

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the club building on Tomlynn Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**The following Board Members were present:**

President: Patti Kilcullen (2024)

Vice President: Carolyn Wilkerson (2024)

Corresponding Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser (2024)

Training Directors: Gabby Hughes (2024/2025)

Recording Secretary: Claibourne Jackson (2024)

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore (2024)

Member at Large: Donna Crumpler (2023/2024), Theresa Myers (2024/2025)

Board Members absent: Dave Frazier Judi Edwards

No guests were present.

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

- A motion was made by Theresa Myers, seconded by Rocky Altimore to approve the minutes of the March 2024 board meeting; the motion was passed by verbal vote.

**Corresponding Secretaries Report:** none

**Recording Secretaries Report:**

- Claibourne reported that she would be out of town for the May Membership and Board meetings and that Susan Altimore would be standing in her stead.

**Report of the Treasurer:** none

**Report of Committees**

**Trials & Events:**

- Theresa Myers made a motion, seconded by Merlyn Bergstresser, to add an AKC Fetch event to the September 27-29 FastCAT events, as well as including a Sniff-and-Go Scent Work activity and AKC Fit Dog (as done in March). The motion was passed by unanimous verbal vote. Noted that Darlene Trace will be heading up the Fetch event.
- Theresa noted that the Scentwork seminar is all set for this Saturday, April 13, with a few audit spots still open. There was some discussion about fees, invoice from Silke Satzinger and payment in order to settle these particulars.

**Training:**

- Gabby Hughes informed the Board that Reade Johnson has requested approval to hold Obedience and Rally run-throughs (open to the public) on both April 28 and May 26 (2024) Motion was made by Gabby, seconded by Merilynn and subsequently approved by unanimous verbal vote.

- Gabby Hughes requested approval to set up a table at RedRidge Pet Market on May 4, 2024, to represent RDOC during a small expo opportunity for small, dog-related businesses to interface with the public. Arlene Dickson and Darlene Trace have volunteered to manage and arrange members to host the event. There was some discussion as to what RDOC equipment would be needed. A motion was made by Gabby to set up this display using a table, 4 chairs and a banner from RDOC. Claibourne seconded the motion and it subsequently passed by verbal vote
- Gabby made a motion to approve Joann Slate's request for \$200 as a budget for RDOC's "picnic" to be held on July 2 during the membership meeting time slot. The motion was seconded by Theresa Myers and passed by unanimous verbal vote. Note: 5:30 set-up time and 6:00 dinner.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Donna Crumpler, Chairwoman of the recently formed committee to review the pricing for club members' classes, requested that Committee members (Rocky Altimore, Gabby Hughes, Davina Lancaster, Claibourne Jackson and Kitty Wells) please email any/all suggestions to her by the end of April. At that point, Donna's plan is to compile all the suggestions and have Committee meeting to discuss and clarify suggestions for the Board to review.

**New Business:**

- Donna Crumpler made a motion to place cones out to reserve parking for the guest speakers coming to the May membership meeting (2 spaces). Theresa Myers seconded the motion and it was subsequently approved by unanimous verbal vote.
- Theresa Myers questioned in what capacity two people who routinely help at Club functions, but, for various reasons, don't fit the traditional membership role, could serve.
  - Dana Grindstaff (her daughter is an active member) doesn't want to be a member but likes to help.
  - Dani Orender lives a 2-hour drive away from Richmond, so becoming a member by completing work hours would be next to impossible. Dani always helps at FastCAT events and would like to be able to help the club whenever possible for her.

Theresa asked about insurance coverage for these ladies if they are not members – the resolution is that our by-laws/insurance cover "volunteers" at events, thus they are covered, even as non-members.

The discussion ended with Theresa noting she would let Dani and Dana know and that she thought Dani might want to figure a way to become a member.

**Presentation of Applications for Membership:**

- The applications of Abigail (Abby) Bowman and Ann Li were read to the Board; both were approved unanimously. Note: the main application page for Ann Li is missing and Claibourne is in contact with Arlene to get it ASAP.

**Adjournment:** Theresa Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Merilynn Bergstresser and passed on verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 14, 2024 CJJ