

BREA Minutes

Meeting Date and Place, Tuesday, June 11, 2013, Bldg. 400, Rm RSB 2

Attendees: Elliot Auerbach, Carmen Benkovitz (by phone), Robert Brown, Anita Cohen, Dave Cox, Eena-Mai Franz, Ken Mohring, Liz Seubert., and Steve Shapiro

Dave Cox opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

The minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Shapiro presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no significant changes in our financial status, which was \$1,800 in savings, \$5,500 in checking, and \$24,000 in DCs.

The recent Retirees Luncheon, which entailed paying \$3,500 to Lombardi's on the Sound, ended up with a total loss to BREA of \$290.

Luncheon: All agreed that this was most successful. More than 80 people attended, which compares well with last year. We all enjoyed the spectacular venue and good food, and excellent opportunities for mingling among the attendees. A suggestion was made that a list of all participants expected at the event be displayed at each table in future to help people know who is present and therefore be able to spot them more easily.

The Lab Director, Doon Gibbs, gave an enthusiastic talk on the Lab and its future.

Jonathan Corbin of the Worker Health Protection Program based at Queens College, CUNY, in Flushing gave a brief and helpful talk on getting in touch with the program for medical screening. He was also tireless in answering questions and giving out literature on how to get in touch with the program.

Medical screening: Dave Cox updated us on his experiences with the system. After having had the medical screening, he described the next step - a phone interview of straightforward questions. More to follow.

Membership: Steve Shapiro had mailed the accumulated checks. Carmen Benkovitz has made a list of people on the date base who had not yet paid for last year's membership. She agreed to send out one last request for them to renew.

Medical Benefits: An email from Human Resources refers to some special arrangements for people who need drugs for diabetes, for which CIGNA will no longer be a contractor. This also may apply to people who need supplies such as oxygen for sleep apnea, etc. These people will now have to make arrangements with another Medicare contractor. Contact Denise DiMeglio or HR to find out more.

SeniorNet: A new program is being started at Leisure Glen in Ridge; volunteer teachers and aides are needed.

Newsletters: Dave is continuing to request funding for two more newsletters from HR and Public Affairs. Some members are still not receiving the letter - this will be investigated.

The meeting ended just before 2 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Liz Seubert