



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, February 4, 2024, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sal Saucó, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Guilbault, Board Member |
| <input 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 | |

President Sal Saucó called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- Approval of November 26, 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.
- 2023 Holiday Party recap** – The party was a success. Approximately 60 people attended. We discussed ideas to help offset the cost of this and other events, including advertising and sponsorships. People seemed to like that it was held after Christmas.
- 2024 RIBA Hall of Fame planning** – The nominating committee is almost ready to announce this year's Hall of Fame honorees and Bluegrass Pioneers. The proposed ceremony date is Sunday, April 14th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm at the Elks Lodge. Rich Guilbault suggested having a band perform a short set during the cocktail hour before the ceremony begins. Sal Saucó will try to find a band that might be interested in playing.

Action	Person Responsible
Find a band to perform during the cocktail hour.	Sal Saucó
Contact the honorees and Bluegrass Pioneers (or their families)	Rich Guilbault and Bill Thibodeau
Create the 2024 Hall of Fame graphic	Sal Saucó
Announce the Hall of Fame ceremony on the website, social media, and by e-mail.	Diane Petit and Sal Saucó

- Strategy for large turnouts at the RIBA Instructional Jam** – Attendance at the monthly instructional jam (a.k.a. the slow jam) has been increasing. We discussed ideas such as having two moderators and splitting the group.
- Discussion of 2024 officer nominations** – Diane will send out the call for nominations. Elections will be held at the next meeting.
- 2024 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic planning** – Sal will check with Frerichs Farm regarding September dates.

8. **Advertising on the website** – Diane created a new Services page where local music-related service providers can be listed for a \$25 fee. We have one company listed so far and should promote the page to recruit additional listings. We also discussed putting ads on the Calendar page, as that is the most-viewed page on the site.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 3, 2024, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grill, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary