

The National Redbone Coonhound Association board meeting was called to order on Saturday, February 17, 2018 in Cedar Grove, NC at 11:10am by President John Dell. Memorials included Gene Krutsinger and Ernest Allison. Prayer was given.

Roll Call was taken. Individuals present (15) included TJ Bolin, Tim Bolin, Jamie Crigger, John Dell, Don Flower, Andy Harris, Dwight Hicks, Justin Jayroe, Bobby Jenkins, Mark Lucas, Ed Morgan, Larry Streible, Mike Marcum, Meredith Slone, and Don Vitali. Those absent (24) included Robbie Abrams, John Biggert Jr, John Biggert Sr, Jesse Boley, Casey Bolin, Rob Childers, Eddy Collier, Tim Frazier, Corey Gruver, Josh Hicks, Beth Jenkins, Steve Keener, Bill Lash, Bob Rose, Allen Tatum, Tim Brewin, Woody Brinson, Dewayne Brough, Kitty Brough, James Foshee, Ken Kust, Fred Moran, Jean Ramm, and John Shelton.

Secretary report was presented by T.J. Bolin. Mike Marcum made motion to accept minutes as Presented. Don Vitali seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by T.J. Bolin. Ending balance as of 2/12/18 was \$47,472.05. Dwight Hicks made motion to approve report as presented. Tim Bolin seconded motion. Motion carried.

President John Dell gave a report which included his field trial concerns from National Days, possible 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Southern Days location, and a few other items. During his report, he was informed that one of his President duties included to confirm three bench show judges and three master of hounds for the National Days event. A motion was made by Tim Bolin to allot the prize committee an additional \$500 to purchase specific 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary hats and t-shirts for the July hunt. The motion was seconded by Jamie Crigger. Motion carried. Within discussion, it was also recommended that the prize committee should provide top placing individuals with hats for Thursday's hunt and show.

Hunt chairman report was given via written report submitted by Corey Gruver. He greatly focused on the need to restructure sectional and zone hunts. There is also a great need for all hunts who are hosting NRCA event to complete the hunt agreement and submit results/photos each year. A discussion then occurred on what is the purpose of having zone and sectional hunts? It was brought to the board's attention that there is even two zones less than an hour apart. A motion was made by Larry Streible that Mike Jarboe and Andy Harris work with the hunt chairman to create a zone/sectional restructure proposal to be presented at the July 2018 meeting. Justin Jayroe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Justin Jayroe and Crystal Farmer presented the Redbook Editor report. They reported the 2017 book is coming along well and there should be a proof within the next week ready for review. 31 individuals purchased 46 pages of ads for this year's book.

Column Writers are asking for more communication regarding upcoming events.

Prize committee reported that they are looking into new ideas for prizes such as meeting folders, travel cups, and chairs. If anyone has ideas please share them. There was discussion on rather the \$1500 for National Days and \$500 for Southern Days needed to be lessened since the hunts are not bringing in as much revenue. No action was taken on this discussion.

In Old Business, directors were reminded to keep their membership dues up to date as we currently have five individuals on the board who have expired dues.

The National Redbone Youth Hunt's low participation was mentioned and it was determined to further discuss this at the July 2018 meeting. There was a suggestion of looking into possibly moving it to National Days.

Justin Jayroe made a motion to host family fun events at National Days. Motion was seconded by Andy Harris. Motion Carried. Tim Bolin was appointed to be chairperson of the family fun events committee while Dwight Hicks will also serve on the committee. Anyone else who would like to help plan the events should contact Tim Bolin.

Justin Jayroe made a motion to have live music at National Days one of the evenings. The motion was seconded by Mike Jarboe. Motion passed. Justin Jayroe and Meredith Slone volunteered to contact Elwood Simmons to gather some local contacts information.

In New Business, Don Vitali made a motion to make the July 2018 National Days hunt the "Gene Krutsinger Memorial Hunt" and the show the "Ken Picken Memorial Show". Andy Harris seconded motion. Motion passed.

It was mentioned that the February 2013 secretary minutes state a motion to provide four hats to each zone hunt. It was brought to our attention that these have not been provided since July 2014. It was determined to continue not providing anything until the zone hunts are re-structured, etc.

The Horizon award was discussed. A copy of the draft letter that will be sent to nominees was presented. Nominations for the award include Celeste Steffes, Hannah Dell, Justin Simpson, Cody Wright, Victoria Dell, Noah Huffine, Wyatt Fackler, and Eli Wangler. An informational letter will be sent to the nominees asking them to answer a few questions. Once reports are received from the nominees, all board members will be asked to vote for one individual.

Nominations for officers, directors and trustees were discussed. The following individuals were

nominated: President- no nominations. Vice President- Mike Jarboe. Secretary- T.J. Bolin. Three year director term- Casey Bolin, Dwight Hicks, Josh Hicks, John Ingram, Bobby Jenkins and Marissa Turner. Three year trustee term- Jamie Crigger, Don Flower, and Larry Strieble. A motion was made by Andy Harris to close nominations for this meeting and to re-open them at the July 2018 meeting. Dwight Hicks seconded motion. Motion carried. Nominations will be taken at the July meeting with elections then taking place during the general membership meeting. Tim Frazier has also been asked to be removed from his director position.

2019 National Redbone Days bid was received from Bellevue, MI. Larry Strieble made motion that the 2019 National Days be held in Bellevue, MI. Dwight Hicks seconded motion. Motion carried. The 2018 National Redbone Days hunt will be held in Brazil, IN on July 5-7, 2018.

Number of redbooks to order for the 2017 book was discussed. Larry Strieble made motion to order 550 books this year, decreasing order by 50 from last year. Tim Bolin seconded motion. Motion carried.

John Dell would like to see a membership drive take place. His suggestions were to start asking local people in your area to join the association, Facebook reminders be posted on our association page and to offer incentives to our youth.

Southern Days hunt was discussed. We cannot seem to switch the date and many people cannot take off work or the inclement weather affects those traveling. It was recommended that we need to get more bids or consider not continuing the hunt.

The board meeting was adjourned by Tim Bolin. Motion was seconded by Dwight Hicks. Motion carried. (No general meeting was held due to lack of attendance)