

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 26, 2013**

**A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on March 26, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Bernie Buonanno, Joe DeLorenzo and Dale Venturini.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Kim Keough and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Nancy Beauchamp and Debbie Tuton, RICC; Larry Lepore and Beth Johnson, DDC; Dan Schwartz, VETS; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM.**

**Mr. Buonanno asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLorenzo and seconded by Ms. Venturini it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the February meeting**

**Mr. Buonanno recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the**

**Committee. Mr. Lepore presented the financial report for the Dunk. Mr. Lepore noted that February's net income was negative to budget due mostly to unfavorable Ticketmaster rebates and increased operational costs. Mr. Lepore stated that year to date numbers continue to be positive to last year.**

**Mr. Buonanno commented that Providence College had played a great game on Monday night and they seem to be headed in the right direction. Mr. Lepore reported that both the Providence Bruins and Providence College Basketball are both doing better than last year. Mr. Lepore reported that we have added a concert to the schedule and are in negotiations for a foam event for the Fall.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that an RFP for a new sound system had been issued and there were several firms that attended the mandatory walkthrough. Mr. Lepore also reported that the Dunk staff is putting together an RFP for a new basketball floor. He stated that we will look to Providence College's assistance with the floor.**

**Mr. Lepore was pleased to announce that Paula Abdul is moving forward with her cheerleading competition. He noted that both facilities will be utilized and that this is a great opportunity to get in on the ground floor of something that could be profitable. Mr. Buonanno asked if we expect to make any money on the hockey tournament. Mr. Lepore said that we hope to draw 6,000 fans per day but it is questionable whether it will be profitable.**

**Mr. DeLorenzo asked where we stand with union labor negotiations. Mr. Lepore said that we have had several meetings. Discussion ensued regarding the current work rules. Mr. Lepore stated that the contract could go to mediation.**

**Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. DeLorenzo it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:32 PM**