



## Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

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### Board Meeting | Minutes

September 22, 2019

6:30 pm

Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

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#### ATTENDEES

- Sal Sauco, President
- Richard Gilbeault, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Ted Petit, Treasurer
- Glenn Sampson, Board Member
- Monica Staaf, member
- Lucille Gilbeault, Board Member
- Bill Thibodeau, Board Member
- Charlie Pike, Board Member

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

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#### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of August meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2019 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic** – We reviewed the survey results and discussed our own thoughts regarding what went right and what could have been better. The following are issues that we'll consider when planning next year's event:
  - a. **No music on Sunday** – Some people were expecting bands on Sunday. We discussed having a band scramble or band contest next year.
  - b. **Food trucks** – We should arrange for more trucks, overbooking, if necessary, as back-up in case one doesn't show up.
  - c. **More volunteers needed** – There was not enough help for set-up and parking, in particular. More volunteers will be needed and better coordination is needed, as well.
  - d. **Waste management** – We should have trash barrels, dumpster.
  - e. **Lighting** – Lighting is needed at night for walkways and certain areas like the check-in/merch tent.
  - f. **Tents** – More tents are needed for shade and in case of rain. We will need fire extinguishers for the tents, per Rhode Island state law.

- g. **Seating** – We should make sure that people know to bring their own lawn chair.
- h. **Raffle** – We have to apply for a raffle permit from the RI state policy 60 days in advance. We also need a better procedure for drawing tickets.
- i. **No smoking signs** – We should have them

**3. FINANCES:**

- a. Sal moved that we give Dave Frerich \$200 for his son's memorial fund.
  - b. We need to order more hats and t-shirts.
4. **Follow up** - Diane will send thank you letters to all donors and volunteers. She will also do a certificate of appreciation for Dave and Barbara Frerich.
5. **Next meeting:** set date for next year, apply for grants, Holiday Party.

**NEXT MEETING:** Oct. 20, 2019, 6:30 pm, Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary*