

RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Patti Kilcullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 33 members were present.

Arlene Dickson introduced our 5 guests: Abby Bowman, Lissy Bryan, Miriam D'Souza, Ms. Grindstaff, and Steve Shanks.

Minutes of the last meeting: The February 2024 minutes were approved as printed in the Pawprint.

Report of the President: President Patti Kilcullen reported there has been an incident of cyber bullying pertaining to our club. Cyber bullying is not tolerated by the AKC and will not be tolerated within our club. There are to be no more instances of cyber bullying and the Board will take further action on this incident.

Report of the Secretaries:

Recording: None

Corresponding: Merilynn Bergstresser reported the club sent:

- A donation was made to the Morris Animal Foundation for Ann Priddy and the loss of Bobby. He was almost 20 years old.
- Flowers were sent to Michele Gillette as she recovers from knee surgery.

Treasurer's Report Rocky Altimore reported for February 2024:

Income	\$14,678.86
Expenses	<u>\$14,172.13</u>
Net income (Gain)	\$ 506.73

- February expenses include our insurance payment and tax filing expenses. Our taxes for 2023 have been filed. We have many events planned for March and Rocky is expecting a very profitable month.

Report of Committees

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Frazier reported:

- The toilet in the Annex will not be replaced at this time and the bathroom is open. If there are any issues with the toilet, please contact Dave Frazier.
- The annex roof continues to leak when it is raining. We are coordinating the repairs with our landlord. Please be very careful in the annex if it is raining.
- The electrical panels in both buildings were inspected and repaired.
- The thermostat and heating vents in the main building have been adjusted to provide better climate control for the training floor.
- Please be mindful of our neighbors and their reserved parking. Please do not park in front of other tenant's garage doors.
- RDOC is no longer recycling. The recycle bin in the lobby will be removed.

Membership and Orientation: Arlene Dickson is looking for another committee member to help bring new members into the club. Please let Arlene know if you are interested.

Trials and Events:

- **Tracking Trial:** Maureen Woolley reported the Tracking Trial was very successful last weekend. 2 teams passed on the TD track. The financial report from the event is still being prepared.
 - Mary Ann Massie shared the RDOC is very fortunate to have 3 very nice sites for our Tracking tests. A team of club members will go the Hampden-Sydney in the coming days to open discussions for using their campus again for another Variable Surface Tracking test.
- **Rally and Obedience Trials in June:** Arlene Dickson reported there is a June Rally and Obedience trail committee meeting on Saturday, 3/9 @ 1:15 pm.

Training: Gabby Hughes reported:

- The Instructor and Assistant meeting was a success and there was a lot of good feedback on revised class formats.
- Please notice the megaphone on the top right side of the RDOC website after you have signed onto the site. If it is red, there is a new message waiting for you to read. This megaphone will be used to share important messages and club happenings.
- Gabby is currently reviewing some new training videos and is thinking of having a ZOOM meeting to share the video information with club members.
- Donna Crumpler is willing to have another train the trainer session. No dates have been planned just yet.

Unfinished Business: None

Election of New Members: Welcome to our new member – Linda Anita Elliott.

New Business:

- Mary Ann Massie made a motion to donate \$100 to Hampden-Sydney College as a ‘Thank You’ for letting RDOC use their campus for our Variable Surface Tracking (VST) test earlier this year. The motion was 2nd by Jeanette Makowskyj and passed on verbal vote.
- Donna Crumpler reported there will be a guest speaker at our May 2024 meeting. Dr. Katherine Burke Johnson, DVM, CERP, owner of Veterinary Rehabilitation Services of Virginia, will answer questions at our May meeting. Please email questions to Donna Crumpler (crumplerdonna@aol.com) by April 14th. Plan to come early to the meeting to get a good seat.

Girl Scout cookies were featured as our meeting refreshments by Troop leader Beth Hughes. See Beth to stock up on cookies.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Frazier, 2nd by Claudia Frazier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Altimore, ad hoc Recording Secretary

Minutes passed as posted in Pawprint: 4/3/2024 CJJ