Open 3. 2-2:30 Group Heeling

We will need member volunteers to staff our table - there will be TV coverage (Bill Bevins)! ***Only dogs that are exhibiting can be in attendance.***

Note to Training Directors: Work to be sure upcoming classes are listed and available on this day since we expect to drive traffic to our website for training.

New Business:

- Patti Kilcullen notes that the seller offers just the bars for the obedience jump for \$310.50 (\$488 complete jump). Susan Nepomuceno made a motion to purchase a set of replacement horizontal bars from Max200 for our Obedience jump. Theresa Myers seconded the motion and it passed by verbal vote.
- Rocky Altimore made a motion to approve making 2 donations on behalf of the Tracking Committee & Tests; \$100 to Hampden Sydney college, \$100 to Beaverdam Ruritan. Theresa Myers seconded the motion and it passed by verbal vote.
- Davina Lancaster opened a discussion about the possibility of a different type of membership that would have less requirements, would have no voting privileges or ability to hold office, but would allow family members or other interested parties to be covered under our insurance when attending Club activities. It was agreed that this bears further thought and a detailed proposal could be reviewed. By-Laws would need to be changed.

Adjournment: Theresa Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Deb Munn and passed by verbal vote. Thus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

Approved as amended 2/17/2026 cjj