

BREA Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2012, Bldg. 400, RSB 2

Attendees: Dave Cox, Steve Shapiro, Elliot Auerbach, Arnie Peskin, Les Lawrence, George Oldham, Carnal Hobson, Alfred Luccio, Richard Skelton, Ronnie Evans, Carmen Benkovitz, Myron Strongin, Eena-Mai Franz, Mona Rowe (came late), Ken Mohring (called in), Joyce Tichler (called in).

1. Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as presented. A motion to that effect was made by Steve and seconded by Carmen.

2. Treasurer's report: Ken reported current amounts in the checking and savings accounts, and in CD's. He made a \$300 deposit to the Bellport Country Club to save the date of June 7.

3. Old business:

a. Luncheon : Ken said that the best deal is still Bellport and looked at the East Wind as a possibility in place of the large room. He booked June 7 th.

Speaker: we will ask Sam Aronson,

Guests: we will have to decide on the guests.

The menu was voted on: starters: fresh mozzarella and tomato; salad: Greek salad; main course: grilled marinated sliced Steak Forrestierre or Chicken Marsala or Salmon Lemon Dill; dessert: warm apple crisp ala mode.

Committee: Ken - chair; Ronnie – photo collage, Joyce - front table, Carmen, Martine, Eena-Mai, Les, Steve will help. Maybe Carol Kramer can help.

Bulletin article and picture should go into the Bulletin in early April.

It should be mentioned that the food was not hot last year.

b. SeniorNet: Ronnie reported that the open house in Yaphank was not well attended. Not many registered for classes. In Huntington on March 20 will be a class on "Create Books with Shutterfly" to create a photo book.

c. Membership: Carmen sent out notices via e-mail or snail mail: two new and 45 renewed. She printed out membership cards and sent them. Two letters came back, could not be delivered. Membership form is on the Web Site.

d. Newsletter: Mona said that it will be out the first week in May.

e. Community Advisory Council (CAC) : Arnie is the BREA delegate and Eena-Mai is his backup. Arnie discussed the history of its beginning during the tritium crisis. Marburger set up the CAC to improve community relations. At first it was acrimonious, therefore he got someone impartial from the outside to run the meetings. BREA was one of the original organizations with Graham Campbell. We have credibility with both sides. There is a greater amount of trust now towards the Lab. We discuss environmental issues such as the cleanup of Peconic River, dismantlement of the reactors, also counteract negative publicity. The Lab leadership has a strong presence at the meetings.

f. Plum Island trip: Steve reported that it would be either early May or June 11 or 13. We would take the 9:30 a.m. ferry and return at 2:30 or 3:30. Bring your own lunch. 30-40 people can go. Steve will set up a date and send an e-mail.

g. Medical screening program: Richard Skelton said he is still actively in contact with them. George has put in a claim about his hearing. Bob Lincoln has said that he would find the people who may not have heard about the program.

h. Medical benefits: George Oldham said he has put in a claim to the benefits office. He represents 45 people who retired early and they want to picket at the gate. Dave, Elliot and Steve have tried to identify a lawyer and they will consult with him to get a position status. They asked George to hold off until they talk to a lawyer, tentatively on April 2.

i. Lunchtime lectures: President of SeniorNet is willing to come. Steve had talked with Mike Thorn in Medical about health topics. Dave will discuss this with Mike. Carmen suggested that the lectures be held at noon of the same day that BREA has its business meeting.

4. New business:

a. BERA: Chris Carter needs nominees for BERA Board. Dave suggested Ken.

b. Mentoring: Eena-Mai said that she had been approached by Ed Kaplan about BREA members getting involved in mentoring newcomers to the Lab. He was sorry that he could not attend this meeting to explain further. The reaction among the attendees at the meeting was that usually the respective departments take care of that.

c. Suggestion: Invite Peter Bond to our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eena-Mai Franz on behalf of Secretary Louise Hanson.