

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

**April 23, 2013**

**A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on April 23, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Dale Venturini, Jeff Hirsh and Paul MacDonald.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Kim Keough and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; John McGinn and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; PWCVB; Daniel Schwartz, VETS; Larry Lepore, DDC, Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel, and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 1:43 PM.**

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

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

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

**Committee. Mr. Lepore presented the financial report for the Dunk. Mr. Lepore noted that March's net income was positive to budget and positive to the prior year. Mr. Lepore stated that year to date numbers were negative to budget but positive to the prior year.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that wrestling will be back in July and we expect that will be a sell out crowd. Mr. Lepore noted that new shows have been added to the schedule including Jeff Dunham in September and Feld will be bringing a motorcycle show called "Screamin Demon" as well a a Disney stage show.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that an RFP for a new sound system had been issued and two responses were received. Mr. Lepore said that although Ambient Sound's bid was \$424,000 and the competing firm's bid was \$370,000 Ambient Sound met the criteria that we were looking for in the system. Mr. Lepore said that the other firm did not meet our needs and they were just adding to the system that we already have. Mr. Lepore stated that he would recommend Ambient Sound.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that new LED lighting will be installed in the arena and that National Grid will be paying 70% of the cost. He said that the installation will start this Summer.**

**Mr. Lepore was pleased to report 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 not only for the buildings but also for local vendors.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that prior to the Boston bombing suspect's capture we were asked to host the Boston Bruins hockey game in the event that the lockdown of Boston was still in place. Mr. Lepore said that we would have been prepared and pleased to host the game and it is a complement to this facility that the Bruins they would move their game to the Dunk.**

**Mr. Hirsh 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. MacDonald it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 1:50 PM**