

NEWPORT COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

12:00 PM

Held at

The Gateway Information Center

3rd Floor Meeting Room

MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Chairman Len Panaggio.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Len Panaggio, Stephen Coyne, Laurie Stroll, Greg Fater, Brian Arnold, Donna Kohler, Charron Reed, Karen Oakley, Susan Samson, Pieter Roos, Rocky Kempenaar, Ed Silveira, Bill Enos

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT & EXCUSED WERE:

Katie Wilkinson, William Clarke

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT & NOT EXCUSED WERE:

None

STAFF PRESENT WERE:

Evan Smith, Kathryn Farrington, Tim Walsh, Cathy Morrison, Deb

Gatta, Ellen Crawley

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Jonathan Stevens – City of Newport

Len Panaggio requested that the board members introduce themselves to new board member William Enos.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report for August, 2009 was read by Evan Smith. City Bed Tax for June, 2009 was down 9.58% and Regional Bed Tax was down 17.09% for a combined YTD bed tax of -11.65%. Evan reviewed the revenues and receivables for the month of August, 2009. A motion to accept the treasurer's report for August was made by Len Panaggio and seconded by Karen Oakley. The motion passed unanimously.

II. SPECIAL ELECTIONS:

- A motion to reappoint board members Bill Clark, representing large hotels, Pieter Roos, representing attractions, Greg Fater, representing restaurants, Charron Reed, representing small hotels, was made by Ed Silveira and seconded by Karen Oakley. The motion passed unanimously. These members will serve a two year term.**
- For the public seat at large there were three candidates. A vote by paper ballot was taken, Laurie Stroll of Newport Hospitality, was reappointed as a board member representing the public by a majority**

vote.

- **Len Panaggio requested nominations for officers of the board of directors to be in by the next board meeting.**

III. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The previous meeting minutes for August 11, 2009 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Greg Fater and seconded by Stephen Coyne, one abstention by Bill Enos. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Evan Smith reported on his various past and future activities including his attendance in Washington, DC, to the US Travel Association Leadership Summit to lobby for the Travel Promotion Act.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SALES AND MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- **Laurie Stroll reported the Sales and Marketing Committee met and discussed the Newport County and Bristol County merge, the name change for the NCCVB and the inclusion of Bristol County in the Travel Guide. Discussion followed.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- **An event will be held at O'Brien's Pub on 9/26 returning a flag (to the**

National Museum of Australia) that has been in the Pub's possession as a gift when the Australia II won the cup for the race on 9/26/1983.

A replacement flag will be presented for the original.

- **A discussion took place to change the date of the next board meeting. It will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 10am at the Gateway Center.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Panaggio and seconded by Ed Silveira. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.

The next NCCVB board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14th @ 10:00am

At the Gateway Information Center, 3rd floor meeting room