



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sal Sauco, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Guilbault, Board Member |
| <input 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, Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Thibodeau, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucille Guilbault, Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Horton, member |
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President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

1. **Approval of March 24, 2024 meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. Ted Petit seconded. All were in favor.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Ted Petit distributed the Hall of Fame report, which was discussed. Sal Sauco moved to accept the report. Lucille seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **2024 RIBA Hall of Fame recap** – Sal Sauco said that he thought the event was a success and all favorable comments were received. Attendees enjoyed the performance by Stoneface Mountain. For next year, we'll investigate additional revenue sources including options such as holding a raffle and/or getting sponsors. Sal congratulated the board on a great job with planning, set up and breakdown.
4. **Amendment of by-laws to remove the Director position** – Sal Sauco moved that we remove the position from the by-laws. All were in favor. Diane Petit will update the by-laws document and the website.
5. **Venue for instructional jam** – Sal Sauco moved to change the location of the instructional jam to the Barrington United Methodist Church and to pay the church \$100 twice a year. Denise Conway will send a letter to the Bay Spring Community Center board thanking them for hosting the instructional jam for the past three years. Diane Petit will update the website and Sal and Diane will notify members and the public via social media and email.
6. **2024 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic planning** – The festival date is set for September 20-22, 2024 at Frerichs Farm in Warren, RI. Sal Sauco suggested that we remove Pick-nic from the name. All were in favor. Potential bands and rates were discussed. It was agreed that we should advertise that the event will move indoors in case of rain to encourage attendance. We will start promoting the festival as soon as the bands are confirmed, which should be within the next 30 days.
7. **IBMA conference** – Bill Thibodeau asked if the board would be interested in having a booth in the trade show and sponsoring a showcase room at the IBMA conference. He will get back to us about cost. Sal Sauco suggested investigating grants.
8. **NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, May 19, 2024, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grill, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary