

BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - May 13, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Eena-Mai Franz, Robert Marr, Harriet Martin, Ken Mohring, Flo O'Brien, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Fran Sheffel, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin....***Joyce Tichler was present on the conference phone.

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting, and gave everyone a bit of time to read the minutes of April 8. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted. The Treasurer's Report, presented by Ken Mohring, was also accepted. Flo O'Brien, Chair of the Luncheon Committee, reported that all was in order for the Luncheon on June 4, at the "Three Village Inn", located in Stony Brook Village, and that both the Lab's Director Sam Aronson and Bill Hempfling, who is Head of Human Resources, will attend.

Joyce Tichler (on the Conference Phone) told us about the new opera that will be performed at the Met, about the development of the atom bomb, and that BERA will be buying a block of tix at discount for the Saturday Matinee, on Nov.8, at 1:30. She hoped that BREA would organize a bus trip with BERA for that occasion. She then spoke about access to our WEB page, and suggested that the computer people who are involved with that project should all talk to each other and share their knowledge of BREA and the WEB site. She expects that this would take some time, but would be most appreciated by the membership. Arnie responded by asking P. Michael, R.Marr, G.Campbell and D. Cox to be on the committee, and J. Tichler said that she would be happy to act as consultant, when requested, as long as she did not have to commute to the Lab.

Arnie then reported on a meeting he had with Sam Aronson and Bill Hempfling to explain, "what we do", "who we are", and our concerns. They told Arnie that no major changes are expected in the near future, and there is no rush for a new DOE contract yet but that we would be consulted when there is a move by DOE. Bill also said that since we are all former employees, but not employed now, we cannot be members of the BERA Board. Larry Bates, who is in charge of office space, said he would find an office for us. Arnie was asked to be on the search committee to find a replacement Chair for Bill Hempfling, who is retiring. Arnie promptly asked Bill to join BREA, and that we would have a good volunteer job for him, as BREA's liaison to the H.R. Dept.!

There was then some discussion about the BREA Listserve, but we were pressed to leave the conference room on time, so the meeting was adjourned till June 10.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Martin