



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, January 22, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Thibodeau, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucille Guilbault, Board Member | |

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

- Approval of December 4, 2022 meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
- 2022 Holiday Party recap** – All agreed that the party was a success. Forty-one people attended. The new polo shirts were well received (14 sold). Everyone had a good time. Idea for next time: have a band scramble.
- Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. There were several new memberships. Bob Hohler moved to accept the report. All were in favor.

Action	Person Responsible
Send check to Frerich's Farm	Ted Petit

- 2023 RIBA Hall of Fame** – The committee is still working on the selection of inductees. The Imperial Room is not available. Paul Keighley will check with the Coventry-West Greenwich Elks Lodge on dates in April and May (Fridays and Saturdays).

Action	Person Responsible
Check with the Elks Lodge on available dates in April and May	Paul Keighley

- RIBA 10th Anniversary (2023)** – The 10th anniversary logo has been finalized. Hats and polos will be ordered. We will announce 10th anniversary activities on social media and will look for publicity opportunities such as Glenn Lawrence's bluegrass radio show.

Action	Person Responsible
Send logo file to Ted Petit, who will order shirts.	Sal Sauco
Draft social media posts and a news release	Sal Sauco, Diane Petit
Contact Glenn Lawrence to pitch RIBA 10 th anniversary story	

6. **Possible concerts at the Bay Spring Community Center** – Bands are interested in performing. Options for compensating the community center include \$50 per hour to rent building or a 30/70 percent split of ticket sales with 30 percent going to the center. Ticket prices will be \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Sal will design a poster to promote the first concert. Denise needs dates from bands. We will have RIBA information and merchandise on hand at the events. Bill Thibodeau suggested additional music venues where RIBA could have a presence. Side note: the band page needs to be updated. Diane will contact bands to renew membership.

Action	Person Responsible
Confirm dates with interested bands.	Denise Conway
Confirm financial arrangement with the BSCC	Denise Conway
Design promotional poster	Sal Sauco
Promote first concert	Sal Sauco, Denise Conway, Diane Petit
Coordinate logistics for first concert	Denise Conway, Paul Keighley, Diane Petit
Contact bands listed on band page for membership renewal	Diane Petit
Update band page	Diane petit

7. **Scholarship program / outreach to schools** – Bill and Deb will check with Alex MacLeod about school outreach. Sal will create a post on Facebook about the scholarship program.

Action	Person Responsible
Check with Alex MacLeod about school outreach.	Diane Petit
Post about the scholarship program on Facebook.	Sal Sauco

8. **Bluegrass teacher web page** – We will reinstate a Teachers/Lessons page on the website. Sal Sauco and Bob Hohler would like to be listed. Teachers (for possible listings) will be recruited through word of mouth.

Action	Person Responsible
Create a Teachers web page.	Diane Petit

9. **Slow jam** –Rich Guilbault was thanked for leading the January slow jam. Bob Hohler volunteered to lead the February slow jam.

10. **Festival/Pick-nic** – We will continue to explore potential venues for future years.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, February 26, 2023, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary