



## Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

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### Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, August 1, 2021

6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

#### ATTENDEES

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- Sal Sauco, President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Ted Petit, Treasurer
- Bill Thibodeau, Board Member
- Glen Sampson, Board Member
- Denise Conway, Member
- Paul Kaleigh, Member

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

1. **Approval of June meeting minutes** – Sal Sauco moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2021 Vice President vacancy** – We have not received any nominations for Vice President, so we will do some individualized outreach and postpone the election until the next meeting.
3. **Board member appointments** – This discussion is postponed until the next meeting.
4. **2021 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic** – Food: Diane Petit will contact Muzzled hot dogs. Paul is contacting other food trucks. Logistics: We have not yet lined up a stage. Denise Conway will inquire about stage at Fiddle and Folk Festival. Paul Kaleigh has a sound system that might work. Lighting is needed for the site. Pick-nic: We discussed the possibility of having music on Sunday. Bill Thibodeau suggested finding a band(s) willing to do a 30 minute set/workshop. Paul Dube will do a slow jam. Bill Thibodeau is working on finding leaders for other workshops. Raffle: Companies that donated instruments and other items in the past will be contacted for donations. Other donations will be solicited through the Facebook page; e-blasts aren't a good option because spam filters often prevent such messages from reaching members.
5. **2020-2021 RIBA Hall of Fame** – Paul Kaleigh contacted the Elks Lodge in Coventry. It's available on November 6th. Location is convenient, just off I-95. The final rental cost and catering costs are to be determined. Induction speeches will be limited to 10 minutes each. Ted will provide check for the \$150 deposit. Sal will create an announcement.
6. **Podunk Bluegrass Festival** – The instructors will be Sal Sauco, Debbie Hall, Kathy Day, Tom Pritchard, Clara Guilmette, and Jeremy Place. RIBA was asked to do a slow jam on Saturday afternoon. Sal is trying to find a leader.
7. **Treasurer's report** – See attached report.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, August 29, 2021, 6:30 pm at Hometown Bar & Chelo's Grille.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary*