BREA Minutes (approved by voice vote at June meeting)

Meeting Date and Place:  Tuesday May 9, 2017; 1:00 PM, BNL Bldg. 400  RSB rms. 1&2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.


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President Liz Seubert opened the meeting at 1:05 PM.  Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.  No call ins from remote locations.

1. Minutes.  Draft April minutes (recorded by Louise Hanson) had been posted on the BREA site since Monday, May 8.  Minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Treasurer’s Report. Steve Shapiro reviewed the assets in credit union accounts.  There was little change in balances since the previous report.  Most assets are in TFCU accounts, with time deposits earning 0.6-1.6% depending on certificate length.  Treasurer’s report was accepted by voice vote.

3. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported 464 members, with 414 currently paid up.  In response to a question, it was stated that about 27% of members live outside of NY.  A problem changing the status of deceased members within the BREA member database was described.  It was suggested that an expert in databases be consulted.

4. Newsletter. It is anticipated that the July/August newsletter will consist primarily of items about the 2017 annual BREA luncheon.

5. BREA annual lunch. Lillian Kouchinsky described preparations for the 2017 luncheon to take place on June 7. BREA is inviting several guests to the luncheon.  A list of about 8 invited individuals was read by Liz Seubert.  It was suggested that brochures Eric Forsyte’s book on ocean cruising be available at the lunch tables.  The possibility of a raffle for one of the books was mentioned, and organizers will likely follow up to arrange that.

6. Retiree Badging. Steve Shapiro led a discussion of the revised badging policy for retiree family members. BNL policy on badging for retiree family members has changed.

7. Little Flower school and group home. Ken White, manager of the BNL Office of Educational Programs, is planning some activities with Little Flower that involve BNL personnel. Les Fishbone provided to Little Flower attendees a discussion of his ascent of Kilimanjaro in Africa.

8. New Business. The Community Advisory council discussed reduction of the local deer population by killing possibly 200 deer. The plan was put together by a Ridge/Manorville community group. Meat will be processed for food distribution in the Hudson Valley (Long Island does not have appropriate facilities).  Scheduled for the 11 May CAC meeting was a presentation on the Peconic River.
Meeting was adjourned about 2:00.

Next BREA meetings are scheduled for:

June 13, 2017 - South Room Brookhaven Center
July 11, 2017 - RSB Rooms 1&2 (Bldg 400)
(locations tentative; check location in Agenda posted on BREA website the week of the meeting)