

BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 06/11/2024

Minutes recorded by Laura Miller

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

Present: A. Moodenbaugh, F. Bernstein, D. Cox, B. Elder, A. Feldman, L. Fishbone, R. Hackenburg, L. Hanson, M. Israel, J. Lemley, B. Lin, B. Leonhardt, L. Miller, S. Musolino, M. Rowe, S. Shapiro, D. Sievers, B. Siskind, E. Sperry, G. Williams

Officers 2024-2026: President: Arnold Moodenbaugh, Vice President: Andy Feldman, Secretary: Laura Miller, Treasurer: Louise Hanson

1. Call to Order. Arnie Moodenbaugh

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.

2. Talk by Steve Musolino. "The RAP Team (sometimes) Makes Headlines!"

Excellent presentation on the history of BNL's Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) and some of the radiological or nuclear incidents for which they have provided assistance. RAP's support ranges from providing technical information or advice over the telephone to sending highly trained personnel with state-of-the-art equipment to an incident site. Working with the regional partners, team members help to identify, characterize, and provide technical assessment of radiological or nuclear hazards.

3. Minutes of May meeting. Laura Miller

The April minutes, which were approved at the May meeting, have been posted on BREA's website.

Action: The May minutes were approved earlier today and will be posted before the end of this week.

4. Treasurer's Report. Louise Hanson. An update of the BREA account at TFCU to meet new banking standards is needed. Discuss CD maturation timing to ease paperwork problems caused by a change of officers.

Rules have changed for federal credit unions recently. A CD came due on 05/09/24 and it was put into the savings account. A new 9-month CD using some of the available funds was created using money from the savings account. It will accrue 5% interest. All cds now will come due between December 2024 and February 2025. Louse then provided the numbers for the checking and savings accounts.

In the last month, all four current BREA board members have been authorized to have signature authority on the accounts so that when Louise is away, someone will have access to the accounts.

Mark Israel said that many banks and credit unions that use a money transfer service known as Zelle have been dealing with fraud and hacking issues. TFCU does not use Zelle because of the issues. Zelle is a service that lets a person send money using their mobile phone or an email to anyone with a US banking account for moving cash. Moving cash between people is riskier

because it's instantaneous. Using an Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer to move money is considered a safer method for transferring funds. TFU uses ACH to transfer funds. Louise thanked Les Fishbone for continuing as treasurer when she wasn't able to, and for his help and advice.

Mark made a motion to accept the report, Andy seconded, motion carried.

Action: Louise will add a column to her monthly presentation showing the previous month's amounts so that it's easier to see the difference in the accounts each month.

5. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin. We are looking for a successor to Beth to maintain the membership rolls. The BREA-owned PC computer used for this work is old and outdated and will be replaced with a more modern model for the person who follows Beth. Current paid members are 223, there are 206 members with email. Since the April meeting, she received one check for dues. She sent 3 checks to Les, who deposited them and then he sent the names to Louise. Beth has received two additional checks, and she will send them to Louise. Laura motioned to accept the report, Mark seconded, motion carried.
6. Newsletter. Mona Rowe. Plans for July/Aug. newsletter. The main thrust of the newsletter is the same as Mona stated last month: a compensation program. This is the one for DOE employees and retirees, and contractors. It couples with the announcement of a lung screening that they want to provide. She is also doing a report on scams. Ian Ballentine – Mark suggested he do a presentation to BREA about scams etc. Mona has traded emails with Ian, and he has agreed to give this presentation.
Action: Arnie will contact Ian to arrange a date for Ian to give talk at an upcoming BREA meeting.
The newsletter will go to print toward the end of June (~June 20th).
7. BNL Retiree Badges. Scanning of retiree badges at the main gate is not working as of June 3. You will likely have to go to the office there where staff members will call HR to confirm your badge is valid. Check ahead for access availability during off hours.
UPDATE: This was a false alarm, and there is no problem for retirees to get into the lab.
8. BREA contributions. Tesla Foundation. S. Shapiro has heard from Danielle Butler, who is a staff member at Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe (Tesla Museum). They are happy to hear about our \$1000 donation to them. She suggested 1-2 bricks with our logo and the rest could be in cash or a credit card. Arnie suggests we reduce the number of bricks we buy and send any leftover funds to them. There probably wouldn't be any formal recognition. If we don't include a logo, but only have text on the bricks the cost would be \$200 per brick for a larger brick.
Action: Arnie will contact them, using the contact information Steve sent him.
Action: Arnie will get board approval, including input and guidance from Mona, on the wording for a total of \$1050.
9. CAC Meeting Mark Israel. No report this month. There will not be a meeting in July or August. The CAC meets six times a year, with three months of meetings and then a three-month break before the next three rounds o

meetings begin. The May meeting finishes the March-April-May cycle of meetings. There will be a three-month hiatus during which the CAC will not meet. The next CAC meeting will be held on September 12.

10. New Business/Update

- HR has not responded to the letter Arnie sent.
- Andy Feldman suggested having a Suffolk Police presence to give a presentation on senior issues. Mark said he might be able to get a higher level TFCU person to talk to us about TFCU compliance issues, etc.
- E. Sperry's luncheon is tomorrow at noon, Medford Pastaria.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, at 12:45 for the BREa board and 1:00 pm for BREa members. The meeting will take place as a ZOOM meeting.