

Board of Director Minutes

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting August 12, 2009 In the Council Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Attendees:

Dave Balfour, Chair
Helen Moroney, Member
Len Clingham, Member
Jackie Boudreau, Treasurer
Dave Richards, Member
Ted Garille, Member
Moe Rondeau, Member
Barry Mechanic, Member
Richard Murphy, Member

Absent:

Louise Boulanger, Vice Chair
Sue Tessier Mackenzie, Secretary
John Lefrancois, Member
Louis Yip, Member
Najwa Murphy, Member
Robert Conway, Member
Anthony Capuano, Member
Mark Brodeau, Member
Paul Eno, Member
Also Attending:
Robert Billington, President
Natalie Carter, Director of Operations

2. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm with a quorum present.

3. Minutes

On a MOTION by Moe Rondeau, seconded by Dave Richards, the Minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. Dave Richards noted a spelling error in his name in the Minutes that will be corrected for the files.

4. Treasurer's Report

Jackie Boudreau dispensed with the Financial Reports presented dated 08/11/09. Ms Boudreau noted that the reports appeared in order and recommended the reports be accepted as submitted.

With a MOTION by Mrs. Moroney and seconded by Mr. Clingham, the Financial Reports dated 08/11/09 for the Tourism Council were accepted as submitted

5. President's Report and Old Business

Mr. Billington introduced and updated the Board on the following projects and programs

RIDOT Enhancement Proposal "A Fresh Beginning"

New Tour program for Day Tours: In you Own Backyard

The Polar Express negotiations with Rail Events

The Weekly Secret Ingredient Food Tours

The Lincoln May 2010 train tour

The Fall train tour to Putnam Connecticut

The Dragon Boat Festival

A car donation from Tom Ward

The Annual Meeting 2009

East Providence's potential to join the Blackstone Valley tourism development efforts

The RIPBS Advertising program we are purchasing for the JHCBRVNHCC

Our participation in Rhode Trips with RI Monthly

The Call/Times Guest Editorials on the Blackstone Valley

The Sustainable Tourism Lab's participation at ESTO 2009

The Sustainable Tourism Lab's participation at the Carmel Indiana Tourism Conference

The September 22nd, River User's Conference

The Safety conversations being discussed with the Cumberland Police and the Valley Falls Fire Department

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Team summer program with Family Resources in Woonsocket

The Woonsocket River Landing update

The William Blackstone Society new inductees Donna Houle and Gary Furtado.

6. New Business

Billington asked the Board if they wanted to take a position on the expansion of the T.F. Green Airport? The Providence Warwick CVB took a position at a recent meeting and their President requested BVTC consider taking a position. The Board respectfully requested by unanimous consent not to take a position on T.F. Green Airport Expansion at this time.

Moe Rondeau suggested Billington speak with the Cumberland Lincoln Boys and Girls Club to participate in the Rubber Ducky Race. It may be a way to raise funds for the Council and for the Club.

Balfour suggested we reformat the William Blackstone Society induction ceremony to be more respectful to the Society's mission and membership.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Board adjourned at 1:12 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Billington
President

