



## Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

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### Board Meeting | Minutes

Monday, May 24, 2021

6:30 pm, online

#### ATTENDEES

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- Sal Sauco, President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Ted Petit, Treasurer
- Deborah Hall, Board Member
- Bill Thibodeau, Board Member
- Ted Hilliard, Member

President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

1. **Approval of April meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2021 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic** – Dave Frerich, owner of Frerichs Farm in Warren, RI agreed to host the festival on the weekend of September 18 and 19. Three bands will perform on Saturday night: Four Bridges, Rock Hearts and Redwood Hill (\$500 each). We should line up food vendors early and will consider having craft vendors, as well. A vendor charge of \$50 was discussed. We discussed some possible food vendors to contact. Sal will ask Noah at Nick-a-nee's for recommendations because he hires food trucks regularly. We should also start contacting companies for raffle donations soon.
3. **2020-2021 RIBA Hall of Fame** – The 2021 inductees will be Roger Williams and Nick Anderson. Debbie will contact the Imperial Room again to confirm whether or not they are permanently closed. She is checking also out other facilities. We discussed announcing the scholarship award at this event. We are still looking at an October timeframe.
4. **2021 Officer nominations/elections and board appointments** – Diane will send out a call for nominations. Elections at the June meeting.
5. **Member communications regarding restarting RIBA activities** – Diane will draft a message to be sent to all members, updating them on plans to restart RIBA activities this summer and fall, including the Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic, the Hall of Fame, and the slow jam. As of this meeting, Sal has been unable to reach Lisa at the Woodland Meeting House, so we may need to find another location for the slow jam.
6. **Treasurer's report** – Nothing new to report other than a \$29 expense.

7. **Podunk Bluegrass Festival Kid's Academy** – Bill cannot lead the Kid's Academy this year. Debbie and Sal will be teachers, but additional teachers are needed (up to six total). Other possible teachers: Diane, Kathy, Clara.
8. **Sponsorship of Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival** – Bill proposed that RIBA be a sponsor of the Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival. Sal moved to support the festival at the \$200 level. All were in favor and the motion carried. Diane will create a landing page on the website to track the return on investment via the unique URL.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, June 27, 6:30 pm, at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary*