

**RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 4, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Patti Kilcullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. members were present.

Emily Chambers, Arlene Dickson introduced our 3 guests: Joan Trentadue (new applicant for membership), James Dietz (sp?) Alexandra Foster

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Kitty Wells made a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes as printed in the Pawprint, Arlene Dickson 2<sup>nd</sup> d the motion and minutes were approved by verbal vote.

**Report of the President:**

- Patti Kilcullen announced that chances are our lease will not be renewed at our current location, thus the club needs to position itself financially to be ready to move. Moving is very expensive as building modifications and equipment additions are always required. We still need more teachers and assistants for classes – classes are where we make the money needed to keep the club alive.

**Report of the Secretaries**

**Recording Secretary:** none

**Corresponding Secretary:**

- The Club received a very nice note from a former trainee, Gil Halasz, expressing appreciation for RDOC's training, including a \$200 donation to the club.
- Everyone, please notify the corresponding secretary when a dog passes away – the Club makes a donation in its name and of course, sends a sympathy card to the dog's owner.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Rocky Altimore reported for May 2024:

Income	\$ 5980.06
Expenses	\$ 8396.74
Net Loss	(\$ 2416.68)

Regarding the net loss, we purchased a large number of ribbons and supplies in advance of upcoming trials.

## Report of Committees

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

- Parking!!! Please do not park in front of *other business' garage doors!!*

### **Hospitality:**

- Gabby Hughes noted there is a sign-up sheet (for food to bring) for the July club picnic and requesting members to please sign up. The Club will be providing fried chicken, water, soda and setups. The schedule is set so that food will be ready at 6 pm, with a meeting at 7:00. Set up beginning at 5:00 – please come by and help if you can.

### **Membership and Orientation:**

- Arlene Dickson said she needs help in this committee handling emails, sending replies/messages or fielding questions. This would be a great position for someone who must or wishes to help from home. Please contact Arlene if you would like to help.

### **Trials and Events:**

- Experienced (with Obedience Trials) help is still needed for our Obedience Trial (weekend of June 22/23).
- Additionally, help is needed on Friday, June 21 from 10 am to 12 noon to set up for the trials.
- Theresa Myers noted that our September dates (September 26-29) for FastCAT, Fetch and FitDog have been approved by AKC. We will also be offering Scent Work Run-Throughs on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Darlene Trace said she needs 3 people to help with each of 2 Novice Fetch trials on Saturday afternoon (September 28 after FastCAT at Hanover Ruritan) beginning at 2pm.

### **Publicity:**

- Susan Nepomuceno did the publicity event at RedRidge Pet Market and has neatly assembled and packed all the needed items in a marked plastic tub. If any event arises where RDOC could set up a table and interface with the public, the tub is stored up in the loft.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Election of New Members:** None

### **New Business:**

- Donna Crumpler, Head of the Committee on Researching Alternative Member Incentives, made a motion and Judi Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup>d, implementation of a new points program to incentivize members to volunteer. Donna reported on her findings and outlined the proposed points program to the membership: briefly, the program would award points to members in exchange for working various tasks, and then be able to use those points to reduce the price of classes for themselves. New club member applicants would earn points in the course of completing the application and points for members would be assigned *retroactive to January 1, 2024*, and would become active for use January 2025.

Discussion and questions followed, after which a printed ballot was distributed for voting. The program was approved by vote, 37 yeas, 9 nays.

- Claibourne Jackson read a list of club committees that have no one working on them and the membership asked for the list to be posted in the PawPrint
- Brags were offered in abundance by several members.

**Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Davina Lancaster and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Lenk. The motion was approved by verbal vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claibourne Jackson, Recording Secretary

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