

BREA Minutes

From: Dave Cox (Secretary)

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2009

In Attendance: Arnie Peskin, Ken Mohring, Dave Cox, Myron Strongin, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, J. Tichler (via conference phone). Also present for the first part of the meeting were Slava Vero and Bill Baker from the Huntington branch of the national SeniorNet organization.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Arnie Peskin, at 12.05 p.m.

The minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved.

The President read a letter from Pat Campbell thanking BREA for the donation of \$500 made to the Carman's River Maritime Association in memory of Graham Campbell. In her letter, she noted that it was an altogether fitting tribute to Graham in view of his close association with the organization over many years.

Slava Vero and Bill Baker gave a short update on the recently-opened center in Easy Yaphank and thanked BREA for their active support and encouragement. Three BREA members have signed up to assist the instructors at the center, and the number of courses to be offered in the next semester has been increased from two to five. An Open House will be held December 9 for registrants and volunteers, and BREA members are invited to attend. Ken Mohring reported that he had arranged for a short article in a forthcoming issue of the Brookhaven Bulletin. They also requested any assistance that BREA could provide in arranging meetings with local government officials, and Alyce Daly volunteered to help.

A financial summary was provided by the Treasurer, Ken Mohring. As of October 31, the total balance for all accounts was \$23089. One of the certificates of deposit had matured and been reinvested, albeit at a much lower rate.

The President reported that the issue of the office move in Building 421 discussed at the last meeting had been satisfactorily resolved. Apparently the move had been precipitated by an over-zealous junior scientist, and BREA had not been informed. Ken Mohring announced that all the BREA furniture (including the lock on the door) and records had been moved to the new location (B115), and that contact information would be posted on the door.

Dave Cox reported that the latest issue of the Newsletter, including the ballot sheet for the forthcoming BREA elections, had just been completed and handed over to Quick Copy earlier in the morning. There did not appear to have been any progress on the

transfer of the website to BERA, and Ken Mohring agreed to check with Joanne Rula after the meeting.

Alyce Daly suggested that a copy of the Newsletter should be included in the package of materials given to new retirees, which led to a general discussion about the gradual decline in the number of members. It was agreed that a request should be made to HR for a mailing list of all current retirees (estimated to be more than 2000) so that non-members could be contacted by mail (at BREAs expense) and encouraged to join. Arnie Peskin volunteered to approach Tony Bowman with both requests.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1.08 pm following a motion made by Ken Mohring and seconded by Dave Cox.