

BREA Minutes

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday, July 9, 2013; Bldg. 400, Rm RSB 2

Attendees: Carmen Benkovitz, Nate Carter, Anita Cohen, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Robert Kinsey, Ken Mohring, George Oldham, Arnold Peskin, Mona Rowe, and Frances Scheffel,

Dave Cox opened the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 11th meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Shapiro is away. Dave Cox submitted Steve's report. There were no significant changes in our financial status.

Former Worker Medical Screening Program: George Oldham and Nate Carter described their experiences with the program. George currently has a case pending and Nate has completed the claim process. The number of items covered under the program has been expanded, discussed were the types of cancers that were added to the list.

Membership: Carmen reported that there were minor membership changes during the past month.

SeniorNet: At the May meeting Dave reported that the Family Service League needs additional space and that SeniorNet would lose its space in Yaphank. SeniorNet now has a mobile learning center that includes laptop computers and other needed equipment. Currently, it is expected that courses will be held in Leisure Glen. Ronnie Evans continues to be involved with SeniorNet. Please contact her if you are interested courses or volunteering.

Newsletters: Dave reported that we continue to seek funding for additional newsletters. The next issue will be published in late August.

New Business:

Community Advisory Council (CAC): Arnie Peskin provided a brief history of the CAC. Some items that were included in its annual report were: clean-up activities, tick issues, forest fires, movement of the experimental magnets on Wm. Floyd Parkway, expansion of membership to local governments, and civic and business organizations, and that DOE reported that there will a solicitation of the Laboratory management contract.

Key CAC information-

Started – In the 1990s to address environmental issues

BREA – Charter member

Current CAC Representative - Arnie Peskin, alternate is Eena-Mai Franz

Consideration should be given to a BREA Newsletter article about the CAC.

Medical Insurance: Nate Cater initiated a discussion of payments to the Lab's contractor who accepts and records monthly payments from retirees. The contractor states that if you miss a payment your insurance will be cancelled. In one meeting with Bob Lincoln he has noted that in special circumstances there will not be cancellations. Mona suggested that there be a Newsletter article that could answer retiree questions and encourage them to use an

automated payment method to avoid cancellation issues, e.g., protect against times when retirees may be ill and cannot make payments. Dave suggested an article in the Nov/Dec time-frame.

Annual Luncheon: The offer of automotive transportation for luncheon attendees, including carpooling, should be expanded/better publicized.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ken Mohring