

BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 05/10/2022

Minutes recorded by L. Miller

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

Present: A. Moodenbaugh, R. Backofen, L. Fishbone, L. Hanson, J. Lemley, B. Lin, L. Miller, M. Rose, S. Shapiro, D. Sievers, B. Siskind, E. Sperry, G. Williams

GUEST: Dr. Michael Sivertz. Dr. Sivertz came to BNL first in 1978 as a grad student, then in 1986 working on a fixed target experiment at the AGS. He returned in 1998 to work on the Phoenix experiment at RHIC. He spent 3 years as a nuclear physicist and trained as a particle physicist.

Officers 2022-2024: President: Arnold Moodenbaugh, Vice President: Vinita Ghosh, Secretary: Laura Miller, Treasurer: Les Fishbone, Membership Chair: Beth Lin, Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe

1. Call to Order. Arnie Moodenbaugh.

Meeting called to order: 1:02 pm

2. Michael Sivertz ZOOM talk on "Studying the radiation environment of space". Michael agreed to his talk being recorded and will send his presentation to Arnie.

Action: Arnie will send a "thank you" letter to Michael.

Following Dr. Sivertz's presentation:

3. Minutes of April meeting. Laura Miller.
No minutes from April's meeting, we will approve both April and May next month. We agreed to provide the total from the treasurer's report, but not the details.
4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin
Number paid: 268, 243 with email. Since last meeting, she received 4 more dues payments. Motion to accept Membership Report made by Don Sievers. Gwyn Williams seconded, approved by all.
Action: Beth will send Les the checks she has received, which total \$160.
5. CAC Meeting Report. Mark Israel.
Since Mark was unable to attend this 5/10/22 BREA meeting, he will report on both the April 14th and May 12th CAC Meetings at our June 14th BREA meeting.
Action: Mark will send Laura his CAC notes for the April and May meetings.
6. Newsletter. Mona Rowe.
Mona received the latest newsletter in her mail yesterday (5/9/22). The next one will have an article about the 75th anniversary of BNL and the 25th anniversary of BREA. She will also include material from Jonathan Corbin about the occupational

compensation program. She will include a list of cancers linked to radiation that are automatically included in this program. She will confirm it all with Corbin. In the past Dr. Falco was her fact checker. If not, she will get an email address from Beth. A suggestion was made to have a presentation by Corbin. Have the talk first and include information in the newsletter afterward. The next newsletter is July/August.

Action: Arnie will check availability for a presentation with Corbin.

Action: Mona will include updated information in newsletter, maybe in Arnie's message.

7. Treasurer's Report. Les Fishbone.
Les presented a detailed Treasurer's Report as a screen share within Zoom. The grand total for the checking and savings accounts and the three certificates of deposit (CD) is \$25,865.30.
Louise Hanson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Don Sievers seconded, passed unanimously.
8. BNL is now open to retirees.
Steve Shapiro went in a few weeks ago and renewed his badge. Beth went recently and all she needed to do was show her badge to the security guard at the gate. There is no required vaccination status or masking at this time. However, requirements could be reimposed if the Covid-19 levels in the region rise. Check the BNL website for updated information. Requirements for retirees are likely to be similar to those imposed on guests and visitors. At present, the weight room is open to retirees 10:00 to 11:30 weekdays. The pool is closed for repairs as of today.
9. Future meeting formats.
With the opening of BNL to retirees, the possibility exists to hold meetings at BNL, as was the previous practice. One drawback is that remote participation of those out of the area that we have enjoyed recently may be technically difficult to implement at BNL. We will need to coordinate this with Christine Carter who, as supervisor of BERA activities, supports BREA.
Next month's meeting will be held via Zoom.
Action: Arnie will talk to C. Carter about her preference for BREA meetings, whether they should be in person at BNL or still via Zoom.
10. Annual Luncheon.
Planning for a BREA luncheon (or any other in-person event) can now be initiated. Should we begin some pre-planning to decide on the scope of a lunch event, or other event or excursion?
Outdoor venue? Last time he looked, Arnie said most places wanted 70-80 attendees and he thinks we will have difficulty getting that many to come. Some suggestions: Drifters (old McDonalds on Rt. 25) and Rock Hill Country Club.
Action: Ed Sperry will find out about luncheon possibilities for 25-50 people at Drifter's.
11. Future speakers for BREA Zoom meetings. We will notify members with speaker and topic when schedules are confirmed.
Suggested speakers include Jean Jordan-Sweet, Ken White, Bob Sweet, Marty Fallier, Jonathon Corbin. Others?

Action: Arnie will talk to all four to learn of each person's availability.

Action: Mona will contact Don Sievers to get Marty Fallier's contact information.

12. New Business

For Les and Beth: is there a way for Beth to deposit checks directly? Beth doesn't have signature authority on checks, but could she deposit checks herself and send Les the deposit slip? This might be a speedier way to get checks into accounts.

Action: Les will look into whether or not Beth can deposit checks if she doesn't have signature authority.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Sievers, seconded by Beth, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next meeting will be held June 14th via Zoom.