



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

- Sal Sauco, President
- Debbie Hall, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Ted Petit, Treasurer
- Richard Guilbault, Board Member
- Lucille Guilbault, Board Member
- Paul Keighley, Board Member
- Denise Conway, Board Member
- Bill Thibodeau, Board Member
- Gert Hall, guest/member

President Sal Sauco called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Old business

1. **Approval of July 31, 2022 meeting minutes** – Lucille Guilbault moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
2. **2022 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic planning** – See the event plan for logistical details.
3. **Podunk Kids Academy recap** – Jeremy Place ran the academy. Seventeen kids participated. It was a success. Podunk was gracious in providing ice cream, pizza and t-shirts.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – There was one membership renewal. Bill Thibodeau renewed RIBA's IBMA membership. Sal Sauco moved that Bill be reimbursed for the expense. All were in favor. Ted Petit moved that we renew our membership annually. All were in favor.
5. **RIBA 10th Anniversary (2023)** – Sal Sauco designed a 10th anniversary version of the logo, which he presented at the meeting, and looked into ordering hats with the anniversary logo. He had a sample at the meeting. Other anniversary commemoration ideas were discussed, including:
 - Concert in an indoor venue.
 - Regional summit for New England bluegrass associations
 - Merchandise – polo shirts, t-shirts, hats (special edition)
 - Time capsule
 - One-year free membership

We will continue to brainstorm additional ideas and may solicit additional ideas from members.

New business

6. **Scholarship program and outreach to schools** – We will discuss this at the next meeting. Debbie Hall will take the lead and work with Bill Thibodeau to develop a list of schools.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary