

Board of Director Minutes

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting June 3, 2009 @ Blackstone Valley Tourism Headquarters

1. Roll Call

Attendees:

Dave Balfour, Chair
Louise Boulanger, Vice Chair
Jackie Boudreau, Treasurer
Dave Richard, Member
Ted Garille, Member
Moe Rondeau, Member
Barry Mechanic, Member

Absent:

Sue Tessier Mackenzie, Secretary
John Lefrancois, Member
Helen Moroney, Member
Louis Yip, Member
Najwa Murphy, Member
Richard Murphy, Member
Robert Conway, Member
Anthony Capuano, Member
Mark Brodeau, Member
Len Clingham, Member
Paul Eno, Member

Also:

Robert Billington, President
Natalie Carter, Director of Operations
Bob Dombrowski, Explorer Captain

2. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm with a quorum present.

3. Minutes

On a MOTION by Ted Garille, seconded by Moe Rondeau, the minutes of the Apr 29, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

4. Treasurer's Report

Jackie Boudreau dispensed with the Treasurer's Report and presented the Proposed BVTC Budget for 2009/2010 dated 05/26/09. After a lengthy session of questions and answers Ms Boudreau recommended the budget be adopted. Ms. Boudreau recommended that next year a column be inserted during budget preparations to provide the latest version of the Budget estimates.

With a MOTION by Dave Richard's and seconded by Moe Rondeau the Proposed Budget for 2009/2010 was accepted.

5. President's Report and Old Business

Mr. Billington introduced Bob Dombrowski he noted the Blackstone Valley Explorer was in the river in Central Falls and running fine and he updated the Board on the fundraiser he is leading on behalf of the Explorer. He outlined the efforts of his hard-working committee and was pleased that the Blackstone Nightclub owned by Board Member LeFrancois was offering its use at no cost. Mr. Dombrowski offered tickets for the June 30 fundraiser for the Board to sell. The Board thanked Mr. Dombrowski for all of his leadership and the efforts of the Committee. The Board requested that the tickets noted a raffle was being held and that legal permission should be sought to obtain a license for the raffle.

Dave Balfour discussed the cost of running the Tour RI program and felt that costs of labor that are contributed by the Tourism Council and the other tourism districts should be recovered. Billington noted that he had a plan to discuss this with the Tour RI Committee. Billington explained that with a contribution from Helen Moroney, and in an effort to raise cash the Tourism Council was ready to launch a product line of Salsa and Dynamite Sauce along with it's Coffee Syrup.

Dave Richards asked if the Explorer was coming to Woonsocket this year? Billington noted that he was still trying to make that happen but that it was not in the current business plan for the Explorer but to the fact that it is a bare-bones schedule of operations.

He noted that he hoped the Canal Boat Samuel Slater would be able to float this year with the help of other organizations with funds

Billington asked members to please help with finding golfers for the Golf Tournament.

6. New Business

None

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, it adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Billington
President