

**Minutes**  
**Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**June 18, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Saunders at 9:00 AM at the Main Street Office. Attendees: Mark Saunders, Steve Curson, Clif Hilderley, Pam Baker, Sharon Sherwood, Bob Lawrence, John Dewey, Elise Burns and Susan Gay

**Minutes:** May 14, 2022 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Curson reported the May closing checking account balance at \$12,527.95 and May savings account balance at \$4000.02. Total May RBHA balance of \$16,527.97. The savings account, hence forth referred to as the "reserve fund" has been established at the approved \$4,000 amount. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Mark Saunders reminded the Board that the next meeting, scheduled for July 15th at 3:00 PM will be a Zoom meeting. Since there were only two candidates for the two open Commissioner seats, there will not be a city election this year. As a result, there will not be a candidate forum, previously scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2022. **Old**

**Business:**

**New Member Ice Cream Social** - Mark Saunders thanked Elise Burns and the committee for planning the event. Eighty-five RSVPs were received, with an additional 16 responses as tentative. All supplies are in place and volunteer jobs assigned. It was agreed that RBHA logo items would be made available for attendees. Mark Saunders, as president, will give a short welcome as well as acknowledge the Friends of the Library.

**Candidate Forum/Newsletter** - As noted the candidate forum has been cancelled, however Patrisha Davis and Sharon Sherwood have agreed to interview both Edward Chrzanowski and Bunky Markert for the August RBHA newsletter.

**Summer Survey** - Mark Saunders asked for a volunteer committee to establish the questions for a summer survey. The intent is to find out from our membership how RBHA is doing as an organization and what our priorities should be going forward. The committee will include Mark Saunders, Bob Lawrence, Clif Hilderley, Pam Baker and John Dewey. The survey will include 5-6 questions and should be released in time for questions and/or results to be published in the August newsletter.

**Technicals** - Clif Hilderley has received feedback regarding the online RBHA membership form and will continue working on an inactive form for the website.

**Website** - Patrisha Davis and Sharon Sherwood have volunteered to help Clif Hilderley develop and maintain RBHA website content.

**New Business:**

**Noise/Environmental Ordinance** - Discussion was prompted by an RBHA member who expressed interest in the City of Rehoboth setting restrictions on the use of gas powered yard maintenance equipment. Should the city establish restrictions similar to those that have been enacted in Lewes? Susan Gay had provided Mark Saunders with a number of references on the issue and Mark also solicited feedback from several lawn companies who work in the city. The general response from service providers was that they simply would not provide service to homeowners if restrictions were enacted. The cost of doing business within the city is becoming cost prohibitive due to the size of the lawns, time lost due to traffic and finding parking. The city Environment Committee has taken up this issue and the Tree & Green Infrastructure Committee has also discussed alternatives for lawn care and lawns. If the city acts on this issue RBHA will take a position. The consensus is that the technology has to advance to alleviate both the noise and environmental concerns.

**Meeting with Evan Miller** - Mark Saunders, Clif Hilderley, and Pam Baker will represent RBHA at a meeting with the acting City Manager, Evan Miller on July 21st. The two issues slated for discussion are problems related to City Code Enforcement and the City's adoption of RBHA's Safety Brochure.

**Concerns Regarding City User Fees** - Would it be better for the city to raise taxes rather than adopt additional user fees? Is this a topic worthy of identifying and monitoring since residents may lose track of the number of fees they are being charged? Is this a data point that RBHA wants to monitor and how would we go about monitoring the fees? Discussion to be continued.

**RBHA Annual Picnic** - Elise Burns suggested that we consider having a food truck or trucks for this year's RBHA picnic. With the increase in membership we will have to consider additional seating space and the possible need for a tent or tents.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 PM, Friday, July 15, via Zoom.