

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, April 13, 2012
Blackstone Valley Tourism Council
175 Main St
Pawtucket, RI 02860

1. Roll Call

Attendees:

David Balfour, Chair
Barry Mechanic, Vice Chair
Moe Rondeau, Member
Keith Fayan, Member
Sue Tessier MacKenzie, Secretary

Absent:

Louis Yip, Member
Debra Fournier, Member
Paul Eno, Member
Jacqueline Boudreau, Treasurer
Judy Fischbach, Member
Robert Conway, Member
Anthony Capuano, Member
Mark Brodeur, 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 Mr. Rondeau, seconded by Ms. Tessier Mackenzie, the Minutes of the February 10, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Carter presented the Balance Sheet and Income Statement dated 04/09/2012. There was a **MOTION** by Mr. Rondeau and seconded by Ms. Tessier-Mackenzie to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The **Motion** carried unanimously.

Billington circulated a 03/15/2012 document titled Loan to Water Cruises of Rhode Island that illustrated all transactions of BVTC supporting Water Cruises of Rhode Island since 2001.

The Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was presented and discussed. Mr. Mechanic asked that next year's Budget for 2013-2014 be presented with Forecasts in place.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Fayan, the 2012-2013 Budget was approved as presented. The **Motion** carried unanimously.

5. **President's Report**

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

The Rhode Island Cherry Blossom Festival
The William Wheat Chocolate Factory Project
Visitor Center at Pawtucket
Visitor Center at I-295 Northbound in Lincoln
The Blackstone Valley Explorer upgrades
Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame

6. **Other Business**

A exchange concerning Conflict of Interest Statements was discussed and explained to the Board by Mr. Fayan as to the need of such Statements.

Billington informed the Board that he would be attending the World Tourism Summit in Japan and that the trip was being financed by the Luke Charitable Foundation.

7. On a **MOTION** by Ms. Mackenzie and seconded by Mr. Rondeau, the meeting adjourned at 1:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Billington, Ed. D.
President