



Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

Board of Directors Meeting

July 8, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: President Matt Lopez, Secretary/Webmaster Jim Kraftchak, Member-at-Large Matt Bickert, Pipe Major/Quartermaster Jason Allen, Band Manager Lisa Heilbraun
- III. Reports
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Matt Bickert moved to approve as written, Matt Lopez seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. No report
 - c. Quartermaster
 - i. Uniformed Giovanna since he is now back
 - ii. Jason Allen has been looking into getting a Boston Scally cap for events that are not formal and they are \$49 each.
 - iii. Matt Lopez to talk to Gary Winemiller about updating the uniform manual to reflect the name tags and potentially the Boston Scally.
 - iv. Jason Allen is hoping to get together with 3 members to get their kilt measurements setup to order the kilts.
 - v. Jason Allen stated that he needs to order tunics for at least 2 members.
 - vi. Expected cost for the tunics are \$640/each and kilts are \$350/each.
 - vii. Jason Allen did not follow up on checking into the site that was provided that might have acceptable caubeens for sale.
 - d. Uniform
 - i. No report.
 - e. Membership Committee

- i. Matt Lopez stated that Mike Voight from PWF band will start attending rehearsals in July and should be on the street in 6 to 9 months as a piper.
- ii. Matt Bickert is working on a drummer.
- iii. Matt Lopez asked if Jason Allen would be willing to talk to a female piper that is in Alexandria to see if she would be willing to join us. Jason Allen stated that he contacted her via Facebook but has gotten no response.

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. Nothing has happened at this point to get the money back.
- b. Name Tags
 - i. Gary Winemiller is to update the Uniform Manual to incorporate the name tags.
 - ii. Nothing has happened on this.
- c. Drum Major Manual
 - i. Bill Bryce was not in attendance.
- d. Band POB
 - i. No new information.
- e. Pete O'Brien Uniform – Jason Allen stated that Kevin Byrne has reached out to him and got no response. Kevin will try again.

V. New Business

- a. Gigs
 - i. Manassas ½ way to St. Paddy's Day Parade
 - 1. Jason Allen will find the date from Kevin Byrne and then get it on the calendar
 - ii. National Fallen Firefighters Memorial
 - 1. Lisa Heilbraun stated that Eric Nagle wants to move it to May be we have no more information on if or when that will happen.
 - 2. Currently scheduled for the first weekend in October as normal.
 - iii. Fairfax Fire Retirement Picnic
 - 1. Will be the weekend following NFFM
 - iv. Vienna Halloween Parade
 - 1. Lisa Heilbraun stated that she hasn't heard anything on this yet but it will probably be October 27.
 - v. Alexandria Christmas Walk
 - 1. Matt Lopez stated that we hope we can do it but we'll have to wait and see what happens at this point.
- b. Total Wine Fundraiser

- i. Jim Ryan provided a potential fundraiser from Total Wine and Jim Kraftchak discussed it with the board.
- ii. Lisa Heilbraun stated that she has attended these for other organizations and they are really nice.
- iii. They donate all the wine and the cost of the tickets for the wine tasting goes to the organization.
- iv. Jim Kraftchak is to forward the information to Bill Bryce.

VI. Good of the Order

- a. A general question was raised if anyone had heard anything from Steve Cochran? General consensus was that sadly nobody had heard anything.
- b. Jason Allen stated that he stopped by Ed Snyder's grave site and the plaque that the family created is amazing and he shared a picture of the plaque.
- c. Jason Allen stated that his plan for July is to take a few weeks "off" and work on any new tunes folks want to work on and have relaxing times. August will start up again will full blown rehearsals to start preparing for NFFM. Bunnyman Brewery might be a good place to have a July rehearsal.
- d. Next board meeting will in person at Patriots in August.

VII. Action Items

- a. Gary Winemiller to update the Uniform Manual with the addition of the name tag and potentially the Boston Scally.
- 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. Jim Kraftchak to forward the Total Wine fund raiser information to Bill Bryce.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm with motion by Jim Kraftchak, seconded by Matt Bickert and passed with a unanimous vote.