

BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes July 9, 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, G. Cisco, R. Evans, A.J. Feldman, L. Fishbone, L. Hanson, M. Israel, B. Lin, S. McCorkle, L. Miller, M. Rowe, D. Sievers, B. Siskind

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 1:03 pm.
2. Minutes of June meeting. Laura Miller
A draft was sent to the board, comments board members suggested were made and a revised version was sent to them prior to today's meeting. The minutes were discussed at the premeeting and approved.
Action: Laura will send the June minutes to be posted after today's meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report. Louise Hanson.
Louise shared her screen to show her report for July. Mark made a motion to accept her report, seconded by Andy, approved unanimously.
Louise received an email from Eric Forsyth's children with notice of a celebration of his life. It will be at The Post Morrow Foundation, 16 Bay Road, Brookhaven on July 27th at 2:00-4:00 pm. Anyone interested should email Louise for details. Hanson.louise@gmail.com
4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin. Transitioned to Betty Elder. Report is by B. Elder
196 - current members
180 - current members with emails
437 - members in arrears
The laptop is very slow but functioning and should definitely be updated. Betty did a little AI research and read that the best database for transfer of old Access files is a newer version of Access. Betty looked into whether the Access program is expected to be retired and all indications show that it will be around for some time. Betty will continue doing research but thinks the best thing for now is a new laptop with a newer version of Microsoft 365.
AJ moved to accept the report, Mark seconded, report passed unanimously.

Action: "We" will look at those who are in arrears. Send one annual newsletter to see who needs to be updated, etc.

Action: Arnie will ask ex-Presidents Dave Cox and Steve Shapiro if they will contribute to a small farewell gift (gift certificate) for Beth Lin to thank her for her services.

5. Newsletter. Please read the current issue of the newsletter (May-June) about various online, mail, and phone scams. It includes discussion about experiences or advice. The July-August issue went to print, but with the holiday it will be delivered late. Several people have already received theirs.
6. Newsletter. Mona Rowe. Plans for Sept./Oct. newsletter. Next newsletter is our annual Medicare issue. Mona will work with Arnie to describe what Medicare will and will not do in 2025. Arnie and Gretchen have not heard from HR with any update. Arnie needs to talk Melissa because Mona heard that someone very recently almost accepted an online offer. Melissa received an email about someone who received a separate solicitation and almost signed up. Andy Feldman's 911 event will take place on Sept. 11, 2024. Mona asked him to get some photos and she will put them in the Nov.-Dec. issue.
Action: Next discussion with HR – recommend to HR that when having benefit discussions with new retirees, they emphasize that retirees MUST use SelectQuoteSenior when selecting or changing medical and/or prescription drug plans. This is not just for newcomers to retirement, but people who retired earlier and are looking at changing their plans: All retirees need to be reminded that each fall they should ONLY use SelectQuoteSenior. They can be reached at 866-479-8317.
7. BREA contributions. Tesla Foundation. Arnie hasn't contacted them about the brick issue.
Action: Arnie will contact Tesla about the brick issue.
8. Future Talks/Presentations
Action: Arnie will invite Ian Ballentine to give a presentation at our September meeting. Mark said Arnie could use his name when talking to Ian about speaking to us.
9. New Business
Barry Siskind received a paper copy of two invoices from Medicare for the Medigap portion. He asked if he needs to send a check through the mail to pay them. Others said they have received similar bills and that the bills have a line that says, "this is not a bill".
Mark: Any time something comes from Medicare or Social Security, read it carefully.

CAC will meet again in September. Mark hasn't received any other information.

Discovery Park: progress is now obvious. GUV Center and OPA will move into that location. No commitment about TFCU moving out there. There was a discussion about remodeled TFCU sites that have remote tellers - ATM and ITM (ITM=Intelligent Teller Machine).

Many people have left Long Island. Are there any statistics about the percentage of retirees who have left. Not known. Betty could check the database...

No meeting in August.

Mark Israel moved to adjourn, Andy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

The next meeting will be September 10 at 1:00 pm and will be a Zoom meeting.