



## Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

### Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, November 26, 2023, 6:30 pm  
Home of Bill Thibodeau and Debbie 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 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 |   |

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

- Approval of November 5, 2023 meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. Ted Petit seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. Sal Sauco moved that we send a check to Music Camps North for a RIBA fellowship. All were in favor. Ted purchased the additional Zettle point-of-sale system. Ted Petit sent a check to Frerichs Farm for the David Frerichs Foundation.
- 2023 Holiday Party planning** – The party will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Elks Lodge in West Greenwich, RI. Food will be potluck. Sal Sauco and Diane Petit will publicize the party on the website, Facebook and via e-mail to members. We'll hold a gloves, hats, and socks drive for charity.

| Action  | Person Responsible      |
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| Reserve date at the Elks Lodge, West Greenwich. | Paul Keighley           |
| Post Facebook event.                            | Sal Sauco / Diane Petit |
| Post web event.                                 | Diane Petit             |
| Send e-mail invitation to members.              | Diane Petit             |
| Contact Stop & Shop about a cake donation.      | Debbie Hall             |

#### New Business

- 2024 RIBA Hall of Fame planning** – Diane Petit will send out a call for nominations. Deadline: two weeks from when the e-mail goes out. We will investigate potential venues. Proposed ceremony date: April 13<sup>th</sup>.

| Action                                | Person Responsible |
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| Send e-blast calling for nominations. | Diane Petit        |
| Investigate potential venues.         | All                |

5. **Strategy for large turnouts at the RIBA Instructional Jam** – Attendance at the monthly instructional jam (a.k.a. the slow jam) has been increasing. While this is a positive trend, the jam experience can be less enjoyable for participants when the group is large. We discussed strategies for large turnouts, including doing the instructional part with the whole group, then splitting into two smaller groups for jamming practice.
6. **IBMA convention** – Debbie Hall reported that the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority will submit a proposal to the International Bluegrass Music Association to host the conference in 2028, 2029, 2030. We should consider venues that might host bands that come for IBMA.
7. **Bluegrass concert series / Band Showcase** – Denise Conway said that bands have inquired about whether the Bayside Bluegrass concerts will resume at the Bay Spring Community Center. We determined that it wouldn't be feasible to continue the concert series, but we discussed the possibility of holding another band showcase, like we did in 2015, instead. A location in or near Providence would be ideal. Venue ideas were discussed, including high school auditoriums.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, January 7, 2023, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grill, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary*