**Blackstone River Watershed Council/Friends of the Blackstone**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 19, 2022**

**Meeting location: Viz ZOOM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**:  an ‘x’ indicates the member was in attendance

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| x | John Marsland, President | x | Kevin Burns |   |  |
| x | Nick Wentzell, Vice President | x | Bob Charpentier | x | Randy Tuomisto |
| x | Eric Listenfelt, Treasurer | x | Alice Clemente | x | Luke Thorpe |
| x | Cris Sherman, Secretary | x | Keith Hainley |  |  |
| x | Frank Matta, Past President | x | Francine Jackson |  |  |
|  |  | x | Vin Mancini |  |  |
|  |  |  | John O’Brien | x | Suzanne Matta |
|  |  | x | Arthur Plitt |  | Ed Ferreira (Advisor) |

*Note that any items in ‘red’ are to-do items*

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

**Guest:** Molly Cardoza, VIP Coordinator

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Vinmentioned he and Frank and John met with Cris Sherman and spoke to her about the position as Secretary. **MOTION** by Vin to appoint Cris as new Secretary. John wanted to know if we were going to have a Q&A session first. Email at crissherman@cox.net. Second by Randy. Motion passes.

**MINUTES: MOTION** by Vin to accept minutes from November 2021. Motion passed

*Cris joined the meeting at 6:45 pm*

**TREASURERS REPORT:**  Eric stated he sent out the report to the board; he covered the eoy numbers. He stated the status of the funds including unrestricted. We missed the grant funds this year for WQM; we have a negative cash flow of (4,044.38). **MOTION** by Randy to accept report. Motion passed.

**2022 PROPOSED BUDGET:** Eric discussed the proposed budget for 2022. We are getting $4500 from Cumberland and Lincoln as a budget line item; $1000 from RI Rivers Council; $1500 from Needs Assessment; Expenses: $600 for web site; $2500 for WQM; $125 RICA and Land and Water Summit $250 possible; We also spend 400 for Narragansett Bay commission fund and we spend the same; $500 for event insurance for canoes; $2750 for WQM funds; $7500 in donations expected. **MOTION** by Randy to approve the budge as presented. Motion passed

**Conservation Law Foundation**: John said we were approached by CLF regarding heavy metals being deposited into river near Pawtucket Water Supply in Central Falls. John, Frank and Dave Newton viewed the area; CLF will set up a meeting for all parties; We will wait to hear. The old Stateline Scrap is the offender. BRWC made them aware of the problem. Caused by rain water cascading through the metal piles.

**ZAP 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING**:

**BLACKSTONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT**:

**BLUE MIND:**

**FUNDRAISING:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  Legislative Grant

**Old BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING**:

Meeting adjourned at pm

*Respectfully submitted,*

 *, Secretary*