



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, August 6, 2023, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, 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 type="checkbox"/> Bill Thibodeau, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucille Guilbault, Board Member | |
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President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. **Approval of June 4, 2023 meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. Ted Petit seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. We discussed strategies to increase participation in the scholarship and fellowship programs, including outreach to schools with strong music programs such as Barrington. Denise Conway will contact the Barrington High School music director. Ted moved that Denise investigate interest within the Barrington High School music program. We received a grant from the Carter Trust through the Rhode Island Foundation. The grant can be used for festival operations. The trust would like recognition in announcements. Diane will send a thank you letter and will include a mention of the support in festival publicity and signage.
3. **Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic** – The festival will take place Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24 at Fredrich's Farm in Warren, RI. Logistical details are outlined in the event plan. Here are a few highlights:
 - According to correspondence from Charlie Pike, Elizabeth Brown donated a 10x20 tent with sides. This tent will be used for a workshop or jam tent, or similar purpose.
 - Debbie Hall will purchase a 10x20 tent for the stage.
 - Ted Petit moved that we should explore purchasing LED lights for the stage and battery packs to run them. All were in favor.
 - Paul Keighley will make recommendations regarding food.
 - It was suggested that Diane Petit produce a festival program and a schedule sign.
 - Sal Sauco will check with Bill Thibodeau about how much each of the bands will be paid.
 - Sal Sauco will check with Charlie on the Port-a-potties and canopy donation.
 - Everyone can contact food/beverage/ice cream trucks to supplement our food.

Action	Person Responsible
Purchase a 10x20 tent for the stage.	Debbie Hall
Send information on LED lights to Ted Petit.	Sal Sauco
Purchase battery pack(s), if it is determined that they will be able to power the lights for the duration of the open mic and show.	Ted Petit
Make recommendations regarding food.	Paul Keighley
Produce a festival program and schedule sign.	Diane Petit
Check with Bill Thibodeau about band payment rates.	Sal Sauco
Check with Charlie Pike about port-a-potty reservation and status of donated tent.	Sal Sauco
Contact food, beverage and ice cream trucks to supplement food provided by RIBA.	Everyone

New Business

- Glenn Sampson made a connection with a theatre in Providence that might be a potential concert venue.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, September 10, 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