

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 4, 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 7:12 p.m. with 40 members present.

**Guests:** Arlene Dickson introduced Barbara Stephenson

**Minutes of the last meeting:** A motion was made by Dave Frazier and seconded by Arlene Dickson to approve the minutes of the October meeting as amended. The minutes were approved by verbal vote.

**Vice President:** Carolyn Wilkerson reports that the club's insurance has been renewed.

**Report of the Secretaries**

**Recording:** Claibourne Jackson noted an amendment was made to the October meeting minutes correcting the last name of guest Liz Smalley.

**Corresponding:** Joan Trentadue was absent, however it was reported that Aleta Shelton had lost her dog Grant.

Gail Peters' puppy ate an acorn and had to have surgery but was going to be okay

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rocky Altimore reported for October:

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Income     | \$8004.14   |
| Expenses   | \$9282.39   |
| Net (Loss) | (\$1278.25) |

**YTD:** + \$7959

Rocky reminded us that dues are coming up and will be payable through the website.

**Report of Committees**

**Buildings and Grounds:**

- Dave Frazier reported receiving a text saying some of the photos in the Annex fell off the walls onto dogs/crates etc. Judi Edwards and Dave have worked out that the photos will now be attached by nail and wire. (Thank you!)
- Dave said EuroHaus – although they appear to be shut down, they aren't completely gone as the owner is trying to sell the business since his mechanic partner has left. Dave will be working on having the vehicle (license plate MONICAA) removed as it is sitting idle in a space in front of our building.

- D3 water moved out last week. Damfine Carpentry and the Critter people are staying.
- Dave said the guy with WPS (across the parking lot behind the dumpster), had a huge trailer full of ATV's etc stolen. ***Please lock the doors*** not only when you leave, but whenever you are in the building alone or with just a few people!
- ***Please sign yourself IN and OUT responsibly and consistently... every time.***

### **Membership and Orientation:**

- Arlene Dickson needs a co-chair for membership!! Please!!?

### **Trials and Events:**

- Steve Shanks reports that the O/R Trials are fully staffed and ready to go
- Susan Massart is in charge of the raffles and drawings at the O/R trials. Please donate items! It is okay to leave items in the office with a note for Susan – but please also let her know by phone that you are leaving something. If you are bringing baked goods, bring them the morning of the trial.

### **Training:**

- Gabby Hughes reminds members that certain situations besides dog bites happen and must be reported. The procedure is posted in the office and in the lobby. The reporting forms are in a red folder by the audio equipment in the main building. Dogs biting a person – with or without breaking the skin, dog fights among dogs – with or without injuries, falls, fights or confrontations among people are all events that have to be reported.

**\*\*Remember NEVER put your hands into a dog fight to try and stop it. Dump a bucket or large pan of water on them &/or use the “canned” air horn. (A spray bottle of water is not enough to distract fighting dogs)**

### **Hospitality:**

- Gabby Hughes notes that more people are needed to decorate and set up the day of the holiday/awards dinner, Saturday December 13. Please show up at 10am at the building to help!
- Donna Crumpler volunteered to roast one of the two turkeys
- Please sign up for a dish to bring for the holiday/year end party (one sign-up sheet is in the PawPrint link and one in the lobby). Bring enough to serve 10 people... Saturday Dec 13. Food set up 5:30...decorating starts at 10am (50 points)
- We still do not have a Hospitality Chairperson for 2026.... 300 points

- Thanks to Diane Lenk for tonight's Brunswick stew and chili tonight (it was delicious!)

### **Election of Officers and Board:**

- Ballots were distributed for voting on the 2026 slate of Officers/Board Members. Votes were tallied and results finalized as:

President: Patti Kilcullen

Vice President: Davina Lancaster

Treasurer: Rocky Altimore

Corresponding Sec'y: Joan Trentadue

Recording Sec'y: Claibourne Jackson

Training Director: Debra Munn

Board Members at Large: Theresa Myers (2026-2027) Gail Peters (2026-2027)

Additionally, Ann Li remains as Co-Director of Training, Donna Crumpler and Susan Nepomuceno remain as Board Members at Large through 2026.

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

- Arlene Dickson presented membership application from Barbara Stephenson and, after tallying vote by ballot, we welcomed Barbara as the newest club member. Welcome Barbara!

**Unfinished Business:** none

### **New Business:**

- Patti Kilcullen reported that as of January 1, 2026, we will raise fees for non-members taking regular classes to \$160.

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Maupin and seconded by Davina Lancaster, thus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

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