

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, July 19, 2012 Aboard the Blackstone Valley Explorer

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Attendees:

David Balfour, Chair
Jacqueline Boudreau, Treasurer
Judy Fischbach, Member
Moe Rondeau, Member
Dave Richards, Member
Carl Freedman, Member

Absent:

Barry Mechanic, Vice Chair
Sue Tessier MacKenzie, Secretary
Louis Yip, Member
Debra Fournier, Member
Paul Eno, Member
Robert Conway, Member
Anthony Capuano, Member
Mark Brodeur, Member
Helen Moroney, Member
Ted Garille, Member
John Gregory, Member
Richard Murphy, Member
Keith Fayon, Member
John Lefrancois, Member

Also Attending:

Robert Billington, President
Natalie Carter, Director of Operations
Captain Joe Walkden
Educator Dianne Mailloux

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm with a quorum present.

3. Minutes

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Rondeau, seconded by Mr. Freedman the Minutes of the April 13, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Boudreau presented the Financial Reports dated 07/19/2012. She commented that there were positive signs in the budget due to a surplus in funds. There was a **MOTION** by Mr. Richards and seconded by Ms. Fischbach to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. 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

Billington introduced the idea of writing a Rhode Island Foundation grant to the Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence to help the Tourism Council with a Capacity-building, Leadership Plan, and Fund Development. The Board voted Unanimously upon a **MOTION** by Ms. Boudreau and a Second by Mr. Rondeau to approve submittal of the application for grant funding to the Rhode Island Foundation.

6. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board except for the pending river cruise on the Blackstone Valley Explorer

7. **Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Rondeau and a Second by Mr. Richards, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Billington, Ed. D.
President