

RBHOO Membership Meeting

March 9, 2022

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CAC

Board Members Present: Rick Hoban, Carey McHugh, Faye McGinnis, Jamie Frisbey, Cindi Stapleton, Anke Linton, Earl Triplett

Present via Zoom: 20 participants

Approximately 90 residents were in attendance.

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Tom Simcox led the Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Secretary Report: Minutes from the January Membership Meeting are on the website. Mike Frisbey made the motion to accept the minutes. Tom Simcox second. All in favor.

Treasurer Report:

The bank balance as of February 28 is \$7197.00

Membership Report: Currently there are 262 members and 61 new members for 2022.

Outreach Presentation:

The five Sheriffs running for offices in Loudon and Monroe counties were present to introduce themselves to the community. Before they came to the podium Rick Hoban, President, explained to the membership the importance of May 3, 2022, which is the state and county primary election. However, this year there are no democrats or independents running for Sherriff; therefore, the May 3rd election is the general election for the Sheriffs. August 4th is the state and federal election and November 8th is the state and federal election.

If you do not know where you are supposed to go to vote check, your voter registration card, or go to the website to find out. [Voter Registration Information Lookup \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/voter)

Each candidate (2 from Monroe & 3 from Loudon) got up to introduce themselves. After their introductions, questions were taken from the Zoom and live participants.

The five candidates are as follows: Tommy Jones (Current Sherriff of Monroe), Randy White (Monroe), Paul Curtis (Loudon), Jimmy Davis (Loudon), Marty Ward (Loudon).

A question from Zoom was “What can neighborhoods like RB do to help reduce drug use and drug crimes”. Candidates from Loudon & Monroe both said we need to come together as a community, develop a neighborhood watch program, identify community problems. This is a community issue and effects everyone.

The Candidates all stated that their offices are understaffed, and they need to hire at least one or two more full-time narcotic deputies. Drugs, particularly Fentanyl, and Heroin are rampant in our community. With the rise in gas/inflation crime will only get worse. The addicts will increase their thefts for money to support their drug habit.

They all agreed that more rehabilitation programs for drugs and mental health are needed as we do not have them in our county. The closest facility for juveniles with mental health issues is all the way in Memphis. An adult needing mental health treatment must be taken to Chattanooga.

The current requested budget for Monroe County is \$8.719 million.

The current budget for Loudon County is \$9.8 million with \$4 million of that going to the jail.

Country Club Update

Michael Ayres was not able to present due to a conflict but sent four employees of the RBCC to the meeting to present.

JR Young, General Manger, Jeff McClain, Food and Beverage Manager, Nick Boruff, Golf Pro and Laura Fugate, Membership Director. In addition to the 18-hole golf course, the club offers Pickleball, Tennis, Fitness Center, Fitness Classes, and a Trainer available for consultation from 9 – 1 on Wednesdays. The club also offers to members jet ski rentals, boat rentals and kayaks. Also ground storage for trailers is available for a fee.

Upgrades to the club include seating for pickleball viewing, updates to the pro-Shop, renovation to the pool deck and the kids pool has been removed. Four of the Bunkers on the course were renovated.

Questions from the members were taken:

Someone asked about the debris and burnt-out light bulbs in the entrance and if there were any plans to update this area. JR said that may be done in the winter of 2023.

Question to the Golf Pro regarding more clinics and he said that he is working on this. With the growth of the community, it is hard to keep up with tasks and clinics, but he is working on this and that staffing due to Covid has been an issue.

The Golf Pro was also asked about the “Grandkids Camp” and plans to bring it back. He said there may be room to revitalize it in the future.

He was also asked about plans to fix the golf path. The club has purchased new golf carts, but the paths are not in good shape. JR said they try to fix sections every winter.

This year the sand bunkers were a priority but may be doing something to the path in the future. A new path would cost \$500,000 to replace. He will investigate it but there are so many things to do.

There are no plans to bring back the diner's program where non-members can eat at the club. The future goal is to make the club private.

Trends: Social Membership = 460 members
Golf Membership = 210

Dues are not being increased. The goal is to add 25 new members/year. There were 24 added in 2021.

New Business

RBCAI Board Members: Curtis Crawford has resigned from RBHOO as he was elected to the RBCAI Board. The members were asked for nominations and told to contact Rick Hoban if they are interested in serving on the board.

RBHOO Board Member: Due to time constraints we will have the RBHOO Board Member present next month and that will be Rick Hoban, President.

'Old' RBHOO Member: Tim Simcox will present next month.

Rarity Bay Club: The Yacht Club's Commodore, David Cochran, presented:

The Yacht Club provides boating and social events on and off the water. There are networking opportunities. Events are hosted by members March through October. There are raft ups, happy hours, lunches & dinners at the local marinas. The social calendar is 95% done and will be posted on the website when complete in a month or so. The Yacht Club also provides US Coast Guard information and TBART Inspections. There are 175 members with 35 new as of 2022. The CAI website is updated with an application to join. You do not need to own a boat to join this club. If you let the Commodore know he will try to find you someone in the club to ride with on their boat. The cost is \$65 for new members and \$20 thereafter.

Activity Spotlight: presented by Anke Linton

Paper Shredding: Will be in the parking lot at the RBCC and is FREE to all residents. Bring your bundles of documents, but **NO** newspapers, magazines, or spiral notebooks. The next shredding will be in October. Contact Reginal Elgin for more information

Adopt A Highway: March 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. RB has adopted one mile of RT. 72 to the West of our entrance and one mile to the East. We need volunteers to clean that portion of the highway. Vest, trash bags & grab poles are provided. Contact Rudy Henjy for more information and to sign up.

Loaner/Borrow Program:

RBHOO has table, chairs, and tents (for rent) to loan and rent. See Jamie Frisby if you want these items.

Rick Presented:

RBHOO Survey is coming out next week. Be on the lookout in your email for this. It will provide us with important feedback on what we can do to make RBHOO better.

RBHOO goals, modernizing communication through the YouTube channel (YouTube.com search RBHOO) and the newsletter in March.

Reworking the by-laws, mainly voting electronically/via email for the board, and changing the dates for the annual election. In August the nominating committee will get together. September nominations will be accepted. October meeting-Meet the Candidates. Right after the October meeting voting will begin. Voting ends the first business day of November. Results of the voting will be announced at the November meeting.

First RBHOO Picnic to be held on TRDA land at the end of Breakers Drive. June 18 with a rain date June 25; 4-8 pm. Watch for email flyers in April. The picnic committee includes, Cindi Stapleton, Earl Triplett, Anke Linton and a resident from the Bluffs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Stapleton
Communication Director