



## Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

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### Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, January 27, 2019

6:30 pm

Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

#### ATTENDEES

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- Sal Sauco, President
- Bill Thibodeau, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Greg Crellin, Treasurer
- Debbie Hall, Board Member
- Ted Petit, Board Member
- Tom Pritchard, Outreach Director
- Richard Gilbeault, Member
- Lucille Gilbeault, Member
- Charlie Pike, Member
- Dave Frerichs, Guest
- Barbara Frerichs, Guest
- Meaghan Tweedie, Guest

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

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1. **Approval of December 8, 2018 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **New website update** – Diane reported that the new website is live but will be a work in progress as there is content that still needs to be migrated from the old site.
3. **Two-day RIBA event (proposed)** – Charlie invited Dave and Barbara Frerichs, owners of Frerichs Farm in Warren, RI to the meeting. They are interested in possibly hosting a two-day RIBA event where the first day would be a festival featuring local bands and a headliner band and the second day would be the annual Pick-nic. Possible dates in August and September were discussed. The farm has equipment, infrastructure and relationships necessary for staging this type of event. We discussed various scenarios for charging for admission, parking and/or camping. The board will make a site visit to the farm as soon as possible.
4. **Scholarship proposal** – Lucille presented a proposal for a scholarship program for students to further their bluegrass music education through special programs, conferences, etc. Sal moved to accept the proposal with changes as discussed. See attached.

5. **RIBA Hall of Fame 2019** – Sal will order the awards this week. We discussed sponsorships. Bill and Greg will create a sponsorship form. Debbie has made all arrangements with the Imperial Room regarding food, decorations, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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6. **Assembly Theater, Harrisville** – Bill has a contact who runs this 600-seat theater in Burrville. He proposed it as a possible site for the Band Showcase. Bill, Sal and Debbie will visit soon.
7. **Financial report** – See attached report.
8. **General business logistics (mailing address, donations)** – We discussed whether we needed to change the official RIBA mailing address. It was decided that no change was necessary. Diane will send out thank you notes for donations. Sal will give Diane the login for the [ribuegrass@gmail.com](mailto:ribuegrass@gmail.com) account.
9. **IBMA Leadership Bluegrass** – Tom was accepted to participate this year. We will support his travel.
10. **New Intermediate jam** – Tom is organizing this new monthly RIBA intermediate jam, which will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at Nick-a-Nees. The first jam will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> with site visit to Frerichs Farm, Warren.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

*Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary*