

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting
Blackstone Valley Tourism Council
Pawtucket, RI

September 9, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – 12:04 p.m.

Attendees:

David Balfour, Chair
Keith Fayan, Secretary
Dave Richards, Member
Judy Fischbach, Member, Treasurer
Barry Mechanic, Vice Chair (by phone)

Absent:

Debra Fournier, Member
Paul Eno, Member
Louis Yip, Member
John Lefrancois, Member
Anthony Capuano, Member
Mark Brodeur, Member
Helen Moroney, Member

Also Attending:

Robert Billington, President
Natalie Carter, Director of Operations
Gayle Gifford, Cause and Effect, Inc.

2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the July 8, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting were approved unanimously by the Board upon a motion by Keith Fayan and a second by Judy Fischbach.

3. **Election of Board Members and Officers.** Keith Fayan, Chair of the Governing Committee, presented the following candidates for new Board members to serve for the term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017 and reviewed their qualifications:

Michael Gwynn
Thomas Kravitz
Courtney Iannuccilli
Lori Urso

Keith Fayan moved and Judy Fischbach seconded to accept the above candidates as new Board members. The motion carried unanimously.

Keith Fayan, Chair of the Governing Committee, presented the following members of the Board for re-election for the term October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017:

David Balfour
Keith Fayan
Judith Fischbach
Debra Fournier
Barry Mechanic
Dave Richards
Louis Yip

Keith Fayan motioned and Judy Fischbach seconded to accept the above candidates for re-election to the Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

Keith Fayan, Chair of the Governing Committee, nominated Helen Fairbrother Moroney to serve as Director Emeritus for the term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. There was discussion including placing a cap on the number of Directors Emeriti, which will be considered at the next Governing Committee Meeting. Keith Fayan moved and Barry Mechanic seconded to elect Helen Fairbrother Moroney to the position of Director Emeritus of the Board. With the provision that Mr. Billington will call Mrs. Moroney to congratulate her on becoming the first Director Emeritus of the Board, the motion was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mr. Balfour and Mr. Richards, who abstained.

Mr. Fayan, Chair of the Governing Committee, presented the following for election as officers of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc.:

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| David Balfour | President | October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2017 |
| Barry Mechanic | Vice President | October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016 |
| Keith Fayan | Secretary | October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016 |
| Judith Fischbach | Treasurer | October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016 |

Dave Richards moved and Judy Fischbach seconded to elect the nominated officers. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Billington congratulated the officers and thanked them for their hard work.

4. New Board Members and Introductions. The four new Board members Michael Gwynn, Thomas Kravitz, Courtney Iannuccilli and Lori Urso arrived at the meeting and were introduced.

5. Treasurer's Report. Judy Fischbach presented the Treasurer's Report which consisted of the Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2014. Upon a motion by Keith Fayan and a second by Lori Urso, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as presented.

6. Strategic Planning Update and Input. Gayle Giffords from Cause and Effect, Inc. updated the Board on the status of the strategic planning work with the staff at the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. Board members received a draft summary of the current status of the strategic plan as of August 15, 2014. Gayle continues to work with staff and is seeking community input. She explained the process to the Board and answered questions.

7. President's Report. Dave Richards moved and Tom Kravitz seconded to accept Mr. Billington's report. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment. After a motion by Dave Richards and a second by Judy Fischbach, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Loos
Blackstone Valley Tourism Council