

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 6, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at the club building annex on Tomlynn Street. President Patti Kilcullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 37 members present.

**Arlene Dickson introduced our guests:** Returning member Beth Baldwin , applicant Ralph Hattox (PBGVs in Farmville), John & Joy Graham (Tervs in Amelia), applicant Donna Miles (Dachshunds). Alexandra Foster (Shiba Inu)

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Claibourne Jackson made a motion to approve the July 2024 minutes as published in the PawPrint, Judi Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> d the motion and it was passed by verbal vote.

**Report of the Board:** none

**Report of the President:** none

**Report of the Secretaries**

**Recording Secretary:** none

**Corresponding Secretary:** Marilyn Bergstresser reported that

- Beth Schroeder had lost her dog Timothy
- Crystal Nolen had lost her dog Jasmine

Sympathy cards and a donation in each dog's name was sent.

- Beth Goodbody had been in the hospital and a flower arrangement was sent

**Treasurer's Report**

Rocky Altimore reported for July 2024:

Income	\$12,570.81 (8810 training income) (3700 seminar)
Expenses	\$11,219.27
Net Gain	\$ 1,351.54

\*August is predicted to see a +/- \$3000 loss because no classes are beginning in the month. We really need more PUPPY, BASIC and CGC classes; the goal being 6 evening classes per week.

**Training Director:**

- Gabby Hughes mentioned that even though the trial in June was very hot and that there had been some talk about eliminating it, doing so warrants careful consideration.

- The Training Committee has met regarding new Basic II etc. classes and we still need more instructors. The hope is to help and support assistant instructors so that they can teach. Further to this subject, there are less experienced instructors who would like to team up to teach with a mentor/more experienced instructor.
- It was noted that many puppy contracts (puppy buyer/seller contracts) are requiring Puppy Star and/or CGC classes, making these particular programs of particular interest.
- For the time being, the Training Committee (Gabby Hughes, Judi Edwards, Donna Crumpler, Arlene Dickson, Christy Nilo) will remain in place.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds:**

- Dave Frazier reports that the A/C in the main building is still not working and ETA for parts is unknown – hoping repairs to be complete next week. The A/C outage has been going on for three weeks at this time; the Board will seek reparations for the Club's loss of use.
- JanPro now has a new representative for our service. They will begin moving crates to vacuum and disinfect around and behind them.
- Do not use the four outlets in Annex mid wall because it will trip the lights out – to be remedied shortly.
- Someone pointed out that commercial regulations require that our building has Emergency lighting – however, implementing this would be at the Club's (Tenant's) expense.
- Secondary dog potty area hasn't been being maintained, so Dave has reminded the grounds service to tend to it. Please let Dave know if you find the area isn't being maintained.
- A/C in the Annex is as good as it can be; insulating the garage door would help regulate temperatures inside.

#### **Trials:**

##### **Obedience & Rally:**

- Arlene Dickson reported that December's Rally & Obedience Trials have a judge judge Lynn Currie. There will be 2 rally trials Saturday, December 7 and one obedience trial on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Tracking:**

- Judi Edwards noted that our next tracking test is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November. Ralph Hattox is Trial Secretary, and Jennifer Jordan is the Trial Chair. Hampden Sydney has approved the January VST test on their grounds (Chairman is Judi Edwards, Secretary is Kelly Gannon).
- Our November tracking test date was picked up because Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club isn't able to hold their tracking test this year due to lack of member volunteers. A motion was made by Maryann Massie to dedicate the November tracking test in memory of Sharon Kilrain – and note it in the premium. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>d by Diane Lenk and passed by verbal vote.

**Website/IT:**

- Please note that the IT/Website Chairperson is *Judi Edwards* not Rocky Altimore. Please send information or requests to Judi and NOT to Rocky.
- The new audio system in the Annex is very nice. We have a mic/speakers for instructor as well as a pass-around mic. We will have an audio system for main building as well and will update everyone in due time.

**Points System:**

- Rocky Altimore reports that class attendance points have been awarded retroactively and now the website is recording attendance points in real time.

**Old Business:** none

**Election of New Members:** None

**New Business:** none

Braggs were offered in abundance by many members (proceeds go to Feed More's Pet Program)

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Maupin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlene Dickson; the meeting was subsequently adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved September 10, 2024 by General Membership