Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes
Sunday, February 26, 2023, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

☒ Sal Sauco, President
☒ Debbie Hall, Vice President
☒ Diane Petit, Secretary
☒ Ted Petit, Treasurer
☒ Susan Boucher, Board Member
☒ Denise Conway
☒ Lucille Guilbault, Board Member

☒ Richard Guilbault, Board Member
☒ Bob Hohler, Board Member
☒ Paul Keighley, Board Member
☐ Charlie Pike, Board Member
☒ Glen Sampson, Board Member
☒ Bill Thibodeau, Board Member

President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. **Approval of January 22, 2023 meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. Lucille Guilbault seconded. All were in favor.

2. **Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. Ted Petit recommended changing some verbiage in the scholarship program description. Sal Sauco will check to see if we still have a non-profit account with Wix. Lucille moved to accept the report. All were in favor.

Action	Person Responsible
Check Wix to see if we are charged non-profit rate.	Sal Sauco
Review scholarship description	Lucille Guilbault

3. **Elections** – Elections are to be held at the March meeting, per the by-laws. Diane Petit will send out the call for nominations this week and elections will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Action	Person Responsible
Send out the call for nominations to all members	Diane Petit

4. **Table at Rock Hearts concerts** – Bill Thibodeau reported that several venues where the Rock Hearts will be playing in the next few months are open to RIBA having an information table. Diane Petit can supply brochures and signage for someone to set up at the events. Glen might be able to set up and staff.

Action	Person Responsible
Compile informational materials and signage, and transfer to Glen	Diane Petit
Set up and staff the information table at the concerts	Glen Sampson

5. **2023 RIBA Hall of Fame** – Bill Thibodeau reported that the committee has selected the Neon Valley Boys and Amy Orlomoski 2023 inductees. This year, we will have a new category: Bluegrass Pioneers, which will be an honorable mention designation and four "pioneers" will be recognized. This year's Bluegrass Pioneers will be Randy Hawkins, The Lil y Brothers, Al Hawkes, and Gert Hall. Rich Guilbault, Bill and Deb wrote up criteria for the Hall of Fame. Rich will present the criteria at the event. Sal moved to accept the nominations; all were in favor.

Action	Person Responsible
Paul will look into available Sundays at the Elks Lodge.	

6. **RIBA 10th Anniversary (2023)** – The 10th anniversary logo has been finalized. Sal Sauco will send the logo file to Ted Petit so that he can order shirts for this year's events and to Diane Petit for inclusion in all 2023 e-mail and social media communication.

Action	Person Responsible
Send 10th anniversary logo to Ted and Diane Petit	Sal Sauco
Include 10th anniversary logo in all 2023 communications	Diane Petit and Sal Sauco
Order 10th anniversary logo apparel	Ted Petit

7. **Bayside Bluegrass concerts at the Bay Spring Community Center recap –** Ted Petit proposed new procedures for handling the finances. Bands must provide a W9 and receipt for cash payment. Sal Sauco encouraged the board members to attend the concerts and assist with operations.

Action	Person Responsible
Ask bands to provide a W9 form and cash receipt for payment	Denise Conway
Attend and assist at the concerts	Board members

New business:

- **Richmond Smoke bluegrass shows** – Sal Sauco encouraged everyone to attend the shows and/or encourage others to attend to keep the shows going.

- **Slow jam** – Sal Sauco made recommendations for improvements, including changing the name to the RIBA Instructional Jam. Rich Guilbault will lead the March jam.

- **Commendation for Charlie Pike** – Debbie Hall commended Charlie Pike for hosting Billy Strings for a workshop at the Barn several years ago.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 19, 2023, 6:00 pm at Bill and Debbie's house in Cumberland.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary