



Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

Board of Directors Meeting

May 27, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: President Matt Lopez, Treasurer Tom Clappi, Secretary/Webmaster Jim Kraftchak, Member-at-Large Matt Bickert, Pipe Major/Quartermaster Jason Allen
- III. Reports
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Tom Clappi moved to approve as written, Matt Bickert seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Current bank account of \$12,020.88.
 - ii. Deductions for:
 1. \$105 for storage
 - c. Quartermaster
 - i. Need to get Pete O'Brien's uniform back as he is no longer participating with the band.
 - ii. Received uniform back from Steve Bryce.
 - iii. Board needs to know what kilts are available for new members so the board knows if we need to buy kilts or not.
 - iv. Matt Khale is on the street and we need to order a kilt for him.
 - d. Uniform
 - i. No report.
 - e. Membership Committee
 - i. Matt Lopez stated that nothing new has happened.
 - f. Fundraising Committee
 - i. No report
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Phil Nannery owes the band \$788 for bus from 2019 pub crawl that didn't happen.
 - i. Jason Allen stated that he sent him a text to get the funds and got no response.

- ii. Tom Clappi stated that he sent him an email to get the funds and got no response.
 - iii. Tom Clappi stated that Phil claims he mailed the check to the band POB months ago but it has not been received.
- b. Name Tags
 - i. Gary Wisemiller is to update the Uniform Manual to incorporate the name tags.
 - ii. Jim Kraftchak motioned that the band should cover ½ the cost of purchasing the name tags and Matt Bickert seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c. Ties
 - i. Suggestion was made that clip-ons would be the best and that the band should cover the cost.
 - ii. Tom Clappi stated that he dislikes clip-on ties.
 - iii. Matt Bickert stated that if we got real ties they would need to be checked to be sure they are on correctly.
 - iv. Jim Kraftchak stated that real ties would probably be cheaper since they can be adjusted in length whereas clip-ons would have to be purchased to a certain length.
 - v. Tom Clappi also stated that its easier to iron a regular tie than it is a clip-on.
 - vi. Matt Lopez will have Jason Allen check into the cost of regular ties.
- d. Drum Major Manual
 - i. Bill Bryce was not in attendance.

V. New Business

- a. Band POB
 - i. Tom Clappi stated that the Snyder family sent a letter and it was returned so we need to verify that the POB is still active and is paid for.
- b. Ed Snyder's will
 - i. Matt Lopez stated that when Ed's will is read that the band will be a part beneficiary so we'll just have to wait and see what that is.
- c. Caubeen Issue
 - i. The vendor where we used to get caubeens is no longer in business and finding a reliable vendor that makes a caubeen that will work is proving almost impossible.
 - ii. A potential solution would be to go to a Boston Scally for informal appearances to reduce wear on the existing caubeens.
- d. Gigs
 - i. July 10 Parade in Pennsylvania
 - 1. The band has been invited to participate in a parade in PA that is approximately 4.5 hours drive.

2. After discussion, there was no interest shown for the band to participate in this event.
- ii. Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial
 1. Bill Bryce sent out an email with the new COVID requirements and the new location.
 2. Currently we have 9 pipers, a base drummer and a side drummer signed up.
- iii. National Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament
 1. They are asking for the band to participate both days at 8AM.
 2. Jason Allen asked what the band will get for doing this?
 - a. Jim Kraftchak stated that the one time the band participated they gave us breakfast and that was about it.
 3. Probability that we cannot commit the entire band since it is on a Thursday and Friday.
- iv. Fairfax July 4 Parade
 1. Currently still on.
 2. The union is still deciding on where the after parade will be.
- e. Total Wine Fundraiser
 - i. Jim Ryan provided a potential fundraiser from Total Wine but he was not available to talk about it.
 - ii. Pending additional information on this, it will be discussed at our next meeting.

VI. Good of the Order

- a. We will not be meeting again until July 8, 2021.

VII. Action Items

- a. Gary Winemiller to update the Uniform Manual with the addition of the name tag.
- b. All committees are to report to the BOD at the next meeting.
- c. Need to get bus money from Phil Nannery.
- d. Bill Bryce to complete the Drum Major Manual.
- e. Jason Allen to check on cost of uniform black regular ties.
- f. Tom Clappi to ensure band's POB is active and paid for.
- g. Jason Allen to get Pete O'Brien's uniform back.
- h. Jason Allen to inventory size and condition of existing kilts and if they can be used for new members.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm with motion by Tom Clappi, seconded by Matt Bickert and passed with a unanimous vote.