

BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 07/11/2023

Minutes recorded by M. Rowe

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m EST

Present: Dave Cox, Ronnie Evans, Jim Hurst, Beth Lin (membership chair), Les Fishbone (treasurer), Vinita Ghosh (vice president), Robert Hackenburg, Louise Hanson, Mark Israel (BREA's representative to the CAC), Arnie Moodenbaugh (president), Mona Rowe (BREA News editor), Don Sievers, Barry Siskind, Ed Sperry, Richard Witkover

Today's meeting on Zoom: Arnie reported that he and Christine Carter were unable to assure access to the web while at BNL for hybrid meetings.

June meeting minutes submitted by Secretary Laura Miller: Approved

Retirement of Christine Carter, Supervisor, QOL/BERA/Recreation: Arnie announced that Christine is retiring at the end of this month. "Local" retirees are welcome to attend her retirement party at Berkner on July 28. Arnie and Don will definitely be going.

Membership report from Beth: Paid members: 247, those with email: 228. Received two dues checks. Discussion:

Don: Do you encourage folks to get the lifetime membership?

Beth: Yes, I do. But some pay every year without fail.

Don: Why don't we just offer a lifetime membership?

Barry: What kind of fraud can be perpetuated by the membership? CHECK

Arnie: Consider sending the newsletter to all retirees with the election ballot in the fall.

CAC report: The CAC does not meet in the summer.

BREA News: September/October will be the annual Medicare issue. Mona will contact Gretchen to make sure her questions are answered. Arnie thinks she had talked to an agent selling supplemental insurance, so-called Medicare Advantage plans. The problem with Advantage plans is that most require you to use doctors in their network. Said Arnie, agents are simply trying to sell the most profitable plan. Arnie: When do you carry election ballot? Mona: The November/December issue, which will contain candidate bios and the ballot.

Treasurer's report for July from Les: In savings, checking and various CDs, the grand total is \$26,297.62. For the month of June, the savings and checking accounts and the three CDs accrued interest, and a check went out to Adopt a Platoon in the amount of

\$148.40. Les also noted that the special cash bonus offer that TFCU had advertised applies to new deposits, not existing ones. Hence, BREA's existing accounts would not qualify. Don asked if the grand total is lower or higher than normal. Les said it's about normal. The treasury report was accepted as submitted.

Future BREA meetings: Arnie will do some investigation over the next few months to try to line up a hybrid meeting in the fall.

Fall election for BREA officers, 2024-2025 term: Arnie asked if current officers are available for the next term. Vinita and Les would like to step down, and Arnie noted that he has been president for two terms. Within the slate of officers, the treasurer needs to be living on Long Island; TFCU doesn't want anything to do with account signature authority done remotely. Perhaps another officer should also be local. Is anyone interested on serving?

Reminder about Christine's party on July 28: Mark proposed a gift to thank Christine for her help in advising BREA over the years. He also suggested a lifetime membership to encourage her to join BREA. Vinita said we should do both the life-time membership and a gift certificate to a restaurant. Discussion ensued about restaurants near Christine's home. A motion was made and approved for a lifetime membership to BREA and a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Mark will do the legwork on the gift certificate.

BREA luncheon: Don checked on Drifters for a BREA luncheon for about 40 people. The cost would be \$65/person, Wednesday through Sunday.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 10:54 a.m.