



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, July 31, 2022, 6:30 pm

Home of Bill Thibodeau and Debbie Hall, Cumberland, RI

ATTENDEES

- Sal Sauco, President
- Debbie Hall, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Ted Petit, Treasurer
- Susan Boucher, Board Member
- Richard Guilbault, Board Member
- Lucille Guilbault, Board Member
- Bob Hohler, Board Member
- Paul Keighley, Board Member
- Glen Sampson, Board Member
- Bill Thibodeau, Board Member

President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Old business

1. **Approval of June 13, 2022 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2022 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic planning** – See the event plan for logistical details. Sal moved to buy a pop-up canopy to provide cover for parking volunteers at festival and for use at other events. All were in favor. Bob Hohler will purchase the canopy.
3. **Treasurer's report** – See attached treasurer's report. Ted reported that we incurred a penalty for filing the Rhode Island annual report late because the State of Rhode Island changed the due date without notification.
4. **Podunk Kids Academy** – Jeremy Place and Tom Pritchard will run the academy. Five children are registered. Ice cream will be provided on Friday night.
5. **RIBA 10th Anniversary (2023)** – ideas discussed:
 - Concert in an indoor venue.
 - Regional summit for New England bluegrass associations
 - Merchandise – polo shirts, t-shirts, hats (special edition)

We will continue to brainstorm additional ideas at future meetings.

New business

6. **Learner Loaner program** – A new coordinator is needed as Keith Barrette would like to step down from the coordinator role. Bob Hohler volunteered to be the new coordinator.

Thank you to Bill and Deb for hosting the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 15, 6:30 at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary