



Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance

Board Meeting | Minutes

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 6:30 pm
Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, Warwick, RI

ATTENDEES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sal Saucó, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Guilbault, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Hall, Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Hohler, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Petit, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Keighley, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Petit, Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Pike, Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Boucher, Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glen Sampson, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Conway | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Thibodeau, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucille Guilbault, Board Member | |

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

- Approval of August 15, 2022 meeting minutes** – Sal moved to approve the minutes with a correction regarding the treasurer's report. All were in favor.
- 2022 Ocean State Bluegrass Festival & Pick-nic recap** – Overall positive points: the weather was good, the bands were great, and the food went well. Some attendees commented that they would like the festival to be expanded. Expansion would likely require a location that would allow for camping two nights. Sal Saucó recommended that we check availability at Frerich's Farm in September, 2023. Recommendations for next year: If we sell pizza, we should not let the supply get low and we should have insulated bags to keep the pizza hot. We should have hand washing stations, recycling bins and trash barrels, better lighting, and signage to direct campers.

Action	Person Responsible
Look into purchasing a canopy and lighting for the stage.	TBD
Look into purchasing insulated bags for pizza.	TBD
Explore options for music on Sunday.	TBD
Contact Frerichs Farm about availability in September and possibility of two nights of camping.	Sal Saucó

- Treasurer's Report** – The report was distributed and discussed. Ted Petit asked for approval of a \$500 disbursement to Frerich's Farm for parking. All were in favor.

Action	Person Responsible
Send check for \$500 to Frerich's Farm.	Ted Petit

4. **2022 Holiday Party** – The party is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th at the Coventry-West Greenwich Elks Lodge. Food will be potluck. There will be two raffles: a 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle. Debbie Hall will coordinate the basket raffle. Merchandise will be sold. We will invite Elks Lodge members. There will be a coat, hat, gloves, and socks drive to benefit Crossroads. We will start promoting as soon as the start time with the lodge. Debbie will coordinate the decorations. Glen Sampson can provide holly. Diane and Ted Petit can provide vases. Diane will produce a slide show featuring 2022 events. Ted will bring the wide screen TV to display the slideshow. Sal Saucó and Diane Petit will publicize via e-blast, Facebook and a press release.

Action	Person Responsible
Confirm start time with Elks Lodge	Sal Saucó
Publicize event via e-blasts, Facebook and news release	Sal Saucó, Diane Petit
Invite Elks Lodge members	Sal Saucó
Coordinate basket raffle	Debbie Hall
Coordinate coat, hat, glove, and sock drive	Debbie Hall
Coordinate decorations	Debbie Hall
Provide holly for decorations	Glen Sampson
Provide vases for decorations	Diane Petit
Produce 2022 activities slideshow	Diane Petit
Bring supplies (raffle tickets, office supplies, etc.)	Diane Petit
Bring RIBA merchandise, widescreen TV, cash box	Ted Petit

5. **RIBA 10th Anniversary (2023)** – A number of ideas for how to commemorate the 10th anniversary were discussed, including the possibility of holding an indoor concert. Debbie Hall will investigate the Met at Hope Artiste Village as a potential venue for a concert. Sal Saucó will finish the logo design, which will be used to brand all communications in 2023.

Action	Person Responsible
Investigate possible site for an indoor concert	Debbie Hall
Finish 10 th anniversary logo design	Sal Saucó

6. **2023 RIBA Hall of Fame** – The call for nominations should go out soon; Diane Petit will send an e-blast. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the event. Debbie Hall will inquire about availability of the Imperial Room in Cranston.

Action	Person Responsible
Send out call for nominations to membership	Diane Petit
Contact Imperial Room to check availability	Debbie Hall
Provide names of scholarship recipients	Bill Thibodeau

7. **Scholarship program and outreach to schools** – Diane Petit will create a web page with the application form. Debbie Hall will ask Bill Thibodeau to check with Alex McLeod about school outreach activities.

Action	Person Responsible
Create scholarship web page	Diane Petit
Check on status of school outreach activities	Debbie Hall, Bill Thibodeau

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 2225 Post Road, Warwick.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Petit, Secretary