



## Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

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### Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, March 24, 2024, 6:30 pm  
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick, RI

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#### 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 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 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Horton, member             |
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President Sal Saucó called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. **Approval of March 3, 2024 meeting minutes** – Sal Saucó called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ted Petit moved and Paul Keighley seconded. All were in favor.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. Sal Saucó moved to accept the report. Jeff Horton seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **2024 RIBA Hall of Fame planning** – Jeff Horton will pick up the awards. It was noted that we should purchase a new banner for the future. Rich Guilbault will induct Joe Gallant. Bill Thibodeau will induct the South County Rounders. Diane Petit will make certificates for all the pioneers. Set up will begin at 4:00 pm. These and additional details are being tracking in the event check list.
4. **Appointment of board members for 2024** – Jeff Horton was appointed to the board. All other board members were reappointed.
5. **2024 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic planning** – The festival date is tentatively set for September 20-22, 2024 at Frerichs Farm in Warren, RI. Sal Saucó will confirm with Dave Frerich. Several bands were discussed as potential performers.
6. **IBMA membership** – Bill Thibodeau renewed RIBA's membership in the International Bluegrass Music Association. Bill will send the paperwork to Ted Petit for reimbursement. With our organizational membership, we get 10 voting memberships. This is the last year that the IBMA conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. Deborah Hall proposed having a RIBA table at the IBMA conference. Information about the conference is available on the IBMA website. We could also consider hosting a showcase for Rhode Island bands at the conference.
7. **Director position** – It was determined that this officer position is not needed. We will update the by-laws at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, April 28, 2024, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grill, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary*