



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, August 12, 2018

6:30 pm

Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

- Sal Sauco, President
- Bill Thibodeau, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Greg Crellin, Treasurer
- Tom Pritchard, Outreach Director
- Debbie Hall, Board Member
- Glenn Sampson, Board Member

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of July 15, 2018 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2018 RIBA Pick-nic** – Charlie and Greg will go shopping for food. Raffle donations are coming in. We should solicit more items. Glen has directional signs. Bill is organizing workshops on vocals, history, banjo and jamming. Hats have been ordered and will be sold at the event.
3. **Podunk Kids Academy recap** – Fourteen kids participated. All were happy with this year's academy, including the parents and the festival organizers. Played five songs. The participants benefited from the strong partnership between RIBA and the Podunk Festival. We will post photos to the website and the Facebook page.
4. **Band Showcase** – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Treasurer's report / finance statement** – There was no change from last month's statement.
6. **Website** – Greg discussed charges from Wix; one was reversed, then there were no new charges after that. All agreed that the site would benefit from an updated look and other improvements. Diane will work on redesigning the site and Sal will review.
7. **Gibson Hill Festival** – Bill suggested that perhaps RIBA could become more involved in this festival in the future. It was recommended that Bill offer his professional advice to festival organizers, and if he sees a possible role for RIBA, he will make a formal proposal to the board to approve.
8. **RIBA Board Retreat** – We are on track to hold this one-day meeting on Saturday, October 13th.
9. **Christmas party** – Charlie has reserved the American Legion Post in Swansea for Saturday, Dec. 8th.

10. **Don Julin mandolin workshop** – Don has offered to do a two-hour mandolin workshop for up to 20 people at the Big Red Barn in Rehoboth on October 21st or 28th. RIBA would not be a sponsor but we can help promote the workshop.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, September 16th at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary