

Board of Director Minutes

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting October 16, 2009 In the Council Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Attendees:

Dave Balfour, Chair
Len Clingham, Member
Jackie Boudreau, Treasurer
Najwa Murphy, Member
Moe Rondeau, Member
Barry Mechanic, Member

Absent:

Louise Boulanger, Vice Chair
Sue Tessier Mackenzie, Secretary
Helen Moroney, Member
Richard Murphy, Member
John Lefrancois, Member
Louis Yip, Member
Dave Richards, Member
Ted Garille, 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 Len Clingham and seconded by Moe Rondeau, the Minutes of the August 12, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

4. Treasurer's Report

Jackie Boudreau dispensed with the Income Statement presented dated 10/15/09. Ms Boudreau noted that the reports appeared in order. Later in the meeting the Balance Sheet dated 10/16/09 was presented and reviewed. Ms. Boudreau requested a meeting be scheduled between her, Natalie and our Bookkeeper to discuss the future formatting of the financial reports. Natalie will schedule that meeting.

5. President's Report and Old Business

Mr. Billington discussed the Annual Dinner and its success. He asked the Board to consider how we need to step-up the Annual Dinner for our 25th Anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2010. Dave Balfour suggested that each member of the Board should feel responsible to attend the meeting and bring guests. Len Clingham suggested that participants in the meeting may not know the cost of the chicken dinner is high and that leads to a high ticket price. He felt we should explain the values more.

Dave Balfour suggested we invite the Twin River Dog Owners to support the Annual Dinner. The Board discussed the idea of each town and city in the Blackstone Valley hosting a table.

Billington explained that Travel Experiences Trade Show for 2009 will be delayed to 2010.

The Annual Elections of Officers will be held on December 18, 2009 at 11am at the Tourism Council offices.

Billington thanked Barry Mechanic for his support in promoting the Back Yard Bus Tours and the Secret Ingredient Tours.

Billington noted that Gourmet Magazine promoted our Chicken Family Style restaurants in a their August 2009 issue.

6. New Business

Moe Rondeau wanted the Tourism Council to investigate the fact that other states are barring certain on-line hotel booking companies from doing business in their state because they are not paying proper taxes to the state. Billington agreed to contact the Attorney General's office.

7. Adjournment

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

Robert D. Billington
President