RICHMOND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES April 2021

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Dog Obedience Club took place on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at the club building on Tomlynn Street. President Peter Lenk called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. Twenty-one members were present and 15 attended via ZOOM.

Jody Mountfort introduced our 3 guests: Pam Parent, Claiborne Jackson, and Cristy Nilo

Minutes of the last meeting: The March 2021 minutes were approved as printed in the Pawprint after a motion to do so was offered by Theresa Meyers and seconded by Judy Overton.

Report of the Board: n/a

Report of the President: n/a

Report pf the Secretaries:

Recording: n/a

Corresponding: Rhea McCaffrey reported that flowers had been sent to Ellen McNelly, Robin Carneal, and Susan Massart. She has received a thank you letter from the Morris Animal Foundation for the gift in memory of Eli.

Treasurer's Report Rocky Altimore reported for March 2021:

Income \$ 28,885.27 Expenses \$ 14,191.45 Net income \$ 14,693.82

There was an unusually large amount of income due to the events held during March and multiple training classes starting.

For the first quarter of 2021:

Income \$ 48,466.97 Expenses \$ 30,126.14 Net Income \$18,340.83

Report of Committees

Agility Trial: Kim Bolster said the two days of agility competition at Level Up was a big success, with three MACHs being earned over the weekend. Carol Wiggins did a great job as Volunteer Coordinator. In order to keep the building from being too crowded, a new app was used by the exhibitors to keep track of when their run was coming. Kim estimates a \$4000 profit from the weekend. Our next trial is scheduled for the end of September.

Trials and Events: The five days of FCAT trials were another big income producer, bringing in around \$7000 net. Theresa Meyers and Nicole Allen said the event was highly successful in spite of the nasty weather on some of the days, and all the volunteer workers did a great job. So many awards were earned that we ran out of ribbons and more had to be ordered. Theresa asked for volunteers to deliver some of the ribbons when they arrive, in order to save on mailing expenses.

Program: Mary Ann Massie is asking all event chairs to do a write-up of what is involved with running their particular event and she will present one at each meeting. The motive for this is to try and get new people involved in putting on our various events.

Tracking: Betty Swenson report that the tracking test was a success, with two TDs (one by club member Anne Morris and her dog Mila) being earned. Due to generous donations of time and supplies, as well as having some supplies left over from previous years, the test cleared a small profit of around \$230. See the write-up in the April Pawprint for further details.

Training: Nicole Allen reported that our classes are filling within a day of being posted, and she thanked all the instructors

Unfinished Business: n/a

Election of New Members: JoAnn Slate was unanimously voted in as a member.

New Business: Peter Lenk said that the June obedience trial has been cancelled, due to a lack of trial chair, secretary, and judge. Mary Ann Massie has worked with the AKC to make sure we keep that date for 2022. At this time we plan for obedience/rally trials in December 2021, February 2022, and June 2022

Mary Ann then spoke briefly about the role of the event chair in putting on our various trials and tests. The event chair works with the board in providing an estimated budget and timeline, tends to the AKC applications, recruits volunteers for the committee, and secures the venue. Kim Bolster added that it is the committee members who make sure that the event runs smoothly.

Brags were offered in abundance by many members.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Overton, 2nd by Theresa Meyers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Swenson, Recording Secretary