



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

August 10, 2020

7:00 pm

Online

ATTENDEES

- Sal Saucó, President
- Bill Thibodeau, Vice President
- Diane Petit, Secretary
- Debbie Hall, Board Member
- Richard Guilbault
- Lucille Guilbault
- Charlie Pike

President Sal Saucó called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Note for the file: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RIBA board did not meet in March through July 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of February, 2020 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes with the correction that Richard and Lucille Guilbault were in attendance. All were in favor.
2. **2020 Hall of Fame** – The 2020 Hall of Fame will be postponed until next year, due to the pandemic. We paid a \$200 deposit. For those who purchased tickets, we will offer to honor the tickets in 2021 or they may request a refund.
3. **Learner Loaner instruments** – Bill has all the instruments at Bravo Music in Rehoboth, but the store is closed until further notice. Per COVID-19 safety procedures, instruments must sit for five days before they can be touched. If the store closes, Bill will need to find another storage location. Bill will contact Keith Barrett to ask if any instruments are out right now.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Discussion of election of officers and appointment of board members for 2020** – Sal moved that we continue with the current officers and board members for the remainder of 2020 and resume regular election and appointment procedures in 2021. All were in favor.
5. **Membership renewals for 2020** – Because all RIBA events and programs were canceled this year, Sal moved to waive membership renewals for 2020. All were in favor.
6. **Member communications** – Sal will draft a letter to members to inform them that all RIBA events and programs are canceled for this year and that membership renewals are waived.

7. **Treasurer's report** – Diane reported that Ted filed the required federal and state tax documents (IRS 990 and RI 631) and paid the associated fee. Sal moved to reimburse Ted. All were in favor. Sal will send Ted an e-mail authorizing him to write a check to reimburse himself. Ted was on travel and did not attend this meeting but will provide a written Treasurer's report when he returns.
8. **Podcasts** – Debbie suggested starting a RIBA podcast.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. TBD whether the meeting will be online or in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary