

RBHOO

State of the Organization

November 14, 2018

The year 2018 seemed like a relatively quiet year for RBHOO. Yet, a closer look reveals quite a collection of sponsorships, programs, activities and initiatives. Here are some of the highlights:

1. Presented:

- The mayor of Vonore (interface between the town and RB)
- Medic (blood drive and platelet collection)
- Jeff Batts, life as an SEC football referee
- Loudon and Monroe County sheriffs (Citizen's Academies for community interaction)

1. Worked with:

- CAI to sponsor "Meet the Candidates Night" for local election
- CAI, RBWC and Dave Polacsek to present two newcomer orientation programs
- Regina Elgin to support 2 shredding pick ups
- First Responders on two successful blood drives
- Arlen Bee, Paul Serbu and Jack Wright on Tennessee Yellow Dot, House Buddies, and website management projects, respectively
- WATeR to distribute results of the water quality study on Tellico Lake

estuaries previously partially funded by RBHOO

1. Initiated:

- New efforts to increase membership through printing of new brochures and review of prior membership lists
- Conversations with past and current CAI Boards to identify methods to enhance overall community
- Contacts with the CAI Marketing Committee; offered to fund seed money for development of a Marketing Plan
- Contacts with the CAI Long Range Planning and Infrastructure Committees to maintain awareness of the need for additional community storage

1. Contributed:

- \$500 to First Responders
- Replacement 911 emergency switches at cost to residents
- New Radon Detector for community use

1. Coordinated:

Multiple roadside clean-ups thanks to Jane Wells

1. Financial Management:

Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/18 - \$11,700

Challenges Ahead:

A Board Sub-committee has been working with the CAI to identify appropriate opportunities for mutual support. This has been a careful, considered process over the past few months. The next coordinating meeting is scheduled for later this month. We hope to be able to begin implementation of new policies and procedures early in the New Year.

A review of the current RBHOO mission statement and bylaws is needed to be certain RBHOO has the appropriate authority to undertake broad new programs. The current board functions with one of seven positions vacant. This overburdens other board members. New procedures for election of board members, distribution of duties, and other adjustments of the bylaws will be considered. Any changes will be brought to the membership for discussion and

approval, as required.

Thanks:

This ends my time as president of RBHOO. I can honestly say I have enjoyed the experience tremendously. It has enabled me to meet and appreciate the talents and dedication which reverberate throughout our community. I especially wish to thank all the board and committee members who have been so supportive and understanding. Most of all, I thank my wife, Harriet, for her help and all the cookies.