



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, April 3, 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
- Denise Conway, Board Member
- Paul Keighley, Board Member
- Glen Sampson, Board Member
- Richard Guilbault, Board Member
- Lucille Guilbault, Board Member
- Bob Hohler, Board Member
- Susan Boucher, Board Member

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

1. **Approval of March 6, 2022 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.
2. **Approval of proposed by-law revisions** – Sal moved to approve the by-laws as revised. All were in favor. The revised minutes were approved.
3. **2022 board member appointments** – The following board members were appointed for the 2022 term: Susan Boucher, Denise Conway, Lucille Guilbault, Richard Guilbault, Bob Hohler, Paul Keighley, Alex McLeod, Charlie Pike, Glen Sampson, and Bill Thibodeau.
4. **2022 RIBA Holiday Party location** – At the previous meeting, we discussed holding the party at the Coventry-West Greenwich Elks Lodge. Paul Keighly reported that the facility is only available on Fridays and Sundays in December. We discussed holding the party on the same day as the second Sunday jam. Paul will check on the availability of Dec. 11th. If the lodge is available, the party will be held following the jam, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.
5. **Bay Spring Community Center kids academy proposal** – Denise reported that the chairman of the BSCC asked if RIBA would consider hosting a kids academy at the center. Sal suggested that we try to gauge interest in the community first. All agreed that it would be important to ensure that parents understand what bluegrass instrumentation is and that the academy would teach jamming skills only; participants would need to have basic skills on their instruments. Sal will write a descriptive paragraph and send it to Denise.
6. **2022 RIBA Hall of Fame** – Tickets - Advance tickets will be \$20 for RIBA members and \$25 for non-members. At the door, tickets will be \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. Each honoree will receive five complimentary tickets. Induction presentations - Debbie Hall and Glen Sampson will work on Chuck Wentworth's bio. Debbie will do his induction at the event. Rich Guilbault sent Sky Travis' bio to Diane Petit and will do his induction. Program, website and slideshow – Rich Guilbault provided photos of Sky Travis to Diane Petit. Photos of Chuck Wentworth are still needed. Food – Food will consist of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and a cash bar. Paul Keighley is coordinating the food. A/V and sound equipment – Sal Sauco moved that RIBA purchase a 50-inch monitor to display the slide show at this event and for use at future events. All were in favor. Ted Petit will purchase the monitor. Sal will bring a PA speaker and microphone.
7. **Treasurer's report** – Ted Petit reported that \$110 in donations were received. See attached report for more details.

8. New business

- **2022 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic** – The event will be held again at Frerichs Farm in Warren, RI. Sal confirmed the dates with Dave Frerich: September 17 and 18.
- **Bluegrass Unlimited magazine** – Rich Guilbault is donating his collection of copies of Bluegrass Unlimited magazine to RIBA. We will take them to events and make them available to those who are interested.
- **IBMA membership** – Debbie Hall recommended renewing RIBA's IBMA membership, as it would provide benefits such as broader promotion of the Ocean State Bluegrass Festival.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 1, 2022, 6:30 pm at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary