

Board of Director Minutes

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting March 25, 2011

Tourism Council Conference Room 175 Main St. Pawtucket, RI

1. Roll Call

Attendees:

David Balfour, Chair
Barry Mechanic, Vice Chair
Louis Yip, Member
Moe Rondeau, Member
Keith Fayon, Member
Carl Freedman, Member
Judy Fischbach, Member

Absent:

Jaqueline Boudreau, Treasurer
Sue Tessier MacKenzie, Secretary
John Lefrancois, Member
Debra Fournier, Member
Robert Conway, Member
Anthony Capuano, Member
Mark Brodeur, Member
Paul Eno, Member
Helen Moroney, Member
Ted Garille, Member
John Gregory, Member
Richard Murphy, Member
Dave Richards, Member

Also Attending:

Robert Billington, President
Natalie Carter, Director of Operations

2. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm with a quorum present.

3. Minutes

On a MOTION by Carl Freedman, seconded by Moe Rondeau, the Minutes of the Jan 28, 2011 meeting were approved as presented

4. Treasurer's Report

Natalie Carter, Director of Operations dispensed with the Financial Reports dated 2/24/2011.

Carl Freedman questioned the cash position of the Council and wanted to know if it was normal for this time of year.

Natalie Carter noted that she felt we were in a good position financially and that our bills were up to date. She noted that Polar Express is 9% sold out and that has created cash flow. There was a MOTION by Carl Freedman to accept the Financial Reports as presented. There was a second to the Motion by Moe Rondeau. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Reports as presented.

5. President's Report and Old Business

Robert Billington updated the Board on the following projects and programs:

- a. The Polar Express for 2011
- b. Carl Freedman updated the Board on the progress of the William Wheat Chocolate Mill project. Freedman noted that he hoped that progress on the project would be made by the fall of 2011. He thanked Governor Chafee and RIEDC Director Keith Stokes for their active involvement in the project.
- c. The Rhode Island Cherry Blossom Festival
- d. The Blackstone River Valley Visitor Guide
- e. The Blackstone Valley Bike Stripe
- f. Blackstone Culinaria 2011
- g. Blackstone Valley Leisurely Bike Tours
- h. The Sustainable Tourism Lab Interactive Seminar for April 27, 2011
- i. Tour Rhode Island, There's No Place Like Home

6. New Business

On a MOTION by Carl Freedman, seconded by all Members of the Board a Resolution to approve opening a Bank RI Checking Account and any other accounts as needed and determined by the President and the Operations Director was APPROVED.

Dave Balfour notified the Board that Board Member Paul Eno's mother had passed away and that a service was Monday. He also noted that the Milk Can building on Route 146N in Smithfield was being questioned as to its viability and use. He queried if the BVTC should get involved in the buildings survival since he knows someone that might be interested in helping to save it.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Billington, Ed. D.
President

