

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS NATIONAL REDBONE COONHOUND ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as NATIONAL REDBONE COONHOUNDASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT AND PURPOSES: To influence the breeding of better and finer Redbone Coonhounds. To create better trade practices among and between breed and/or fanciers of Redbone Coonhounds. To safeguard or promote proper standards for the breed in the interest of all concerned. To act as a clearing house for problems relative to the Redbone Coonhound. To educate and make known to the public the high standards value of the Redbone Coonhound breed.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of twelve (12) members, and there shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) members. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND THE TRUSTEES:

(1) The President shall preside over all meetings of the body, Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings. In event of absence of the President, the Vice-President shall serve in the same capacity of the President with the same authority. The Vice-President shall assist the President when and where possible. The President shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring between annual meetings.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep an accurate account or record of the Association and carry out all other duties common to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall furnish such bond as required by the Board of Directors, the premium on said bond to be borne by the Association.

(3) The Board of Directors, along with the officers, shall have charge of the Association.

(4) The Board of Directors shall control the monies of the Association. In the event of the demise, resignation, or removal of the treasurer all monies of the Association shall automatically go into the hands of the Board of Directors where it shall remain until a new treasurer is appointed by the Executive Board, during the interim checks on the Association shall be counter signed with the president, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, furthermore in the event of a legal collection of the Association monies the Board of Directors shall be the receivers of said money.

(5) The Trustees shall audit the books at the end of each term or whenever deemed advisable. If sufficient Trustees are not available Directors may be substituted.

(6) The Lifetime Director has the same right as any other board member to speak and vote at any meeting. A Lifetime Director must be 65 years old and served at least 10 years as an officer on the board.

ARTICLE V

TERMS OF OFFICE:

(1) The Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer), Directors and Trustees shall be nominated at the annual meeting by the nominating committee. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the General Meeting. Officers shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. No executive officer shall hold more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one office except the secretary-treasurer. A retiring president automatically becomes one of the new three year directors.

(2) The Board of Directors (twelve) shall be nominated and elected as follows: Four shall be nominated for a term of three (3) years; Four shall be nominated for a term of two (2) years; and, Four shall be nominated for a term of one (1) year.

(3) Trustees (five) shall be nominated and elected as follows: One or more nominated for a term of three years; one or more shall be nominated for a term of two years, one or more nominated for a term of one year.

(4) On and after the first anniversary of this instrument, members of the Board of Directors and Trustees will be elected for a term of three years, subject to conditions otherwise provided by this instrument relative to vacancies. It is also hereby agreed and understood that all officers, directors and trustees holding office at the time of the adoption of this instrument shall hold office until the next annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare a ballot for National Days. The Secretary-Treasurer shall present a ballot to each active member in attendance. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Ballots will be marked and counted at National Days. They shall take office immediately after being elected.

(5) Chairman of the Board. Board of Directors are to elect their own Chairman of the Board.

(6) The Lifetime Director is active until death.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

(1) Any person interested in Redbone Coonhounds may become a member of this association, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Any member is in good standing who pays annual dues of \$15.00 and family membership dues in the amount of \$15.00. Those wishing to pay for three years of membership can do so at the rate of \$40 for a single membership of \$40 for a family membership. There shall be three types of membership as follows: (1) Lifetime membership — A member over 65 years of age and having paid dues for 25 years or a member who has paid dues for 30 years; (2) Single membership; (3) Family membership which consists of husband, wife, and children under 16 years of age.

(2) Each member shall be entitled to vote at annual and special meetings as follows: those having lifetime membership shall have one vote; those having single membership shall have one vote; and those having a family membership shall have two votes.

(3) When joining the association for the first time, no matter what month the membership is paid in, it will expire on December 31st of the current year. (Example: pay for one year of membership on 1/1/25, 5/1/25 or 12/20/25 and all would expire on 12/31/25) Membership will terminate and be dropped from the membership role after the membership dues are delinquent and unpaid for 90 days. All years of paid membership will be counted regardless of whether or not there was an interruption.

(4) The fiscal year of the Association shall end on the 30th day of June.

(5) There will be one National Redbone Coonhound Association Redbook per membership.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS:

- (1) The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on an annual basis, the location and date for said meeting to be selected by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the body may be called by the Board of Directors when deemed advisable. Special meetings shall be called upon the written request of five or more board members in good standing, provided the request contains the business of the request in which case only such business shall be considered.
- (2) The officers and Board of Directors shall meet as often as necessary.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary or when required by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Annual or special meetings shall be held as near the center of membership as possible.
- (5) A quorum shall be considered present when 25 or more members of good standing are present in person or represented by proxy at any annual or special meeting. Nine officers and directors shall constitute a quorum at any Officers and Board of Directors meeting. Two members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

PROXY VOTING: The secretary shall, on all matters deemed important by the Board of Directors, furnish each member of good standing a Proxy setting forth the business in order that the member shall have an opportunity to voice approval or disapproval, said Proxy to be mailed to the membership not less than 30 days prior to meeting date when such matter will be considered, said Proxy to be valid to be in the hands of the Secretary not less than five days prior to said meeting date.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended at any Board of Directors of any regular meetings by an — majority vote of the directors of members present in favor of said amendment (with the exception of Article X of the constitution of the National Redbone Coonhound Association, Inc., which shall not be changed or amended).

ARTICLE X

The National Redbone Coonhound Association, Inc. shall have affiliation with the United Kennel Club, Inc. There shall be no other affiliation with any other Registering Office, association or groups. This Article of this constitution shall not be subject to change at present or in the future.

BYLAWS

The standing committees shall be such committees deemed advisable by the Officers and Board of Directors or the Body.

ELECTION RULES FOR NRCA OFFICERS

(Effective January 1991 & revised in 2019)

Before any member of the association accepts any nomination for any Executive office, Director, or Trustee opening, the member should realize the responsibilities and be willing to undertake those responsibilities. This includes attendance at all necessary meetings. Any Executive Officer, Director, or Trustee who misses TWO consecutive meetings will be replaced. To be nominated for the office of President, a member must serve at least 2 terms (years) as an Executive officer or 3 years as a Director or Trustee, so they can become familiar with the operations of the organization. Members must be either a Director or Trustee for 2 years to be Vice President. Anyone nominated for an office must accept in person or a letter of intent to accept an office prior to the nomination.

(Effective January 2003)

Any board member that is removed because of not attending the required number of meetings without being excused cannot be nominated to serve on the board again for a minimum of 4 years.

(Effective February 2015)

Before being nominated to serve on the Board, the individual must have been a NRCA member for at least two years and own a Redbone dog.

MISCONDUCT RULING

(Effective February 2006)

1. Any person or dog barred from any coonhound registry will also be barred from entering any NRCA event, licensed or non-licensed.
 - a. Any person this rule pertains to will also be restricted from holding any office in the NRCA.
 - b. Any person found guilty of cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct in any way at a NCRA event, by a selected board, will be barred or put on probation immediately.
 - c. A barred person can still be a member of NRCA if so desired.
 - d. Any person barred by NRCA cannot win the high scoring Redbone trophy which is given at other events.