



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, November 5, 2023, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sal Saucó, 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 Saucó called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

- Approval of September 10, 2023 meeting minutes** – Sal Saucó moved to approve the minutes. Ted Petit seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. Ted Petit gave the financial report for the Ocean State Bluegrass Festival. Sal Saucó moved that we purchase an additional Zettle point-of-sale system.
- Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic recap** – Sal Saucó said that he thought we were better prepared for the event than in previous years. If not for the inclement weather, attendance would have been very good, based on advance ticket sales and the number of people who clicked "interested" on the Facebook event. The bands were excellent. It was fortunate that Frerichs Farm had a greenhouse available where we could hold the show and band scramble. The open mic, band scramble, and workshops were a hit with attendees. Next year, we should limit the number of camping tickets, as the camping area was at capacity this year. Sal moved that we send \$500 to Frerichs Farm for parking. Thank you letters will be sent to the following for raffle donations: Empire Guitars, Virginia Champagne, Rich and Lu Guilbault, Donna Dyer, David Horne, and Blount Fine Foods.

Action	Person Responsible
Send thank you letters for raffle donations.	Diane Petit
Purchase Zettle system.	Ted Petit
Send \$500 check to Frerichs Farm.	Ted Petit

- 2023 Holiday Party planning** – Paul Keighley will check with the Elks Lodge to see if the first Sunday in December is available. If not, he'll ask about early January dates. Food will be potluck. Sal Saucó and Diane Petit will publicize the party when the date is confirmed. We'll hold a glove, hat, and socks drive for charity.

Action	Person Responsible
Reserve date at the Elks Lodge, West Greenwich	Paul Keighley
Post Facebook event	Sal Saucó / Diane Petit
Post web event and send e-mail invitation to members	Diane Petit

New Business

5. **IBMA conference location search** – Debbie Hall reported that the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) is looking for new locations for its annual conference and has been in contact with the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority about the possibility of holding the event in Providence in future years. She said that hosting the conference is a multi-year commitment and Rhode Island facilities are already booked for several years out, so the earliest IBMA could come to Providence would be 2028 or beyond.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, November 26, 2023, 6:30 pm at the home of Bill Thibodeau and Debbie Hall in Cumberland, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary