



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

May 5, 2019

6:30 pm

Chelo's Bar & Grille, Warwick

ATTENDEES

- Sal Sauco, President
- Bill Thibodeau, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Debbie Hall, Board Member
- Richard Gilbeault, Member
- Lucille Gilbeault, Member
- Charlie Pike, Member
- Ted Petit, Treasurer

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of March 17, 2019 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2019 Hall of Fame re-cap** – See attached financial report. The venue cost more than last year. We should start seeking sponsors and grants for next year now. Although we didn't break even, the event was a success. We discussed other changes for next year, including: assigning someone to do the inductions and help them prepare their remarks for appropriate content and timing, formalizing the information package that's sent to inductees or their family in advance, doing a 50/50 raffle, and giving each previously inducted hall of fame member two tickets to the event.
3. **Two day RIBA event/Pick-nic** – Bill presented a proposed budget. We will develop a list of potential sponsors. Sponsors will get an ad in the program. Sal will send a sponsorship packets to board members. We will start promoting soon via e-blasts and the Frerichs Farm website. We need a name for the event. We'll brainstorm name ideas after this meeting but for now, we'll call it the Pick-nic +.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Treasurer's report** – See attached financial report. Ted conveyed Greg's comments sent via e-mail. Diane will send Greg a thank you letter for his service. Ted gave a summary of Greg's final financial report. Investigate what other organizations do regarding planned giving
5. **Website management and training** – Diane will arrange a time to meet with Sal and Debbie to go over the structure and management of the new website.
6. **Vice president vacancy** – Richard Guilbeault was elected to serve for the remainder of the year.
7. **Potential sponsors** – We brainstormed ideas for potential sponsors for the Pick-nic+ two day event and next year's Hall of Fame. Sal challenged all board members to identify 10 potential sponsors. We will need to compile statistics on RIBA and our events for communications with sponsors.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, June 16, 6:30 pm at Chelo's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary