



## Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

### Annual General Membership Meeting

January 25, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: See attachments for sign in sheet.
- III. Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Matt Lopez presented the President's Report.
    - ii. Piper Instruction
      1. Instruction by Tom Cangalosi is excellent and is moving the band forward.
      2. The cost to the band for this instruction is \$175 per night.
      3. If every piper paid \$20 per month then this would help to cover some of these costs.
    - iii. Band Anniversary
      1. 2023 is our 39<sup>th</sup> year and most service bands cannot say that.
      2. 2024 will be our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the band will do something to celebrate that event much like we did for the 25<sup>th</sup> when we went to Maggiano's.
      3. The new board will have to start planning and preparing for this event.
    - iv. Your current board has been working hard over this last year to move items forward and I just wanted to thank all the members for their hard work.
  - b. Secretary
    - i. Jim Kraftchak stated that last year's meeting minutes had been sent out to everyone prior to the meeting.
    - ii. Kevin Byrne motioned that we forgo the reading of last year's meeting minutes. Matt Khale seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.
    - iii. Bill Bryce motioned that we accept the meeting minutes as written and that was seconded by Jason Allen and it passed unanimously.

- c. Treasurer
  - i. Tom Clappi presented the Treasurer's report.
  - ii. The \$10,000 from Ed Snyder's estate was great for the band as it gave us a huge cash boost.
  - iii. See attachment of Treasurer's report.
  - iv. Kevin Byrne motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Gary Winemiller and it passed unanimously.
- d. Quartermaster
  - i. Jason Allen presented the Quartermaster's report.
  - ii. There is not an inventory at this time of existing items.
  - iii. Kilts
    - 1. Cost for tailoring a kilt is \$400 each.
    - 2. Cost for a new bolt of fabric is \$2,500.
  - iv. Tunics
    - 1. Prices are way up.
    - 2. Used to be around \$600 each, but now they are \$800 each.
    - 3. The price could be less if we purchased more than 1 but they take a very long time to be made.
  - v. Still having problems finding caubeens.
  - vi. If we need more Scally Caps we can purchase them.
  - vii. We are potentially considering adding a vest but Gary Winemiller and the Uniform Committee would have to approve it.
  - viii. Jason Allen stated that he would like to step down as Quartermaster if anyone else would be interested in taking it over.
- e. Uniform Officer
  - i. Gary Winemiller presented the Uniform Officer's report.
  - ii. With help from Jim Kraftchak, the Uniform Manual has been updated and loaded to the website. Please review it.
  - iii. Plan over the next year is to have a uniform class and also do an inspection of everyone's uniform to make sure that we are looking good and following the Uniform Manual.
  - iv. If you have any questions on uniform wear, contact Gary Winemiller or Jason Allen.
  - v. If you wish to wear a department patch on your uniform, that is now in the updated Uniform Manual. If you don't have a department patch, Bill Bryce has American Flags.
  - vi. Caubeens are hard to find so please take care of the ones we have because we not be able to replace them.
- f. Drum Major
  - i. Bill Bryce presented the Drum Major's report.
  - ii. The board is currently working on a long sleeve white shirt so when we wear ties it looks more formal.

- iii. As the Drum Major Bill Bryce talks to a lot of other services bands are we are by far the busiest band with all the events that we play.
  - iv. Other service bands give Bill Bryce props on how good we are sounding and look.
  - v. We have a busy year coming up so just try to make whatever you can.
  - vi. As Matt Lopez stated, we have the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the band coming up next year and we will be planning an event for that.
- g. Pipe Major
- i. Jason Allen presented the Pipe Major's report.
  - ii. The Alexandria St. Patrick's Day parade will be in less than 3 months, and we need to get ready for that.
  - iii. We have done tons of work over the last year with piping.
  - iv. We have lost 3 members of the piping corps this past year. Jim Ryan moved to Williamsburg, Jim Martin moved to Tennessee and Andrew Timpner was reassigned with the Navy.
  - v. Jim Ryan will remain a member of the band but at most we will see him at rehearsals once a month.
  - vi. We are introducing new music so that we do not play the same things over and over again.
  - vii. It's a balancing act between making sure we play the music we have well and getting new music so that people are happy.
  - viii. The current plan is to add a new set of music about every 8 months.
  - ix. To that end, there will be a new set of music that we will start working on after St. Patrick's Day is done.
  - x. Everyone needs to work on learning music well.
  - xi. Tom Cangalosi is \$175 a night. We are going to try to have him come one night a month for just the students.
  - xii. The big thing is people need to show up when Tom Cangalosi is here or it's a waste of money.
  - xiii. We are working on getting new students on TeamSnap so that they can know what is going on.
  - xiv. Anyone who is interested, we will be playing small pipes at Patriot's each month after rehearsal.
  - xv. Tom Cangalosi has taught us a Jig and a hornpipe song.
  - xvi. People need to practice at home. Just showing up at rehearsal not being ready doesn't help anyone.
- h. Band Manager
- i. Lisa Heilbraun presented the Band Manager report.
  - ii. Everyone must use TeamSnap and respond otherwise we don't know who is available for the events.
  - iii. Emmittsburg is a priority for the band and everyone who can needs to attend.
  - iv. Rooms will be setup soon for Emmittsburg.

- v. A copy of the Band Manger's report is attached.

#### IV. New Business

##### a. Instructor Payment

- i. Matt Lopez stated that with the cost for Tom Cangalosi's instruction we need to do something to help the band defray some of those costs.
- ii. We don't want to drain the band funds for this instruction.
- iii. With Jim Ryan no longer available on a weekly basis, we need to pay for this instruction.
- iv. Proposal is to have pipers pay between \$10 and \$20 per month to help defray the cost.
- v. Please send emails to Jason Allen with any thoughts you may have on this proposal.

##### b. Elections

###### i. Board of Directors

1. Matt Lopez turned the elections over the Gary Winemiller to run
2. President
  - a. Jason Allen nominated Matt Lopez and Tom Clappi seconded.
  - b. No other nominations were received.
  - c. Vote was held by acclimation and Matt Lopez was voted in unanimously.
  - d. Matt Lopez is reelected as president, congratulations.
3. Vice President
  - a. Matt Lopez nominated Bill Bryce and Tom Clappi seconded.
  - b. No other nominations were received.
  - c. Vote was held by acclimation and Bill Bryce was voted in unanimously.
  - d. Bill Bryce is reelected as Vice President, congratulations.
4. Secretary
  - a. Tom Clappi nominated Jim Kraftchak and Jason Allen seconded.
  - b. No other nominations were received.
  - c. Vote was held by acclimation and Jim Kraftchak was voted in unanimously.
  - d. Jim Kraftchak is reelected as secretary, congratulations.
5. Treasurer
  - a. Kevin Byrne nominated Tom Clappi and Jason Allen seconded.
  - b. No other nominations were received.

- c. Vote was held by acclimation and Tom Clappi was voted in unanimously.
  - d. Tom Clappi is reelected as treasurer, congratulations.
6. Member-At-Large
- a. Jason Allen nominated Jim Ryan and Kevin Byrne Seconded.
  - b. Tom Clappi nominated Jim Lind and Lisa Heilbraun seconded.
  - c. Bill Bryce nominated Cliff Gill and Tom Clappi seconded.
  - d. Matt Lopez nominated Matt Khale and Bill Bryce seconded.
  - e. Voting count was as follows:
    - i. Matt Khale – 2
    - ii. Jim Ryan – 7
    - iii. Jim Lind – 5
    - iv. Cliff Gill – 7
  - f. Voting resulted in a tie between Jim Ryan and Cliff Gill.
  - g. Runoff vote was held with the following results:
    - i. Jim Ryan – 2
    - ii. Cliff Gill – 18
  - h. Cliff Gill has been elected as the Member-At-Large, congratulations.
7. Gary Winemiller closed nominations.
8. Matt Lopez as the newly elected President thanked Gary Winemiller for running the elections and the membership for its votes.

V. Good of the Order

a. St. Patrick's

- i. Jason Allen stated that he is getting asked by a lot of places for us to play so keep an eye on TeamSnap.
- ii. The band will be paid for these appearances.
- iii. Current events lined up are:
  - 1. Solace Brewery
  - 2. Bunnyman Brewery for 2 different days
  - 3. Heritage Brewery
- iv. Matt Lopez stated that March will be very busy so get ready for it and be available.
- v. Lisa Heilbraun stated that Bunnyman Brewery is very family friendly, so bring everyone.
- vi. Lisa Heilbraun stated that for the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day parade we'll be meeting in Red Rocks as usual and please bring family.
- vii. We also need students to help out at the parades.

- b. Jason Allen stated that the Deputy Fire Chief in Alexandria is in hospice, and he could pass at any time. This will be considered an LODD so please be on the look out for this as we will be the lead band when it happens.
  - c. Bill Bryce stated that with the 4<sup>th</sup> coming up we will need to design a new tshirt and get a new challenge coin made.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with motion by Jason Allen, seconded by Kevin Byrne and passed with a unanimous vote.

Sign in Sheets



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Printed Name	Signature
Jim KRAFFHART	<i>[Signature]</i>
Matthew Lyett	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lisa Heilbrunn	<i>[Signature]</i>
c BILL BRYCE	<i>[Signature]</i>
JOHN BURNS	<i>[Signature]</i>
GARY W. WINEMILLER	<i>[Signature]</i>
PETER FALCONE	<i>[Signature]</i>
c PETER GARCIA	<i>[Signature]</i>
MIKE ROWE	<i>[Signature]</i>
c KEVIN MAUN	<i>[Signature]</i>
STEPHEN BOULTON	<i>[Signature]</i>
KEVIN BYRNE	<i>[Signature]</i>
MATTHEW KAHLER	<i>[Signature]</i>
TAM CHAP	<i>[Signature]</i>
c GARRETT MCKENZIE	<i>[Signature]</i>
c JASON ALLER	<i>[Signature]</i>
James Lind	<i>[Signature]</i>
c CLIFFORD GILL	<i>[Signature]</i>

# Treasurer's Report 2023

## NVFESPD- Treasury Overview- FYO 2022

		Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Income		\$12,710.00	\$0.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Expenditures		\$815.00	\$1,718.73	\$2,177.99	\$2,16.03	\$118.00	\$143.00
Balance		\$22,166.03	\$20,447.30	\$20,819.31	\$20,603.28	\$20,585.28	\$20,442.28
		Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23
Income		\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,790.00	\$1,086.25	\$400.00
Expenditures		\$219.94	\$523.00	\$729.49	\$5,671.67	\$350.00	\$529.00
Balance		\$20,822.34	\$20,299.34	\$20,969.85	\$18,088.18	\$18,824.43	\$18,695.43

**DO NOT TOUCH/CHANGE**

Income Types	Expenditure Types
Donations	Administrative
Fundraiser	Drum Corps
Gigs	Instructors
Membership Fees	Pipe Corps
Merchandise	PO Box
Other	Quartermaster
Parades	Scheduling Software
	Storage
	Travel
	Website
	Other



## Band Manager's Report

Thanks again to everyone for their dedication and commitment. We have done a lot of great things since the reopening, both familiar events and some new events. We continue with exciting events coming up in the Holy Month of March including St. Patrick's Day Parades in Alexandria, Manassas, Annapolis and performances at pubs on March 17th. We are confirming the locations for the 17th so watch the TS. A big change this year is that NFF Memorial will be held in May on the 3-5. Hotel rooms have already been reserved. Please enter your availability on TS asap.