



## Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

### Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: President Matt Lopez, Vice President/ Drum Major Bill Bryce, Secretary/Webmaster Jim Kraftchak, Pipe Major/Quarter Master Jason Allen
- III. Reports
  - a. Secretary
    - i. Matt Lopez moved to approve as written, Bill Bryce seconded. Approved unanimously.
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. Tom Clappi was not present and sent report to Jim Kraftchak who read the report
    - ii. Current balance is \$9,899.10
    - iii. Expenses
      1. \$97 for storage
  - c. Quartermaster
    - i. Jason Allen stated that there are no QM issues at this point.
    - ii. Will need to buy a kilt for Matt Kahle sometime but maybe he can reuse one.
  - d. Uniform
    - i. Matt Lopez spoke with Gary Winemiller and he sent proposed update to the Uniform Manual to include the name tags.
    - ii. Bill Bryce to get Gary Winemiller the information on where he found the name tags since Gary is finding much more expensive one.
    - iii. Updates to the Uniform Manual need to be inserted.
  - e. Membership
    - i. Matt Lopez stated that he has reached out to some folks in Fairfax Fire and Rescue and there appears to be some interest.

- ii. Matt Lopez inquired as to where we picked up Andrew Timpner and Jason Allen stated that he had reached out to him via the website requesting to join the band.
- f. Fundraising
  - i. Bill Bryce stated that he is still looking into doing an online raffle.
- g. Instructor Payment Committee
  - i. Jim Kraftchak stated that he is working on getting the committee pulled together. He has sent out an email but so far only heard back two members. No further progress has happened at this point. He will send out another email to try to get the committee together.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Name Tags
  - i. This was discussed in the Uniform Committee report above.
- b. Online Raffle
  - i. This was discussed in the Fundraising Committee report above.
- c. Funeral Tunes Recording
  - i. Bill Bryce stated that his contact has not been available to work out any details and he will try again.
- d. Tom Clappi to investigate what monies went where for this event and ensure that the deposit and contract belongs to the band and not Phil Nannery.
  - i. Tom Clappi was not present so no report was made.
- e. Bill Bryce to create a Drum Major Manual.
  - i. Bill Bryce stated that he has not completed the manual as it still needs pictures.
- f. Bagpipe Covers
  - i. Jim Ryan was not present so no report.
- g. Annual Meeting Email
  - i. Matt Lopez stated that he sent out the email for the postponement of the Annual Meeting and asked for any feedback. He has not received any feedback.
- h. Rehearsal Feedback
  - i. Jason Allen stated that he sent out an email to a number of pipers to determine their status. Only heard back from two members.
    1. Tyler Steffey wants to remain in the band but is currently in college and will return as soon as he is done.
    2. Amy Hoffman wants to stay in the band but with her child and COVID she will not attend rehearsals until COVID settles down.

- ii. Bill Bryce stated that he had reached out to the drummers and other than John Bidegeneta, who has stepped down, all other drummers are available to show as needed.
- i. Annual Membership Meeting
  - i. Matt Lopez stated that we need to wait until the Virginia Governor lifts the restrictions for in person gatherings so we can actually have the meeting.
  - ii. When we are finally able to hold the meeting, the plan is to have it in the Chatilly VFD Station 17 Bingo Hall.

#### V. New Business

- a. There was no new business brought up for this meeting.

#### VI. Good of the Order

- a. Bill Bryce asked if we want to do something for St. Patrick's Day if there are no parades to attend.
  - i. Jason Allen that maybe we could some outside events and pass the boot. Maybe do a few locations via a bus but we'll have to wait and see what is going on. February should be able to give us a good indication of what parades will/will not be going on and what we could possibly do.

#### VII. Action Items

- a. Gary Winemiller to update the Uniform Manual with the addition of the name tag.
- b. Bill Bryce to provide a potential plan for online raffle.
- c. Bill Bryce to look into potential availability and costs for recording of funeral tunes in the event the band cannot attend.
- d. All committees are to report to the BOD at the next meeting.
- e. Tom Clappi to get a check from Phil Nannery for the bus for the pub crawl and ensure the remaining deposit belongs to the band.
- f. Bill Bryce to complete the Drum Major Manual.
- g. Jim Ryan to follow up with Charlie Kron to see if he would be willing to sponsor us by purchasing bagpipe bags since we play his chanter.
- h. Jim Kraftchak as the Chair of the Instructor Payment Committee to get the committee pulled together and start meeting.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm with motion by Jim Kraftchak, seconded by Matt Lopez and passed with a unanimous vote.