

BREA Minutes

(minutes approved by voice vote at December, 2016, BREA meeting)

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Nov. 8, 2016; 1:00 PM, BNL Berkner Room B, Upton, NY
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Nate Carter, Victor Cassella, Anita Cohen, Cheryl Conrad, Dave Cox, Les Fishbone, Georgia Irving, Bob Kinsey, Terri Kneitel, Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Alfredo Luccio, Al Mallin, Robert Marascia, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Tom Oversluizen, Arnie Peskin, Lloyd Schairer, Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Joan Skelton, Richard Skelton.

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BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

President Liz Seubert opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above. No call-in attendance.

1. Minutes. Liz Seubert circulated the October minutes and a sign-up sheet. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report. Steve Shapiro gave an accounting of BREA's finances. Dues received since the last report total \$260. An approximate total of \$38,000 is in savings, checking, and CD at TFCU. A thank-you gift to Mona Rowe for service to BERA was reimbursed from BREA funds.

3. Membership Report. Beth Lin reported that BREA has 457 current members. Of those members, 387 have email addresses. Fourteen membership dues were paid. A bill for \$400 for mailing of the recent newsletter was paid. Contact Beth Yu Lin if you do not want the hard copy newsletter delivered; BREA encourages members to go electronic.

4. History of BREA/ 5. BREA Newsletter. Arnie Peskin and Anita Cohen reported on the history project. Anita Cohen has a trove of old Brookhaven Bulletins which she will review for stories and photos pertinent to BREA history. The next BREA newsletter will also include several obituaries. Following issues will feature reports on some notable vacations. The description of Mike Schaeffer's rebuild after Sandy flooding is on hold for now.

6. Medical Issues. Liz Seubert will attempt to investigate BSA intentions for continued contributions to Health Savings Accounts for Medicare retirees and spouses. An annual notification letter from BSA to retirees describing benefits programs has been received by many. This appears to be primarily an annual required notification, and (at least this year) contains little or no information that needs to be acted on.

7. New Business. Arnie Peskin, after 9 years, plans to step away from his post as BREA representative to BNL CAC (community advisory council). Eena May Franz and Steve Shapiro have helped with this duty in

the past. Mark Israel may be willing in the future to help out. It was proposed that Eena May Franz be appointed to the CAC to replace Arnie Peskin, with Mark Israel as alternate. Arnie Peskin advised the meeting attendees that he generally reported CAC issues back to BREA about twice a year. Any pressing issue would be reported back to membership more promptly. It is believed that BREA membership on the CAC has been valued by BNL management.

No volunteer has been identified to renovate the mail box as flag repository (contact Don Farnham).

BNL Veteran's Day celebrations are scheduled for this week.

Les Fishman slide show on Kilimanjaro has yet to be finalized

Lunch, as suggested by Jackie Mooney, prior to this meeting at Cafeteria at Berkner was attended by a few. An alternative plan is to meet at Phils (Wading River) at noon on the FIRST Tuesday (next Dec. 6). RSVP to Liz Seubert.

Meeting was adjourned. Next BREA meetings will be

Tuesday Dec. 13, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 490 Conf. Room (Medical, directly south of Bldg 400).

Tuesday Jan. 10, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400 rooms 1 & 2 (tentative)

(locations tentative; check location in Agenda posted on BREA website the week of the meeting)