

Vice President Andi Emry called the meeting to order on February 11, 2025, at 7pm CST. Members present included Tim Applebee, Casey Bolin, TJ Bolin, Tim Bolin, Dean Daughtery, Andi Emory, Keith Emory, Darren Gher, Kerry Huss, Caleb Mullins, Jeff Murphy, Tim Stanley, Brian Streible, Mike Wright, Fred Moran and Larry Streible.

TJ Bolin shared that the secretary report and treasurers report would be shared at the June 2025 meeting. At this time, President Larry Streible took the lead over the meeting.

Business discussed included:

- Redbook update- Jeff Murphy shared that he had received a proof of the book and it should be mailed out soon to members.
- 2024 Horizon Nominees:
 - Colton Rovick, Sophia Williams, Jacob Marcum
 - Nomination letters will be sent in February asking for their information that will then be sent to directors to vote.
- Need help promoting bid sheets to clubs- Redbone Days 2026 will be voted on in Elnora. Bid sheets are on the website and due no later than March 1, 2025 per past secretary minutes.
- 2025 National Redbone Days- June 28-29 in Elnora
 - Event Committee Report:
 - Need to get the event confirmed- TJ will work on it after this meeting.
 - Online entries- it was mentioned that this could be looked into.
 - Raffle item - Jeff Murphy has a 200+ Garmin. Andi Emory has a sun spot copper head light.
 - Planning a Sanctioned youth hunt and show on Thursday.
 - Youth event sponsorship \$1200 already collected- hoping for another \$400 before gathering prizes. Andi has 14-15 trophies and is hoping to get other prizes.
 - Increase participation in the auction- TJ Bolin is going to help promote people to come to auction and gather donations.
 - Thursday night's hunt will be the Dewayne Brough Memorial hunt.
 - A motion was made by Andi Emry to increase the UKC nite hunt entry fee to \$30 for each night at redbone days. Her motion also included to host a youth bench show and nite hunt where the entry fee would be discounted at 50% of the normal entry fee. The youth nite hunt would be at the same time as the RQE hunt. Jeff Murphy seconded motion. Motion carried.
 - Fred Moran made a motion for all nite hunts at redbone days to be 90 minutes. Garren Gehr seconded motion. Motion passed with one opposed. RQE will still be 2 hours.
 - Trophy/Plaque order was discussed. There are some items that it seems we are not using on a regular basis. It was asked for TJ Bolin to look into and reduce where he felt appropriate.
 - Andi Emry made a motion to budget \$500 for purchase of redbone day shirts. Brian Streible made second. Motion carried. Caleb Mullins will order shirts and take care of sales at redbone days. It was also mentioned that Chris Gerth plans to make hats with a patch for NRCA and is donating \$5 per hat back to the association.

- Bid updates- It was discussed if we should add something in about vendors for redbone days (beginning in 2027). Past policy has been that they do not pay a fee but are expected to donate items for the auction. Kerry Huss made a motion to update the National Redbone Days bid sheet to reflect a question to ask if the host club will charge the vendors and if so, how much. Motion was seconded by Brian Streible. Motion carried.
- Director/Trustee eligibility- currently reads that the individual must have been a member for at least two years. That needs to be clarified to **the two previous years** or two years within their lifetime.
 - TJ Bolin makes a motion that they are a member the two previous years. Seconded by Brian Streible. Motion carried.
- Possibility of gaining tax exempt status - Andi Emry shared it is a 6 step process. We already have the 1st three steps completed. We now need to file a form (there is an easy form and a more detailed form---we think we can do the easy form). Easy form is a \$275 fee to file. It was asked if there is an annual filing process but the answer was currently unknown. Larry Strieble makes a motion to go up to \$600 to proceed. Seconded by Dean Daughtery. Motion carried.
- Any other business
 - Kerry Huss shared a concern about allowing fellowship hunt people to be eligible for overall winnings. It was shared that we do have an overall fellowship winner category for those individuals.
 - How do you determine a high scoring dog at Autumn Oaks or Winter Classic (redbook only states other breed days).... past precedence does not match the rules in the redbook. Rules state that a high score for one night. We have been awarding double cast winners and not high scoring dogs for one night. Other associations are about half and half in how they award.
 - In the redbook list High Scoring Redbone for all major events (instead of breed days). Have it read that they have “most plus point Cast wins with most cumulative score.” Tim Applebee made a motion. Seconded by Brian Streible. Motion carried.
 - Invitational/Promotional event (Andi Emry). Possibly host an event in March. Next Level Dog Food has agreed to be an event sponsor- would get at least 4 bags per dog and a belt buckle for overall winner. Maybe a jacket for the final four. Andi would also like to raise money to give monetary awards. Main goal would be to really publicize the event. 16 dogs of major event winners for the previous calendar year or possibly other qualifications to get invited. Should we charge an entry fee---maybe try to get sponsors and not charge a fee...but make sure the owner/handler is an owner of NRCA. Andi and TJ will work to get rules/guidelines written for approval at National Days.
 - Possible Items to include in invite criteria:
 - Redbone days winner & opposite sex
 - Purina point winner
 - Autumn Oaks winner
 - Look at PKC standings/ or add PKC event winners
 - Any redbone that wins a truck hunt
 - A specific number of UKC cast wins per year.
 - It was noted there could be a possibility of having a need of a few buffer dogs, as well to make sure we get 16. Concerns were expressed about if the board starts to nominate dogs it will make some have hurt feelings, etc. Maybe best to just invite those who meet the criteria and go with the number that shows up.

Kerry Huss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Darin Gehr. Motion carried.