



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 6:30 pm
Home of Bill Thibodeau and Deborah Hall, Cumberland, RI

ATTENDEES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sal Sauco, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Guilbault, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Hall, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Hohler, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Petit, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Keighley, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Petit, Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Pike, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Boucher, Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glen Sampson, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Conway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Thibodeau, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucille Guilbault, Board Member | |

President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

- Approval of April 23, 2023 meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. Lucille Guilbault seconded. All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed.
- 2023 RIBA Hall of Fame recap** – The event went well. The food was good in terms of quality and quantity. Attendance was good and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. The honorees brought a lot of family and friends. We agreed to start thinking about how to get even more people to attend in the future. The nominating committee will start working on next year's nominations. We discussed ideas for how to improve the program in the future. Lucille Guilbault was commended for the award display she put together.
- Bayside Bluegrass concerts review** – Sal commended everyone involved. We discussed ideas to boost attendance and better publicize the shows. The concert series will restart in the fall.
- Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic** – We have booked Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24 at Fredrich's Farm in Warren, RI. The following schedule has been proposed:
 - Friday night** – open mic, camping
 - Saturday day** – workshops
 - Saturday night** – show, camping
 - Sunday** – band scramble, pick-nic, jamming

Several bands were discussed to potentially perform. We should start promoting the event soon. Sal Sauco will create a graphic and send to Diane Petit for use in creating the web event and Facebook event, and other promotional materials. Food options discussed were: Friday night – soup, Saturday night – pizza, etc., Sunday – meatball sandwiches, hot dogs, etc. We may need to purchase a new tent to cover the stage.

Action	Person Responsible
Create promotional graphic	Sal Sauco
Send graphic to Diane Petit	Sal Sauco
Prepare web event for ticket sales	Diane Petit

6. **Podunk Bluegrass Festival Kid's Academy** – The team will include Sal Sauco, Debbie Hall, and Jeremy Place.
7. **Social media** – It was decided that we should have an Instagram account. Sal Sauco and Diane Petit will coordinate on the creation of the account.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, July 30, 2023, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary