

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

September 24, 2013

A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on September 24, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Jim Bennett, Jeff Hirsh and Paul MacDonald.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, RICC; Daniel Schwartz, VETS; Larry Lepore and Cheryl Cohen, DDC and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

Mr. MacDonald asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the June meeting

Mr. MacDonald announced that the Dunkin' Donuts Committee would be meeting ON October 22nd.

Mr. MacDonald recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore presented the financial report for the Dunk. Mr. Lepore noted that net income for August was positive to budget and negative to the prior year.

Mr. Lepore thanked the Police Chief for the support that the Department provided during the foam event. Mr. Lepore noted that a great of credit for the successful event goes to our own staff. He said that we have set the tone for the industry in how a show of this type should be done. Mr. Lepore noted that we had a physician as well as our own EMT group prepared for any emergency. Mr. Bennett asked what steps were taken to insure the safety of our patrons. Mr. Lepore said that there was extra police presence with horses and a canine unit. Mr. Lepore said that we made sure that every patron had a ride home including adults. Mr. Bennett asked if this is something you want to do more often. Mr. Lepore stated that we want to do more of these shows if we sell tickets. He noted that the window of opportunity is short because the event attracts college students just when they are returning to school. Mr. Lepore stated that we will always be concerned and vigilant in our efforts to keep our patrons safe.

Mr. Lepore reported that Wrestlemania and the X Factor are interested in returning to the Dunk. Mr. Lepore reported that he had heard from two artists that are looking for rehearsal space and he is hopeful that one or possibly both will use the building.

Discussion ensued regarding corridor branding for Providence College. Mr. Lepore stated that Fox has plans to film in the corridor and dressing rooms. He said that we would pay for wallpaper patterned with Dunkin' Donuts Center in the background and the remainder of the branding would be Providence College expenses.

Mr. MacDonald asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:00 PM