

The National Redbone Coonhound Association's director meeting was called to order by President John Ingram on October 20, 2020 via phone conference at 8:03pm CST.

Director Roll Call was taken by TJ Bolin. Members present included Will Barnes, Kelly Biggert, John Biggert Jr, John Biggert, Casey Bolin, TJ Bolin, Tim Bolin, Tim Brewin, John Dell, Kerry Huss, Justin Howard, Jared Hutchison, John Ingram, Mike Jarboe, Bobby Jenkins, Richard Lambert, Mike Marcum, Conrad McCall, Fred Moran, Caleb Mullins, Jeff Murphy, John Shelton, George Steffes, Larry Streible, Don Vitali and Adam Wingler.

President John Ingram shared that after the decision was made at the October 2, 2020 meeting to host the 2021 National Redbone Days in Wilson, North Carolina many concerns have been brought to the officer's attention. John Ingram continued to share, "the Wilson club began by asking many questions and raising concerns of how things would be handled at the event. The most prominent reason for finally calling this meeting to discuss as a whole is the local Wilson, NC club has stated that they plan to continue to host the 2021 event but they plan to raise all entry fee prices even if our NRCA association does not approve. The local Wilson club recently held a special meeting to discuss the NRCA event. The local Wilson club meeting report that the NRCA was given was that we (NRCA) were only to talk to Wil Barnes from the Wilson club and if we did not like that they (Wilson club) would raise all event prices we (NRCA) need to pull our bid immediately.

It was then shared with those in attendance that as the NRCA officers were working with UKC to confirm the 2021 Wilson, NC hunt dates the following was stated from UKC staff, "I think it's a wise decision to reconsider. That club has been within threads of being shut down for good reasons. Just a matter of time, unless they get some reputable officers in place".

An additional concern was shared that the club did not seem to know/understand the rules for hosting a field trial event. The guidelines listed in the Redbook state that at Redbone Days we must have a Field Trial. The local club felt having a drag race would be okay. It was also mentioned that from talking to the various local club members who had been calling NRCA with questions it was learned that they have no camper hook-ups and "may put a few in and then run cords on the ground for others".

Wil Barnes, NRCA Director and local club member, stated that the problems UKC were referring to have been taken care of and that their facilities are big enough to host the event. Wil shared that nowhere on the bid contract does it say what the prices for each event are to be. He continued to share that the local club currently charges more than NRCA wants to charge therefore the local club is worried that their local people will then wonder why the fees are more for their other events throughout the year.

Further discussion continued that included the following from various directors:

- It might be nicest club in the world. They don't tell us what to do. Doesn't sound like they are ready to host. They aren't ready to play ball with us.
- A few years ago, this club was discussed to host Southern Days. It was determined then they couldn't handle Southern Days. National Days is much bigger than Southern Days was.
- It was asked, by those not in attendance at the 10/2/20 meeting, how the vote to accept the Wilson bid was conducted. President John Ingram stated that all bid contract copies were given to each director present, some discussion occurred and then we proceed to vote by paper ballot.
- Another director shared that they see both sides but confirmed that the host association does set the event prices and it seemed the local club was not aware of that. A suggestion for future bids was that possibly a club could request a flat fee instead of a percentage of profit, etc.
- If we keep the event prices low we are more likely to get more people to participate.

President John Ingram asked for a motion on this topic. Kerry Huss makes a motion to pull the 2021 National Redbone Days bid from North Carolina. Don Vitali seconded the motion.

Discussions occurred.

- There were other bids that were submitted on time. As well as, we have other clubs that are always willing to host if we get in a bind.
- Another director shared he was displeased with the conversation. It was appreciated that the local club had a representative to discuss their bid at the original meeting. It was further asked if the Wilson club will continue to host if they realize and understand NRCA sets the event prices and they will not be raised. If so, then the Wilson club still have the right to host the event since we (NRCA) voted to allow them to host.

President John Ingram shared that is the reason this meeting was called, due to the local Wilson club stating they are keeping their bid in, have all intentions to raise all event prices and if NRCA doesn't like that then we should pull the bid out.

- Secretary, TJ Bolin, shared that his phone began ringing multiple times a day for the first week after National days. Finally he turned it over to the President and Vice President. He shared, "they will not work with us to make a deal. The local club has said they will not accept other offers. They do not want to speak to us about the event. They do not want to work with us."
- Wil Barnes was asked by a fellow director if all that had been stated in these discussions were true. Wil said the club made the decision at their special meeting that they would not accept any other offers (relating to event prices) and they wanted him to be the liaison/messenger between both parties.

Tim Brewin amended motion to cancel/pull the 2021 National Redbone Days bid from North Carolina and award the 2021 bid to Tell City, Indiana. Mike Marcum seconded the amendment.

As final discussion on the motion, John Dell stated that he wishes the local Wilson club would work with us but when a club says they don't want to work (speak) with us we have no other choice.

Vote was taken on the motion by roll call. The motion passed with 19-yes, 4-no and 2-abstained. The 2021 National Redbone Days will be held in Tell City, Indiana.

It was recognized that the NRCA does need to update their bid contract, even though at the 10/2/20 meeting it was discussed and determined to keep the contract as it was and make no changes. President John Ingram asked Hunt Chairman (Tim Bolin) to provide a draft of changes to the bid contract at the April 2021 meeting.

Tim Brewin shared that he would like to see the Brough's receive recognition for their many years of service to the association.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Dell.

Respectfully submitted,  
T.J. Bolin